

Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in Federal Lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes.

S. 1689

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1689, a bill to require a report on the current United States policy and strategy regarding counter-narcotics assistance for Colombia, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to require the United States to take action to provide bilateral debt relief, and improve the provision of multilateral debt relief, in order to give a fresh start to poor countries.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 34, a concurrent resolution relating to the observance of "In Memory" Day.

AMENDMENT NO. 1889

At the request of Mr. NICKLES the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1889 proposed to S. 1650, an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 197—REFERENCING S. 1698 ENTITLED "A BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF D.W. JACOBSON, RONALD KARKALA, AND PAUL BJORGEN OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA" TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A REPORT THEREON

Mr. GRAMS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 197

*Resolved,***SECTION 1. REFERRAL.**

S. 1698 entitled "A bill for the relief of D. W. Jacobson, Ronald Karkala, and Paul Bjorgen of Grand Rapids, Minnesota" now pending in the Senate, together with all the accompanying papers, is referred to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

SEC. 2. PROCEEDING AND REPORT.

The chief judge shall—

(1) proceed according to the provisions of sections 1492 and 2509 of title 28, United States Code; and

(2) report back to the Senate, at the earliest practicable date, providing—

(A) such findings of fact and conclusions that are sufficient to inform the Congress of the nature, extent, and character of the claim for compensation referred to in such bill as a legal or equitable claim against the United States or a gratuity; and

(B) the amount, if any, legally or equitably due from the United States to D. W. Jacobson, Ronald Karkala, and Paul Bjorgen of Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2000

LAUTENBERG AMENDMENT NO. 2267

Mr. LAUTENBERG proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1851 proposed by Mr. NICKLES to the bill (S. 1650) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

SEC. ____ . PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

(1) The Congressional Budget Office has projected that Congress is headed toward using at least \$19,000,000,000 of the social security surplus in fiscal year 2000.

(2) Amendment number 1851 calls for across-the-board cuts, which could result in a broad-based reduction of 10 percent, taking into consideration approved appropriations bills and other costs likely to be incurred in the future, such as relief for hurricane victims, Kosovo, and health care providers.

(3) These across-the-board cuts would sharply reduce military readiness and long-term defense modernization programs, cut emergency aid to farmers and hurricane victims, reduce the number of children served by Head Start, cut back aid to schools to help reduce the class size, severely limit the number of veterans served in VA hospitals, reduce the number of FBI and Border Patrol agents, restrict funding for important transportation investments, and limit funding for environmental cleanup sites.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that instead of raiding social security surpluses or indiscriminately cutting defense, emergency relief, education, veterans' health care, law enforcement, transportation, environmental cleanup, and other discretionary appropriations across the board, Congress should fund fiscal year 2000 appropriations, without using budget scorekeeping gimmicks, by closing special-interest tax loopholes and using other appropriate offsets.

KENNEDY AMENDMENT NO. 2268

Mr. KENNEDY proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

In order to improve the quality of education funds available for education, including funds for Title 1, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Pell Grants shall be excluded from any across-the-board reduction.

ABRAHAM (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2269

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to amendment No. 1828 proposed by Mr. COVERDELL to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

Strike all after the first word and insert the following:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no funds appropriated under this Act shall be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug. This provision shall become effective one day after the date of enactment.

NOTICE OF HEARING

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREST AND PUBLIC LAND
MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG, Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Tuesday, October 19, 1999, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1608, a bill to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide a new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.