

Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 11 a.m. on examining Enron: Enron Energy Services and its role in the western state electricity crisis.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. on the nomination of Frederick Gregory to be Deputy Administrator of NASA, Kathie Olsen and Richard Russell to be Associate Directors of OSTP.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a Hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in SD-366. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills:

S. 1865, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes;

S. 1943, to expand the boundary of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument, and for other purposes;

S. 2571, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area;

S. 2595, to authorize the expenditure of funds on private lands and facilities at Mesa Verde National Park, in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 1925, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
WORKS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. to conduct a hearing to hear from the following nominees: John S. Bresland to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, and Carolyn W. Merritt to be a Member and Chair of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

The hearing will be held in SD-406.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on a bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

I also ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 2065, a bill to Ratify an Agreement to Regulate Air Quality on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, July 18, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., in SD-226.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. Bills.—S. 486, Innocence Protection Act [Leahy/Smith]; H.R. 3375, Embassy Employee Compensation Act [Blunt]; S. 862, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Reauthorization Act of 2001 [Feinstein/Kyl/Durbin/Cantwell]; S. 2395, Anticounterfeiting Amendments of 2002 [Biden/Hatch/Leahy/Feinstein/DeWine]; S. 2513, DNA Sexual Assault Justice Act of 2002 [Biden/Cantwell/Specter/Clinton/Carper].

II. Resolutions.—S. Res. 293, A resolution designating the week of November 10 through November 16, 2002, as “National Veterans Awareness Week” to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country. [Biden/Kohl].

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 18, 2002 from 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 18, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on the Joint Inquiry into the events of September 11, 2001.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOREIGN COMMERCE AND TOURISM

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce and Tourism of the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., on perspective on improving corporate responsibility.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. CLINTON. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Suzanne Johnson, a legislative fellow in my office, be permitted on the Senate floor throughout the debate on S. 812, and other prescription drug issues.

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

Mr. GRAHAM. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Dr. Howard Forman, from my office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of debate on this legislation.

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

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 459, S. 2037.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be stated by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2037) to mobilize technology and science experts to respond quickly to the threats posed by terrorist attacks and other emergencies, by providing for the establishment of a national emergency technology guard, a technology reliability advisory board, and a center for evaluating antiterrorism and disaster response technology within the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

[Strike the part in black brackets and insert the part printed in italic]

S. 2037

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Science and Technology Emergency Mobilization Act”.

SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) *FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:*

(1) *In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, many private-sector technology and science experts provided valuable assistance to rescue and recovery efforts by donating their time and expertise. However, many who wished to help had significant difficulty determining how they could be most useful. They were hampered by the lack of any organizational structure to harness their abilities and coordinate their efforts.*

(2) *A prompt and well-coordinated volunteer base of technology and science expertise could help save lives, aid rescue efforts, and rebuild*