

All of these provisions have bipartisan and administrative support, and all will improve the lives of New Mexicans around the state. Regarding the Jicarilla Ranger District transfer, the Forest Service determined that the ten acres in question are of no further use to them and recently endorsed passage of this bill to provide long-term benefits for the people of San Juan County and the students and faculty of San Juan College in northwest New Mexico. The Coyote Ranger Station in northern New Mexico will also continue to be used for public purposes, including a community center, and a fire substation. Some of the buildings will also be available for Rio Arriba County to use for storage and repair of road maintenance equipment, and other County vehicles.

Over one third of the land in New Mexico is owned by the federal government, and therefore finding appropriate sites for community and educational purposes can be difficult. These transfers are logical since they provide facilities and lands for community use while removing unwanted and unused land and facilities from federal ownership.

Amending the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail, commemorating the Spanish settlement of the southwest United States is particularly appropriate in this year of the Cuatrocenenario. 1998 is the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the first Spanish capital at San Juan Pueblo, the first terminus of the El Camino Real by Don Juan de Onate. We in New Mexico are most proud of this chapter in our Nation's history. This trail represents the migration route into the interior of the continent by Spanish settlers, and I am pleased that our nation will honor this part of its history.

Finally, the transfer included which is specific to the Carlsbad project in New Mexico, directs the Carlsbad Irrigation District to continue to manage lands as they have been in the past, for the purposes for which the project was constructed. I believe this is a fair and equitable bill that has been developed over years of negotiations. The Carlsbad Irrigation District has had operations and maintenance responsibilities for the past 66 years. It met all the repayment obligations to the government in 1991, and it's about time we let CID have what is rightfully theirs.

This legislation accomplishes three things: conveys title of acquired lands and facilities to Carlsbad Irrigation District; allows the District to assume management of leases and the benefits of the receipts from these acquired lands; and sets a 180 day deadline for the transfer, establishing a 50-50 cost-sharing standard for carrying out the transfer.

This legislation is long overdue, is not contentious, and has in fact passed out of the Senate before. I urge prompt passage in the House of Representatives.

I want to thank Senator DASCHLE for his help.

PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 6, 1999

Mr. DEWINE. Again, on behalf of the majority leader, I understand that all legislative and Executive Calendar items that can be cleared have been considered by the Senate. I thank all of my colleagues for their cooperation during the 105th Congress.

As was stated earlier, the 106th Congress will convene at 12 noon on Wednesday, January 6, 1999, as provided for in House Joint Resolution 138.

Following the opening prayer on January 6, the Vice President will proceed to administer the oaths of office to all returning Senators and Senators-elect in alphabetical order.

Immediately following the conclusion of the oaths of office, a quorum call will commence to establish that a quorum is present for the 106th Congress to begin.

All Senators will be notified as to the first day on which legislation will be permitted to be introduced as soon as that date becomes available.

Again, on behalf of the majority leader, I thank all of my colleagues for what I believe was a productive 105th Congress and look forward to further success in the 106th Congress.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned sine die under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 353.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:33 p.m., adjourned sine die.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 21, 1998:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BERT T. EDWARDS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

DAVID G. CARPENTER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

DAVID G. CARPENTER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, AND TO HAVE THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE.

MARY BETH WEST, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS, FISHERIES, AND SPACE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

REBECCA M. BLANK, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NIKKI RUSH TINSLEY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

HENRY L. SOLANO, OF COLORADO, TO BE SOLICITOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

JANE E. HENNEY, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF FOOD AND DRUGS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

THOMASINA V. ROGERS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 27, 2003.

HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

JOSEPH E. STEVENS, JR., OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 10, 2003.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

PAUL M. IGASAKI, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2002.

IDA L. CASTRO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2003.

PAUL STEVEN MILLER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 1999.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

ROMULO L. DIAZ, JR., OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

J. CHARLES FOX, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

NORINE E. NOONAN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

MORRIS K. UDALL SCH. & EXCELLENCE IN NATL ENV. POLICY FOUNDATION

TERRENCE L. BRACY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2004.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

CHARLES G. GROAT, OF TEXAS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

BERNARD DANIEL ROSTKER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

KENNETH PREWITT, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE CENSUS.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

MICHAEL M. REYNA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD, FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 21, 2004.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

EUGENE A. CONTI, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

PETER J. BASSO, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

GRETA JOY DICUS, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2003.

JEFFREY S. MERRIFIELD, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2002.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DAVID MICHAELS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND HEALTH).

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

ELIGAH DANE CLARK, OF ALABAMA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS.

EDWARD A. POWELL, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (MANAGEMENT).

LEIGH A. BRADLEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

ROBERT W. PERCIASEPE, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

WILLIAM CLIFFORD SMITH, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 21, 2005.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

ISADORE ROSENTHAL, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

ANDREA KIDD TAYLOR, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

IRA G. PEPPERCORN, OF INDIANA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING ASSISTANCE RESTRUCTURING.

WILLIAM C. AFGAR, JR., OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., OF TEXAS, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.