

SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are—

- (1) to further the science of speleology;
- (2) to centralize and standardize speleological information;
- (3) to foster interdisciplinary cooperation in cave and karst research programs;
- (4) to promote public education;
- (5) to promote national and international cooperation in protecting the environment for the benefit of cave and karst landforms; and
- (6) to promote and develop environmentally sound and sustainable resource management practices.

SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”), acting through the Director of the National Park Service, shall establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute (referred to in this Act as the “Institute”).

(b) **PURPOSES.**—The Institute shall, to the extent practicable, further the purposes of this Act.

(c) **LOCATION.**—The Institute shall be located in the vicinity of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, in the State of New Mexico. The Institute shall not be located inside the boundaries of Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE INSTITUTE.

(a) **MANAGEMENT.**—The Institute shall be jointly administered by the National Park Service and a public or private agency, organization, or institution, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) **GUIDELINES.**—The Institute shall be operated and managed in accordance with the study prepared by the National Park Service pursuant to section 203 of the Act entitled “An Act to conduct certain studies in the State of New Mexico”, approved November 15, 1990 (Public Law 101-578; 16 U.S.C. 4310 note).

(c) **CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.**—The Secretary may enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with a public or private agency, organization, or institution to carry out this Act.

(d) FACILITY.—

(1) **LEASING OR ACQUIRING A FACILITY.**—The Secretary may lease or acquire a facility for the Institute.

(2) **CONSTRUCTION OF A FACILITY.**—If the Secretary determines that a suitable facility is not available for a lease or acquisition under paragraph (1), the Secretary may construct a facility for the Institute.

(e) **ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND TRANSFERS.**—To carry out this Act, the Secretary may accept—

- (1) a grant or donation from a private person; or
- (2) a transfer of funds from another Federal agency.

SEC. 5. FUNDING.

(a) **MATCHING FUNDS.**—The Secretary may spend only such amount of Federal funds to carry out this Act as is matched by an equal amount of funds from non-Federal sources.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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EXTENDING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL HONORING GEORGE MASON

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 96, S. 423.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 423) to extend the legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a memorial to honor George Mason.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 423) was deemed read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 423

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR MEMORIAL ESTABLISHMENT.

The legislative authority for the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall to establish a commemorative work (as defined by section 2 of the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1002)) shall expire August 10, 2000, notwithstanding the time period limitation specified in section 10(b) of the Commemorative Works Act (40 U.S.C. 1010(b)).

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JIMMY CARTER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE AND PRESERVATION DISTRICT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 97, S. 669.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 669) to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 669) was deemed read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 669

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

SECTION 1. ACQUISITION OF PLAINS RAILROAD DEPOT.

Section 1(c)(2) of the Act entitled “An Act to establish the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site and Preservation District in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes”, approved December 23, 1987 (16 U.S.C. 161 note; 101 Stat. 1435), is amended by striking “, the Plains Railroad Depot (described in subsection (b)(2)(B)),”.

EXTENDING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 98, S. 731.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 731) to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden Memorial, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 731) was deemed read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 731

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding section 10(b) of Public Law 99-652 and section 1(a) of Public Law 103-321, the legislative authority for the National Peace Garden shall extend through June 30, 2002.

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TEMPORARILY WAIVING MEDICAID ENROLLMENT COMPOSITION RULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2018, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2018) to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for the Better Health Plan of Amherst, New York.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 2018) was deemed read the third time and passed.

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ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JULY 14, 1997

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, July 14. I further ask