

(3) RESEARCHED AREAS.—The area that shall be subjects of research conducted under this section include—

(A) the mapping of carbon-sequestering land use and land cover;

(B) the monitoring of changes in land cover and management;

(C) new systems for the remote sensing of soil carbon; and

(D) regional-scale carbon sequestration estimation.

(b) REGIONAL EARTH SCIENCE APPLICATION CENTER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, may, at the sole discretion of the Administrator based on maximizing the use of public funds, carry out this section through the Regional Earth Science Application Center located at the University of Kansas (referred to in this section as the "Center"), if the Center enters into a partnership with a landgrant college or university.

(2) DUTIES OF CENTER.—The Center shall serve as a research facility and clearing-house for satellite data, software, research, and related information with respect to remote sensing research conducted under this section.

(3) USE OF CENTER.—The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, may use the Center for carrying out remote sensing research relating to agricultural best practices.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for fiscal years 2000 through 2002.

#### SEC. 313. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE.

Section 431(d)(5) of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (42 U.S.C. 2458b nt) is amended by striking "before the date of enactment of this Act." and inserting "before July 31, 1999."

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED ON NOVEMBER 8, 1999

#### TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1999

##### WARNER (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2773

Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. REED)) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2724) to make technical corrections to the Water Resources Development Act of 1999; as follows:

On page 3, line 8, strike "\$30,000,000" and insert "\$20,000,000".

On page 4, strike lines 19 through 21 and insert the following:

(1) by striking "Each" and all that follows through the colon and inserting the following: "Each of the following projects is authorized to be carried out by the Secretary, and no construction on any such project may be initiated until the Secretary determines that the project is technically sound, environmentally acceptable, and economically justified:";

On page 5, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ COMITE RIVER, LOUISIANA.

Section 371 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 321) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—" before "The"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) CREDITING OF REDUCTION IN NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The project cooperation agreement for the Comite River Diversion Project shall include a provision that specifies that any reduction in the non-Federal share that results from the modification under subsection (a) shall be credited toward the share of project costs to be paid by the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District."

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ CHESAPEAKE CITY, MARYLAND.

Section 535(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 349) is amended by striking "the city of Chesapeake" each place it appears and inserting "Chesapeake City".

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ CONTINUATION OF SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN REPORTS BY THE SEC- RETARY OF THE ARMY.

(a) RECOMMENDATIONS OF INLAND WATERWAYS USERS BOARD.—Section 302(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2251(b)) is amended in the last sentence by striking "The" and inserting "Notwithstanding section 3003 of Public Law 104-66 (31 U.S.C. 1113 note; 109 Stat. 734), the".

(b) LIST OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNFUNDED STUDIES.—Section 710(a) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2264(a)) is amended in the first sentence by striking "Not" and inserting "Notwithstanding section 3003 of Public Law 104-66 (31 U.S.C. 1113 note; 109 Stat. 734), not".

(c) REPORTS ON PARTICIPATION OF MINORITY GROUPS AND MINORITY-OWNED FIRMS IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER-GULF OUTLET FEATURE.—Section 844(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 4177) is amended in the second sentence by striking "The" and inserting "Notwithstanding section 3003 of Public Law 104-66 (31 U.S.C. 1113 note; 109 Stat. 734), the".

(d) LIST OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNFUNDED PROJECTS.—Section 1001(b)(2) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 579a(b)(2)) is amended in the first sentence by striking "Every" and inserting "Notwithstanding section 3003 of Public Law 104-66 (31 U.S.C. 1113 note; 109 Stat. 734), every".

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ AUTHORIZATIONS FOR PROGRAM PRE- VIOUSLY AND CURRENTLY FUNDED.

(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.—The program described in subsection (c) is hereby authorized.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Transportation for the program authorized in subsection (a) in amounts as follows:

(1) FISCAL YEAR 2000.—For fiscal year 2000, \$10,000,000.

(2) FISCAL YEAR 2001.—For fiscal year 2001, \$10,000,000.

(3) FISCAL YEAR 2002.—For fiscal year 2002, \$7,000,000.

(c) APPLICABILITY.—The program referred to in subsection (a) is the program for which funds appropriated in title I of Public Law 106-69 under the heading "FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION" are available for obligation upon the enactment of legislation authorizing the program.

#### ARCTIC TUNDRA HABITAT EMERGENCY CONSERVATION ACT

##### ABRAHAM AMENDMENT NO. 2774

Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. ABRAHAM) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2454) to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North Amer-

ican migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese; as follows:

Strike Title II.

#### COASTAL BARRIER MAP BOUND- ARY CLARIFICATION LEGISLA- TION

##### SMITH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AMENDMENT NO. 2775

Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1398) to clarify certain boundaries on maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System; as follows:

On page 2, line 25, strike "July 1, 1999" and insert "October 18, 1999".

#### EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE UNITED STATES POLICY TO- WARD NATIO AND THE EURO- PEAN UNION

##### LEVIN AMENDMENT NO. 2776

Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the resolution (S. Res. 208) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States policy toward the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union, in light of the Alliance's April 1999 Washington Summit and the European Union's June 1999 Cologne Summit; as follows:

In section 1(b), strike paragraph (1) and insert the following:

(1) on matters of trans-Atlantic concern, the European Union should make clear that it would undertake an autonomous mission through the European Security and Defense Identity only after the North Atlantic Treaty Organization had declined to undertake that mission;

In section 1(b)(5), strike "must" and insert "should".

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and transportation be authorized to meet on Monday, November 8, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. on mergers in the communications industry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

##### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on November 8, 1999, at 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. in Hart 216 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.