

was little or no information available to commercial fish farmers about warm water aquaculture. Thanks in large part to the lab, which has pioneered research in such areas as fish nutrition, water quality management and fish disease prevention, commercial fish farming is now one of the fastest growing industries in the country.

Originally, the legislation creating the lab, provided that it be administered by the Department of Agriculture. However, because the Department of the Interior already had an established fisheries program, Congress placed the program under the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service. In retrospect, this decision was a mistake. The Department of Agriculture, not the Department of the Interior has become the lead Federal agency in the research, development, and promotion of commercial aquaculture. While the Department of the Interior is involved in the aquaculture arena, its emphasis is more conservation related.

My belief that the Department of the Interior is no longer the appropriate agency to administer the lab was confirmed when during an internal reorganization the Stuttgart lab was transferred from the Fish and Wildlife Service to the National Biological Survey [NBS]. As my colleagues know, the NBS is charged with developing an inventory of plant and animal species and their habitats. A worthy endeavor, but one that is in no way related to the lab's statutory mission of developing methods for the commercial production of aquatic species. I believe it is only a matter of time before the staff and the resources of the lab are redirected toward research efforts that are more in keeping with the mission of the NBS.

I have expressed my concerns to Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, who agrees with me that the Department of Agriculture is a much more appropriate place for the Stuttgart lab. The Department of Agriculture recognizes that private commercial aquaculture is an important and growing component of the U.S. economy and is committed to providing a broad range of services to it. I have no doubt that the Fish Farming Experimental Laboratory can complement and enhance the Department's existing and growing aquaculture program.

Mr. President, I hope my colleagues will support this legislation and I look forward to its speedy passage.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 185

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center Act of 1995".

SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

(A) TITLE OF PUBLIC LAW 85-342.—The title of Public Law 85-342 (16 U.S.C. 778 et seq.) is amended by striking "Secretary of the Interior" and inserting "Secretary of Agriculture".

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The first section of Public Law 85-342 (16 U.S.C. 778) is amended—

(1) by striking "Secretary of the Interior" and all that follows through "directed" and inserting "Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed";

(2) by striking "station and stations" and inserting "1 or more centers"; and

(3) in paragraph (5), by striking "Department of Agriculture" and inserting "Secretary of the Interior".

(c) AUTHORITY.—Section 2 of Public Law 85-342 (16 U.S.C. 778a) is amended by striking "the Secretary" and all that follows through "authorized" and inserting "the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized."

(d) ASSISTANCE.—Section 3 of Public Law 85-342 (16 U.S.C. 778b) is amended—

(1) by striking "Secretary of the Interior" and inserting "Secretary of Agriculture"; and

(2) by striking "Department of Agriculture" and inserting "Secretary of the Interior".

SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF FISH FARMING EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(A) DESIGNATION OF STUTTGART NATIONAL AQUACULTURE RESEARCH CENTER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Fish Farming Experimental Laboratory in Stuttgart, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center".

(2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the laboratory referred to in paragraph 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center".

(b) TRANSFER OF LABORATORY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—Subject to section 1531 of title 31, United States Code, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, there are transferred to the Department of Agriculture—

(1) the personnel employed in connection with the laboratory referred to in subsection (a);

(2) the assets, liability, contracts, and real and personal property of the laboratory;

(3) the records of the laboratory; and

(4) the unexpended balance of appropriations, authorizations, allocations and other funds employed, held, arising from, available to, or to be made available in connection with the laboratory.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1

At the request of Mr. KEMPTHORNE, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. SIMON] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] were added as cosponsors of S. 1, a bill to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments; to strengthen the partnership between the Federal Government and State, local, and tribal governments; to end the imposition, in the absence of full consideration by Congress, of Federal mandates on State, local, and tribal governments without adequate funding, in a manner that may displace other essential governmental prior-

ities; and to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations; and for other purposes.

S. 9

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 9, a bill to direct the Senate and the House of Representatives to enact legislation on the budget for fiscal years 1996 through 2003 that would balance the budget by fiscal year 2003.

S. 22

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to require Federal agencies to prepare private property taking impact analyses.

S. 131

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER], and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD] were added as cosponsors of S. 131, a bill to specifically exclude certain programs from provisions of the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

MCCONNELL AMENDMENT NO. 8

Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment No. 4, proposed by Mr. FORD, to the bill S. 2 to make certain laws applicable to the legislative branch of the Federal Government; as follows:

1. On line 7 of the first page, strike from paragraph (a): "or House of Representatives";

2. On line 10 of the first page, strike from paragraph (b): "Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives and the";

3. On line 9 of the second page, strike from subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c): "the House of Representatives and";

4. On line 8 of the first page, strike from paragraph (a): "Government" and substitute "office for which the travel was performed".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Small Business Committee will hold a full committee organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 1995, at 4 p.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building. For further information, please call Louis Taylor, staff director