

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 25, at 10 a.m. in SR-332, to discuss Federal farm export programs.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 25, 1995, for purposes of conducting a Full Committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to consider S. 638, the "Insular Development Act of 1995."

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, May 25, at 10 a.m., for a markup on pending nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, May 23, 1995, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building on S. 479, a bill to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for an Executive Session, during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 25, 1995 at 9:00 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 25, 1995, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing to receive testimony on the reauthorization of the Federal Election Commission.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Children and Families of

the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for a hearing on Child Protection, during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 25, 1995 at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for a hearing on The Business Role in Vocational Education, during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 25, 1995 to immediately follow the Executive Session.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 25, 1995, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the property line disputes within the Nez Perce Indian Reservation in Idaho.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today in response to President Clinton's threat to veto the conference agreement on legislation to rescind \$16 billion in already appropriated but, as yet, unspent funds under H.R. 1158.

The President has stated that the conference agreement cuts too deeply into education programs in order to finance "pork barrel" construction of courthouses and highways. However, I would remind the President that the House and Senate rescission conference report blocks the planned consolidation of the Food and Drug Administration at Clarksburg and Prince Georges County, thereby saving the taxpayers an estimated \$810 million. In addition to money for the FDA project, a total of \$110.8 million was trimmed from funding for six other Government buildings in the D.C. metropolitan area under the GSA.

Moreover, the President's statement on the rescissions package indicated that Congress would receive a list of \$438 million in additional cuts of building projects to be added to the current conference report of \$580 million from the GSA. Even at this late date, I welcomed the proposed list to provide additional savings. Regrettably, I was surprised to receive word from the Gen-

eral Services Administration that the Office of Management and Budget has directed the GSA to discontinue efforts to compile this list, especially in light of previous accusations of "pork barrel" projects being contained in the conference report.

If the President is serious about this effort, the GSA must be allowed to proceed with this promised list for congressional review. I would further like to remind the President that the current House-Senate conference report provides the American taxpayer with a sizeable victory through the elimination of the planned consolidation of the Food and Drug Administration at Clarksburg and Prince Georges County.

Since the conception of the proposal to move the Food and Drug Administration to the Montgomery County site, I have continually questioned the need for this move, especially at a time when the Federal Government is closing and selling Federal properties. As the chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I have contacted both General Services Administrator Roger Johnson and Budget Director Alice Rivlin to apprise them of my concern.

I might also add that, to date, I have not yet received a reply from Budget Director Rivlin to my letter of March 28 in regard to this matter. It is my hope that this does not indicate a lack of communication between the General Services Administration and the Office of Management and Budget.

In February, during a meeting with the General Services Administrator Roger Johnson, I questioned the need for this costly move and asked why the Federal Government would need to purchase privately-owned property for the "consolidation" of one Federal agency. Administrator Johnson responded that he shared my concern and that the "GSA would continue to look for opportunities to utilize existing Federal land."

Following our meeting, Administrator Johnson provided me with written assurance that the project, and purchase of private properties, would not go forward until a complete review of available Federal property had been examined.

I am pleased to report that such an examination was well underway when it was announced that the conference report included a rescission of \$810 million for this project, providing a victory for American taxpayers.

I commend my colleagues who served as conferees on this most important bill for their decision to eliminate this wasteful spending.

In this austere budget environment, it is my intention to continue to make our capital assets work better in the area of the General Services Administration. As the chairman of the Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I believe that Federal real property should meet certain priority criteria.