

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose is to formally receive the Territorial Energy Assessment as updated pursuant to EPACT 05.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Rosemarie\_Calabro@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Allen Stayman or Rosemarie Calabro.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, this is to advise you that a time change for the hearing scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, for Thursday, May 1, 2008, will begin at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the military buildup on Guam: impact on the civilian community, planning, and response.

For further information, please contact Allen Stayman or Rosemarie Calabro.

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Chase Nordengren and Brittany Clement of my staff be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of today's session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator REID, I ask unanimous consent that Robert Bruce, a Marine Corps fellow in his office, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of S. 1315.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL SHAKEN BABY  
SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be dis-

charged from further consideration of S. Res. 518.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 518) designating the third week of April 2008, as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table and that there be no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 518) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

## S. RES. 518

Whereas the month of April has been designated "National Child Abuse Prevention Month" as an annual tradition initiated in 1979 by President Jimmy Carter;

Whereas the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System figures reveal that more than 900,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect in the United States in 2006, causing unspeakable pain and suffering for our most vulnerable citizens;

Whereas more than 4 children die as a result of abuse or neglect in the United States each day;

Whereas children younger than 1 year old accounted for approximately 44 percent of all child abuse and neglect fatalities in 2006, and children younger than 3 years old accounted for approximately 78 percent of all child abuse and neglect fatalities in 2006;

Whereas abusive head trauma, including the trauma known as Shaken Baby Syndrome, is recognized as the leading cause of death among physically abused children;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome can result in loss of vision, brain damage, paralysis, seizures, or death;

Whereas 20 States have enacted statutes related to preventing and increasing awareness of Shaken Baby Syndrome;

Whereas medical professionals believe that thousands of additional cases of Shaken Baby Syndrome and other forms of abusive head trauma are being misdiagnosed or are undetected;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome often results in permanent, irreparable brain damage or death of an infant and may result in extraordinary costs for medical care in only the first few years of the life of the child;

Whereas the most effective solution for preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome is to prevent the abuse, and it is clear that the minimal costs of education and prevention programs may prevent enormous medical and disability costs and immeasurable amounts of grief for many families;

Whereas prevention programs have demonstrated that educating new parents about the danger of shaking young children and how to protect their children from injury can significantly reduce the number of cases of Shaken Baby Syndrome;

Whereas education programs raise awareness and provide critically important information about Shaken Baby Syndrome to parents, caregivers, childcare providers, child protection employees, law enforcement personnel, health care professionals, and legal representatives;

Whereas National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week and efforts to prevent child abuse, including Shaken Baby Syndrome, are supported by groups across the United States, including groups formed by parents and relatives of children who have been killed or injured by shaking, whose mission is to educate the general public and professionals about Shaken Baby Syndrome and to increase support for victims and the families of the victims in the health care and criminal justice systems;

Whereas the Senate previously designated the third week of April 2007 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week"; and

Whereas the Senate strongly supports efforts to protect children from abuse and neglect: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the third week of April 2008 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week";

(2) commends hospitals, child care councils, schools, community groups, and other organizations that are—

(A) working to increase awareness of the danger of shaking young children;

(B) educating parents and caregivers on how they can help protect children from injuries caused by abusive shaking; and

(C) helping families cope effectively with the challenges of child-rearing and other stresses in their lives; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States—

(A) to remember the victims of Shaken Baby Syndrome; and

(B) to participate in educational programs to help prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 22,  
2008

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business for up to 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the

majority controlling the second half; that following morning business, the Senate resume the motion to proceed to S. 1315, the Veterans Benefits Enhancement Act, under the previous order; that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 for the weekly caucus luncheons and from 3:30 to 4:30 for the unveiling of former Senate majority leader Tom Daschle's portrait.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Under the previous order, the Senate will vote tomorrow at 12 noon on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Seeing no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:26 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 10 a.m.