

There is a real inconsistency here; in the same bays and inlets where they insist fishing is an unacceptable commercial activity, they are only too happy to allow tour vessels with thousands of visitors.

Soon, perhaps within hours, perhaps within a few days, we will pass an omnibus appropriation measure that makes one of Washington's insider "deals" on this issue. Under the deal, a minimum payment will be made to get some fishermen to disappear altogether, and a handful of others will be told that they will be allowed to fish, but that their current right to sell or bequeath their fishing permits to their children has just evaporated forever.

I repeat, Mr. President, what is happening here is just plain wrong.

For that reason, I am today offering an amendment to my earlier bill. I will introduce another such a bill in January of next year, and I intend to introduce such a bill every January hereafter until justice is done. I will also welcome the assistance of the State of Alaska in asserting its right of jurisdiction over the management of these fisheries.

Come what may, I will not stand by and allow these existing small fishing operators to be lost in Glacier Bay.

GAYLORD NELSON APOSTLE ISLANDS STEWARDSHIP ACT OF 1998

FEINGOLD AMENDMENT NO. 3808

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 1966) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study whether the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore should be protected as a wilderness area; as follows:

On page 4, after line 24, insert the following:

(g) TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—All amounts made available to the Denali Commission for fiscal year 1999 shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Interior for use in carrying out subsections (c) and (d).

(2) UNEXPENDED BALANCE.—Any balance of amounts transferred under paragraph (1) that remain unexpended at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall be returned to the general fund of the Treasury of the United States.

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I am submitting an amendment to S. 1966, Gaylord Nelson Apostle Islands Stewardship Act of 1988, a bill that I introduced on April 22, 1988. In keeping with my belief that progress toward a balanced budget should be maintained, I am proposing that a section be added to the bill which offsets the \$4.1 million in authorized spending for the Apostle Islands contained in my original bill, with the \$20 million in funds appropriated in FY 99 to the Denali Commission. The Secretary of the Interior would be required to transfer \$15.9 million above the money that it needs to take actions at the Apostle Islands back to the Treasury.

Mr. President, the Denali Commission is not currently authorized. Authorization for this new commission was included in the Senate version of the FY 99 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, but was removed in conference. Nevertheless, the appropriators decided to set aside \$20 million in funds pending the authorization of the Commission. Whatever the merits of this proposed commission may be, Mr. President, I am concerned that we have set aside such a large amount of money when we have acute appropriations needs at places like the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, for an unauthorized program.

I am further concerned, Mr. President, about creating a new Federal commission to address economic development and other State specific issues when Congress is seeking to back away from such commitments. For example, in the same bill that provides funds for the Denali Commission, the Congress terminates appropriated funds for the Tennessee Valley Authority, known as TVA, an action I have had legislation to accomplish since I became a Member of the Senate. I applaud congress for acting to end appropriated funds for TVA, but I fear we may take a step backward if we create a new entity that we now need to fund.

I look forward to Senate Energy Committee consideration of the Gaylord Nelson Apostle Islands Stewardship Act of 1988, and its eventual passage. •

SONNY BONO MEMORIAL SALTON SEA RECLAMATION ACT

KYL AMENDMENT NO. 3809

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 3267) to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study and construct a project to reclaim the Salton Sea; as follows:

Strike all after enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Salton Sea Reclamation Act of 1998".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—SALTON SEA FEASIBILITY STUDY

Sec. 101. Feasibility study authorization.

Sec. 102. Concurrent wildlife resources studies.

Sec. 103. Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge renamed as Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.

TITLE II—EMERGENCY ACTION TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN THE ALAMO RIVER AND NEW RIVER

Sec. 201. Alamo River and New River irrigation drainage water.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:—

(1) the term "Committees" means the Committee on Resources and the Committee

on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Environmental and Public Works of the Senate;

(2) the term "Salton Sea Authority" means the Joint Powers Authority by that name established under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Power Agreement signed on June 2, 1993; and

(3) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation.

TITLE I—SALTON SEA FEASIBILITY STUDY

SEC. 101. SALTON SEA FEASIBILITY STUDY AUTHORIZATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No later than January 1, 2000, the Secretary, in accordance with this section, shall complete all feasibility studies and cost analyses for the options set forth in subsection (b)(2)(A) necessary for Congress to fully evaluate such options.

(b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) The Secretary shall complete all studies, including, but not limited to environmental and other views, of the feasibility and benefit-cost of various options that permit the continued use of the Salton Sea as a reservoir for irrigation drainage and (1) reduce and stabilize the overall salinity of the Salton Sea, (2) stabilize the surface elevation of the Salton Sea, (3) reclaim, in the long term, healthy fish and wildlife resources and their habitats, and (4) enhance the potential for recreational uses and economic development of the Salton Sea.

(B) Based solely on whatever information is available at the time of submission of the report, the Secretary shall (1) identify any options he deems economically feasible and cost effective, (2) identify any additional information necessary to develop construction specifications, and (3) submit any recommendations, along with the results of the study to the Committees no later than January 1, 2000.

(i) The Secretary shall carry out the feasibility study in accordance with a memorandum of understanding entered into by the Secretary, the Salton Sea Authority, and the Governor of California.

(ii) The memorandum of understanding shall, at a minimum, establish criteria for evaluation and selection of options under subparagraph (2)(A), including criteria for determining benefit and the magnitude and practicability of costs of construction, operation, and maintenance of each option evaluated.

(2) OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED.—Options considered in the feasibility study—

(A) shall consist of, but need not be limited to—

(i) use of impoundments to segregate a portion of the waters of the Salton Sea in one or more evaporation ponds located in the Salton Sea basin;

(ii) pumping water out of the Salton Sea;

(iii) augmented flows of water into the Salton Sea;

(iv) a combination of the options referred to in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii); and

(v) any other economically feasible remediation option the Secretary considers appropriate and for which feasibility analyses and cost estimates can be completed by January 1, 2000;

(B) shall be limited to proven technologies; and

(C) shall not include any option that—

(i) relies on the importation of any new or additional water from the Colorado River; or

(ii) is inconsistent with the provisions of subsection (c).

(3) ASSUMPTIONS.—In evaluating options, the Secretary shall apply assumptions regarding water inflows into the Salton Sea

Basin that encourage water conservation, account for transfers of water out of the Salton Sea Basin, and are based on a maximum likely reduction in inflows into the Salton Sea Basin which could be 800,000 acre-feet or less per year.

(4) **CONSIDERATION OF COSTS.**—In evaluating the feasibility of options, the Secretary shall consider the ability of Federal, tribal, State and local government sources and private sources to fund capital construction costs and annual operation, maintenance, energy, and replacement costs and shall set forth the basis for any cost sharing allocations as well as anticipated repayment, if any, of federal contributions.

(c) **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.**—

(1) **RECLAMATION LAWS.**—Activities authorized by this Act shall not be subject to the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388; 43 U.S.C. et seq.), and Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto. Amounts expended for those activities shall be considered non-reimbursable for purposes of those laws and shall not be considered to be a supplemental or additional benefit for purposes of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1263; 43 U.S.C. 390aa et seq.).

(2) **PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE COLORADO RIVER.**—This Act shall not be considered to supersede or otherwise affect any treaty, law, decree, contract, or agreement governing use of water from the Colorado River. All activities taken under this Act must be carried out in a manner consistent with rights and obligations of persons under those treaties, laws, decrees, contracts, and agreements.

SEC. 102. CONCURRENT WILDLIFE RESOURCES STUDIES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall provide for the conduct, concurrently with the feasibility study under section 101(b), of studies of hydrology, wildlife pathology, and toxicology relating to wildlife resources of the Salton Sea by Federal and non-Federal entities.

(b) **SELECTION OF TOPICS AND MANAGEMENT OF STUDIES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall establish a committee to be known as the 'Salton Sea Research Management Committee'. The committee shall select the topics of studies under this section and manage those studies.

(2) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The committee shall consist of the following five members:

(A) The Secretary.

(B) The Governor of California.

(C) The Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority.

(D) The Chairman of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Tribal Government.

(E) The Director of the California Water Resources Center.

(c) **COORDINATION.**—The Secretary shall require that studies under this section are coordinated through the Science Subcommittee which reports to the Salton Sea Research Management Committee. In addition to the membership provided for by the Science Subcommittee's charter, representatives shall be invited from the University of California, Riverside; the University of Redlands; San Diego State University; the Imperial Valley College; and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

(d) **PEER REVIEW.**—The Secretary shall require that studies under this section are subjected to peer review.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—For wildlife resources studies under this section there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, through accounts within the Fish and Wildlife Service Exclusively, \$5,000,000.

(f) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.**—The committee, and its activities, are not subject to

the Federal Advisory Commission Act (5 U.S.C. app.).

SEC. 103. SALTON SEA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE RENAMED AS SONNY BONO SALTON SEA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

(a) **REFUGE RENAMED.**—The Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, located in Imperial County, California, is hereby renamed and shall be known as the 'Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge'.

(b) **REFERENCES.**—Any reference in any statute, rule, regulation, executive order, publication, map, or paper or other document of the United States to the Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge is deemed to refer to the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.

TITLE II—EMERGENCY ACTION TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN THE ALAMO RIVER AND NEW RIVER

SEC. 201. ALAMO RIVER AND NEW RIVER IRRIGATION DRAINAGE WATER.

(a) **RIVER ENHANCEMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary is authorized and directed to promptly conduct research and construct river reclamation and wetlands projects to improve water quality in the Alamo River and New River, Imperial County, California, by treating water in those rivers and irrigation drainage water that flows into those rivers.

(2) **ACQUISITIONS.**—The Secretary may acquire equipment, real property from willing sellers, and interests in real property (including site access) from willing sellers as needed to implement actions under this section if the State of California, a political subdivision of the State, or Desert Wildlife Unlimited has entered into an agreement with the Secretary under which the State, subdivision, or Desert Wildlife Unlimited, respectively, will, effective 1 year after the date that systems for which the acquisitions are made are operational and functional—

(A) accept all right, title, and interest in and to the equipment, property, or interests; and

(B) assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of the equipment, property, or interests.

(3) **TRANSFER OF TITLE.**—Not later than 1 year after the date a system developed under this section is operational and functional, the Secretary shall transfer all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all equipment, property, and interests acquired for the system in accordance with the applicable agreement under paragraph (2).

(4) **MONITORING AND OTHER ACTIONS.**—The Secretary shall establish a long-term monitoring program to maximize the effectiveness of any wetlands developed under this title and may implement other actions to improve the efficacy of actions implemented pursuant to this section.

(b) **COOPERATION.**—The Secretary shall implement subsection (a) in cooperation with the Desert Wildlife Unlimited, the Imperial Irrigation District, California, and other interested persons.

(c) **FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL.**—Water withdrawn solely for the purpose of a wetlands project to improve water quality under subsection (a)(1), when returned to the Alamo River or New River, shall not be required to meet water quality standards under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—For river reclamation and other irrigation drainage water treatment actions under this section, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$3,000,000.

Amend the title to read as follows: "To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to com-

plete a feasibility study relating to the Salton Sea, and for other purposes."

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

**FRIST (AND ROCKEFELLER)
AMENDMENT NO. 3810**

Mr. COATS (for Mr. FRIST for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) proposed an amendment to the bill to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; as follows:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Technology Administration Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM CENTER EXTENSION.

Section 25(c)(5) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k(c)(5)) is amended by striking "which are designed" and all that follows through "operation of a Center," and inserting in lieu thereof ". After the sixth year, a Center may receive additional financial support under this section if it has received a positive evaluation through an independent review, under procedures established by the Institute. Such an independent review shall be required at least every two years after the sixth year of operation. Funding received for a fiscal year under this section after the sixth year of operation shall not exceed one third of the capital and annual operating and maintenance costs of the Center under the program."

SEC. 3. MALCOLM BALDRIGE QUALITY AWARD.

(a) **ADDITIONAL AWARDS.**—Section 17(c)(3) of the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3711a(c)(3)) is amended by inserting " , unless the Secretary determines that a third award is merited and can be given at no additional cost to the Federal Government" after "in any year".

(b) **CATEGORIES.**—Section 17(c)(1) of the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3711a(c)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(D) Health care providers.

"(E) Education providers."

SEC. 4. NOTICE.

(a) **REDESIGNATION.**—Section 31 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act is redesignated as section 32.

(b) **NOTICE.**—The National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 271 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 30 the following new section:

"NOTICE

"SEC. 31. (a) **NOTICE OF REPROGRAMMING.**—If any funds authorized for carrying out this Act are subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice to be provided to the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, notice of such action shall concurrently be provided to the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

"(b) **NOTICE OF REORGANIZATION.**—

"(1) **REQUIREMENT.**—The Secretary shall provide notice to the Committees on Science and Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Appropriations of the Senate, not later than 15 days before any major reorganization of any program, project, or activity of the Institute.