A bill (S. 1134) granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill:

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed; that 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. 1134) was deemed read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1134

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SECTION 1. CONSENT OF CONGRESS.

(a) In general.—The consent and approval of Congress is given to an interstate forest fire protection compact, as set out in subsection (b).

(b) Compact.—The compact reads substantially as follows:

"THE NORTHWEST WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT"

"THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the State, Provincial, and Territorial wildland fire protection agencies that desire an interstate arrangement to provide assistance under this Agreement.

"FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the following terms and conditions, the Members agree:

"ARTICLE I""d. In general.—The consent and approval of Congress is given to an interstate forest fire protection compact, as set out in subsection (b).

"ARTICLE II""Article I of this Agreement is given to an interstate forest fire protection compact, as set out in subsection (b).

"ARTICLE III""Article III of this Agreement is given to an interstate forest fire protection compact, as set out in subsection (b).

"ARTICLE IV""Article IV of this Agreement is given to an interstate forest fire protection compact, as set out in subsection (b).

"ARTICLE V""Article V of this Agreement is given to an interstate forest fire protection compact, as set out in subsection (b).

"ARTICLE VI""Article VI of this Agreement is given to an interstate forest fire protection compact, as set out in subsection (b).

"ARTICLE VII""Article VII of this Agreement is given to an interstate forest fire protection compact, as set out in subsection (b).

"ARTICLE VIII""Article VIII of this Agreement is given to an interstate forest fire protection compact, as set out in subsection (b)."
any Member to provide for the prevention, control, and extinguishment of wildland fires or to prohibit the enactment of enforcement of State, Territorial, or Provincial laws, rules or regulations intended to aid in such prevention, control and extinguishment of wildland fires in such State, Territory, or Province.

"9.2 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to affect any existing or future Cooperative Agreement between Members and/or their respective Federal agencies.

"Article XI"

"9.1 The Members may request the United States Forest Service to act as the coordinating agency of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement in cooperation with the appropriate agencies for each Member.

"9.2 The Members will hold an annual meeting to review the terms of this Agreement, any applicable Operating Plans, and make necessary modifications.

"9.3 Amendments to this Agreement can be made by simple majority vote of the Members and will take effect immediately upon passage.

"Article X"

"10.1 This Agreement shall continue in force on each Member until such Member takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until 60 days after notice thereof has been sent to all other Members.

"Article XI"

"11.1 Nothing is this Agreement shall obligate any Member beyond those approved by appropriate legislative action."

SEC. 2. OTHER STATES.

Without further submission of the compact, the consent of Congress is given to any State to become a party to it in accordance with its terms.

SEC. 3. RIGHTS RESERVED.

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—S. 2993

Mr. EFFORDS. Mr. President, I understand that earlier today, Senator MURKOWSKI introduced S. 2993. I now ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2993) to protect the sovereign right of the State of Alaska and provide for the Federal government and the State of Alaska to cooperate in the management of fish and game resources.

Mr. EFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will remain at the desk.

Mr. EFFORDS. The bill will be read a second time on the next legislative day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, this is legislation regarding the State of Alaska's sovereign right to manage its fish and game resources. The legislation will extend a current moratorium on the federal government from assuming control of Alaska's fish-