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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments, if applicable, be agreed to, any floor amendments as mentioned be agreed to, the bills be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to any of these bills be printed in the RECORD, with the above occurring en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EL CAMINO REAL DE TIERRA ADENTRO NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 366) to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail, which was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 366

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail Act.”

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

1. El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro that existed in what is now the United States extended between El Paso, Texas and present San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico, a distance of 404 miles;

2. El Camino Real is an example of the cultural interaction between nations and ethnic groups and of the commercial exchange that made possible the development and growth of the borderlands;

3. American Indian groups, especially the Pueblo Indians of the Rio Grande, developed trails for trade long before Europeans arrived;

4. In 1598, Juan de Oñate led a Spanish military expedition along these trails to establish the northern portion of El Camino Real;

5. During the Mexican National Period and part of the U.S. Territorial Period, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro facilitated the emigration of people to New Mexico and other areas that would become the United States;

6. The exploration, conquest, colonization, settlement, religious conversion, and military occupation of a large area of the borderlands was made possible by this route, whose historical period extended from 1598 to 1882; and

7. American Indians, other Europeans, Spaniards, other Europeans, American Indians, African Americans, miners, ranchers, soldiers, and missionaries used El Camino Real during the historic development of the borderlands. These travelers promoted cultural interaction among Spaniards, other Europeans, American Indians, Mexicans, and Americans;

THE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration en bloc of the following bills, reported by the Energy Committee: S. 366, Calendar No. 49; S. 501, Calendar No. 238, with amendment 2801; S. 244, Calendar No. 242.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ENERGY AND WATER RELATED MEASURES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I thank Senator DASCHLE for his work on this next group of bills. It involves a number of energy-related, water-related bills out of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I also want to recognize Senator MURkowski, the chairman of the committee.

These are bills that are often considered to be small bills, but to a number of areas or States or Senators, they are very big in importance. Senator MURkowski and Senator BINGAMAN have worked very, very hard to try to get through a number of problems. It is one of those classic cases where you have one problem that develops with a bill and then it affects other bills. Senator DASCHLE took the time and the lead in working through some of these problems. I want to recognize the work he did.

I also want to commend publicly on the record to proceed to S. 1051, the Northern Marianas bill, by February 15. We would have liked to have been able to go ahead and get a complete unanimous consent about the total arrangements for it being handled, but Senators who did have questions are now probably on airplanes headed halfway across the country. We will work together. I will make a commitment to bring this up by the 15th.

Does Senator DASCHLE want to make any comments about that?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I appreciate the commitment made by the majority leader. I know Senator AKAKA is disappointed that it is not in this package of bills. He has worked, along with senator MURKOWSKI who, I think, may be a cosponsor of this legislation, to pass it tonight. That is impossible. But I think Senator AKAKA is certainly willing to accept the commitment made by the majority leader that by the 15th the amendments and the legislation and hopefully resolve it successfully in the not-too-distant future. This is an important bill, the Marianas. It is an important bill for Senator AKAKA, and I am appreciative of the commitment that is now part of the record that we will come back to this bill in a matter of months.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 744

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the majority leader, following consultation with the Democratic leader, proceed to the consideration of S. 744, regarding conveying public lands to the University of Alaska, that immediately after the bill is reported, the committee amendment be agreed to as original text for the purpose of further amendment; and that the bill, as amended, be considered under the following limitations: That there be four hours for debate on the bill, equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking member, with the only amendments in order as follows: Bingaman, two relevant amendments; and Murkowski, one relevant amendment; and Murkowski, one relevant amendment or other first-degree or other first-degree amendments be in order, with debate time on the amendments limited to 60 minutes each, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon disposition of all amendments the bill shall stand under the use or yield back of all time, the bill be read a third time and the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.