occur without impairing the biological sustainability of the sea gull population in the park. The Secretary shall submit recommendations for legislation to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and the Committee on Resources of the United States House of Representatives.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH ALLIANCE ACT OF 1999

MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT NO. 2802

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MURKOWSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 348) to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 2, after line 2, insert the following:

"TITLE I—NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH ALLIANCE ACT OF 1999"

On page 6, after line 18, insert the following:

"(15) STATUTE.—The term "State" means the several states, except the State of Alaska."

On page 30, after line 11, insert the following:

"TITLE II—SMALL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS IN ALASKA"

"SEC. 201. ALASKA STATE JURISDICTION OVER SMALL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS.

"Part I of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 792 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 32. ALASKA STATE JURISDICTION OVER SMALL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS.

"(a) Discontinuation of Regulation by the Commission.—Notwithstanding sections 4(e) and 23(b), the Commission shall discontinue exercising licensing and regulatory authority under this Part over qualifying project works in the State of Alaska, effective on the date on which the commission certifies that the State of Alaska has in place a regulatory program for water-power development that—

"(1) protects the public interest, the purposes listed in paragraph (2), and the environment to the same extent provided by law; and

"(2) gives equal consideration to the purposes of—

"(A) energy conservation;

"(B) the protection, mitigation of damage to, and enhancement of, fish and wildlife (including related spawning grounds and habitat); and

"(C) the protection of recreational opportunities;

"(D) the preservation of other aspects of environmental quality;

"(E) the interests of Alaska Natives, and

"(F) other beneficial public uses, including irrigation, flood control, water supply, and navigation; and

"(G) such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, as appropriate;

"(B) the operation of any navigation facilities which may be constructed as part of any project to be controlled at all times by such reasonable rules and regulations as may be made by the Secretary of the Army; and

"(C) conditions for the protection, mitigation, and enhancement of fish and wildlife based on recommendations received pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) from the National Marine Fisheries Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and State fish and wildlife agencies.

"(d) PROJECT WORKS ON FEDERAL LANDS.—

"(1) the construction, maintenance, and operation of a project licensed under this Part or exempted from licensing under this Part or section 405 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 prior to the date of enactment of this section;

"(2) for which a preliminary permit, a license, or any application for an exemption from licensing has not been accepted for filing by the Commission for the date of enactment of subsection (c) (unless such application is withdrawn at the election of the applicant);

"(3) that are part of a project that has a power production capacity of 5,000 kilowatts or less;

"(4) that are located entirely within the boundaries of the State of Alaska; and

"(5) that are not located in whole or in part on any Indian reservation, a conservation system unit (as defined in section 102(4) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3102(4)), or segment of a river designated for study for addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

"(e) ELECTION OF STATE LICENSING.—In the case of nonqualifying project works that would be a qualifying project works but for the fact that the project has been licensed or exempted from licensing under this Part prior to the enactment of this section, the licensee of such project may in its discretion elect to make the project subject to licensing and regulation by the State of Alaska under this section.

"(f) APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS.—With respect to projects located in whole or in part on a reservation, a conservation system unit, or the public lands, a State license or exemption from licensing shall be subject to—

"(1) the approval of the Secretary having jurisdiction over such lands; and

"(2) such conditions as the Secretary may prescribe.

"(g) CONSENT OF AFFECTED AGENCIES.—The Commission shall consult with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Commerce before certifying or State of Alaska’s regulatory program.

"(h) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL LAWS.—Nothing in this section shall preempt the application of Federal environmental, natural resources, or cultural resources protection laws according to their terms.

"(i) OVERSIGHT BY THE COMMISSION.—The State of Alaska shall notify the Commission not later than 30 days after making any significant modification to its regulatory program. The Commission shall periodically review the State’s program to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section.

"(j) RESUMPTION OF COMMISSION AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Commission shall reassert its licensing and regulatory authority under this Part if the Commission finds that the State of Alaska has not complied with one or more of the requirements of this section.

"TITLE III—HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS IN HAWAII

"SEC. 201. PROJECTS ON FRESH WATERS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

"Section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 797(e)) is amended in the first sentence by striking "several States, or upon" and inserting "several States (except fresh waters in the State of Hawaii, unless a license would be required under section 23), or upon".

"TITLE IV—ARROWROCK DAM HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

"SEC. 201. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT.

"Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project number 4666, the Commission may extend until March 26, 2005, the time period during which the license is required to commence construction of the project.

ARIZONA NATIONAL FOREST IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

KYL AMENDMENT NO. 2803

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. KYL) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1088) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to the city of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 5, line 15, strike the period at the end and insert ", reduced by the total amount of special use permit fees for wastewater treatment facilities paid by the City of Sedona to the Forest Service during the period beginning on January 1, 1999, and ending on the earlier of—
OMNIBUS PARKS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1999

MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT NO. 2804

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MURKOWSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 149) to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996; as follows:

To the bill as reported:
On page 5, striking lines 4 through 11 and reinsert the following paragraphs accordingly:

On page 5 at the end of section 101 add the following new paragraphs:

(11) Section 103(c)(2) (110 Stat. 4099) is amended by striking "consecutive terms," and inserting "consecutive terms, except that upon the expiration of his or her term, an appointed member may continue to serve until his or her successor has been appointed.

(12) Section 103(c)(9) (110 Stat. 4100) is amended by strike "properties administered by the Trust" and inserting in lieu thereof "properties administered by the Trust and all interest created under leases, concessions, permits and other agreements associated with the properties";

(13) Section 104(d) (110 Stat. 4103) is amended as follows:

(1) by inserting "(1) after Financial Authorities"
(2) by striking "(1) The authority and inserting in lieu thereof "(A) The authority"
(3) by striking "(2) the terms" and inserting in lieu thereof "(i) the terms"
(4) by striking "(3) adequate" and inserting in lieu thereof "(ii) adequate"
(5) by striking "(C) such guarantees" and inserting in lieu thereof "(iii) such guarantees"
(6) by striking "(2) The authority and inserting in lieu thereof "(B) The authority"
(7) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3) respectively;
(8) in paragraph (2) (as redesignated by this section)

(A) by striking "The authority" and inserting in lieu thereof "The Trust shall also have the authority"
(8) by striking "after determining that the projects to be funded from the proceeds thereof are creditworthy and that a repayment schedule is established and only"
(C) by inserting after "and subject to such terms and conditions," the words "including a review of each party's financial status, creditworthiness and establishment of a repayment schedule;" and

(9) in paragraph (3) (as redesignated by this section) by inserting before "this subsection the words "paragraph (2) of";

On page 26, striking lines 10 through 13 and insert in lieu thereof the following as follows:

(A) the date that is 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act or
(B) the date on which the full payment is made by the City under paragraph (3)(A) or the date on which first installment payment is made under paragraph (3)(B), depending on the election made by the City under paragraph (3)."

On page 59, lines 18 and 19, strike "the amount" and substitute under paragraph (1) and insert "the consideration required under paragraph (1)".

COMMUNITY FOREST RESTORATION ACT

MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT NO. 2805

Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1289) to provide incentives for collaborative forest restoration projects on National Forest System and other public lands in New Mexico, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the bill add the following:

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
The amounts are appropriated $5,000,000 annually to carry out this Act."

METHANE HYDRATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1999

AKAKA AMENDMENT NO. 2806

Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. AKAKA) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 1753) to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the "Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.
In this Act:
(1) CONTRACT.—The term "contract" means a procurement contract within the meaning of section 6303 of title 31, United States Code.
(2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The term "cooperative agreement" means a cooperative agreement within the meaning of section 6305 of title 31, United States Code.
(3) DIRECTOR.—The term "Director" means the Director of the National Science Foundation.
(4) GRANT.—The term "grant" means a grant awarded under a grant agreement, within the meaning of section 6304 of title 31, United States Code.
(5) INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE.—The term "industrial enterprise" means a private, non-governmental enterprise incorporated under Federal or State law that has an expertise or capability that relates to methane hydrate research and development.
(6) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term "institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education, within the meaning of section 102(a)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(a)(1)).
(7) METHANE HYDRATE.—The term "methane hydrate" means—
(A) a methane clathrate that is in the form of a methane-water ice-like crystalline material and is stable and occurs naturally in deep-ocean and permafrost areas, and
(B) other natural gas hydrates found in association with deep-ocean and permafrost deposits of methane hydrate.

(8) SECRETARY OF ENERGY.—The term "Secretary of Energy" means the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy.
(9) SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.—The term "Secretary of Commerce" means the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
(10) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The term "Secretary of Defense" means the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Secretary of the Navy.
(11) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The term "Secretary of the Interior" means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey and the Director of the Minerals Management Service.

SEC. 3. METHANE HYDRATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

(a) IN GENERAL.—
(1) COMMENCEMENT OF PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy, in collaboration with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Director, shall commence a program of methane hydrate research and development in accordance with subsection (b).

(2) DESIGNATIONS.—The Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Director shall designate individuals to carry out this section.

(3) COORDINATION.—The individual designated by the Secretary of Energy shall coordinate all activities within the Department of Energy relating to methane hydrate research and development.

(4) MEETINGS.—The individuals designated under paragraph (2) shall meet not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than every 120 days thereafter to—

(A) review the progress of the program under paragraph (1); and
(B) make recommendations on future activities to occur subsequent to the meeting.

(b) GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—
(1) ASSISTANCE AND COORDINATION.—In carrying out the program of methane hydrate research and development authorized by this subsection, the Secretary may award grants or contracts to, or enter into cooperative agreements with, institutions of higher education and industrial enterprises to—

(A) conduct basic and applied research to identify, explore, assess, and develop methane hydrate as a source of energy;
(B) assist in developing technologies required for efficient and environmentally sound development of methane hydrate resources;
(C) undertake research programs to provide safe means of transport and storage of methane produced from gas methane hydrate deposits;
(D) promote education and training in methane hydrate resource research and resource development;
(E) conduct basic and applied research to assess and mitigate the environmental impacts of hydrate degassing (including both natural degassing and degassing associated with commercial development);
(F) develop technologies to reduce the risks of drilling through methane hydrates; and
(G) conduct exploratory drilling in support of the activities authorized by this paragraph.