

him to the bill H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 16, strike lines 22 through and 24, and insert "\$1,090,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009, except funds provided for construction of facilities which shall remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$1,500,000 shall be for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather system transmitter upgrades to provide for the transmission of emergency alert system emergency notifications: *Provided further*,".

SA 3268. Ms. MIKULSKI proposed an amendment to bill H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 97, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 528. FUNDS FOR TEACH FOR AMERICA.—Of the funds provided in this Act for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, under the heading "SCIENCE, AERONAUTICS, AND EXPLORATION", \$3,000,000 may be for Teach for America for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics related activities.

SA 3269. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . DOCUMENT VERIFICATION TECHNOLOGY.

(a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall implement a pilot program to test automated document authentication technology compatible with existing databases at United States ports of entry to determine the effectiveness of the technology in detecting fraudulent travel documents and reducing the ability of terrorists to enter the United States.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the completion of the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees (as defined in section 2(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101(2))) on the results of the pilot program.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on the recently released GAO report regarding funding challenges and facilities maintenance at the Smithsonian Institution.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Howard

Gantman at the Rules and Administration Committee, 224-6352.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 4, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the following nominations: Honorable John J. Young, Jr. to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; Douglas A. Brook to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller; and Robert L. Smolen to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 4, 2007, at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the Regulation and Supervision of Industrial Loan Companies."

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will review the Department of Homeland Security's implementation and administration of several port and cargo security programs authorized in the SAFE Port Act, the Maritime and Transportation Security Act of 2002, and the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

At this hearing, the Committee will explore the state of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, examine reforms that are necessary to make the agency more effective to protect children and other consumers from dangerous and defective products, and seek comments on S. 2045, the Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act of 2007.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 2 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider favorably reporting an original bill entitled, "The Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2007" and legislation implementing the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on the Law of the Sea Convention.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on Backlogs at the Department of the Interior: Land into Trust Applications; Environmental Impact Statements; Probate; and Appraisals and Lease Approvals.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct an Executive Business Meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 10 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Agenda

I. Bills: S. 2035, Free Flow of Information Act of 2007 (SPECTER, SCHUMER, LUGAR, DODD, LEAHY, GRAHAM) and S. 1640, Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2007 (LEAHY, CORNYN, KOHL, WHITEHOUSE).

II. Resolutions: S. Res. 326, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims (CORNYN, FEINSTEIN, KYL) and H. Con. Res. 193, Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety.

III. Nominations: Thomas P. O'Brien to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled "Justice Denied? Implementation of