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WILDERNESS BATTLEFIELD LAND ACQUISITION

The bill (H.R. 1665) to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA IMPROVEMENT

The bill (H.R. 2140) to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

PERKINS COUNTY RURAL WATER SYSTEM ACT OF 1999

The bill (H.R. 970) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

NATIONAL GEOLOGIC MAPPING REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1999

The bill (H.R. 1528) to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL RIVER MONGAUP VISITOR CENTER ACT OF 1999

The bill (H.R. 20) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

WORLD WAR VETERANS PARK AT MILLER FIELD

The bill (H.R. 592) to designate a portion of gateway National Recreation Area as "World War Veterans Park at Miller Field," was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

QUINEBAUG AND SHETUCKET RIVERS VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1999

The bill (H.R. 1619) to amend Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

TERRY PEAK LAND TRANSFER ACT OF 1999

The bill (H.R. 2079) to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

AMENDING THE CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT

The bill (H.R. 2889) to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to provide for acquisitions of water and water rights for Central Utah Project purposes, completion of Central Utah project facilities, and implementation of water conservation measures, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third-time, and passed.

THE CALENDER

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration, en bloc, of the following reported by the Energy Committee:

Calendar No. 137, H.R. 154; calendar No. 142, S. 698; calendar No. 143, S. 748; calendar No. 172, S. 734; calendar No. 217, S. 348, with an amendment numbered 2802; calendar No. 223, S. 1088, with amendment numbered 2803; calendar No. 235, S. 711; calendar No. 236, H.R. 149, with an amendment 2804; calendar No. 245, S. 1329, calendar No. 246, S. 1330; calendar, No. 298, S. 1236; calendar No. 302, S. 769; calendar No. 303, S. 986; calendar No. 304, S. 1030; calendar No. 305, S. 1211; calendar No. 306, S. 1288, with amendment numbered 2805; calendar No. 318, S. 710; calendar No. 319, S. 905, calendar No. 320, S. 1117; calendar No. 321, S. 1324; calendar No. 330, S. 1275; calendar No. 335, S. 624; calendar No. 349, H.R. 1753, with an amendment numbered 2806; calendar No. 361, S. 439; calendar No. 362, S. 977; calendar No. 363, S. 1296; calendar No. 365, S. 1569; calendar No. 366, S. 1599.

I ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments, if applicable, be agreed to, any floor amendments be agreed to, the bills read the third time and passed, any title amendments be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to any of these bills appear at this point in the RECORD, with all of the above occurring en bloc.

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

FEE SYSTEM FOR COMMERCIAL FILMING ACTIVITIES ON FEDERAL LAND

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 154) to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. COMMERCIAL FILMING.

(a) *COMMERCIAL FILMING FEE.*—The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter individually referred to as the "Secretary" with respect to lands under their respective jurisdiction) shall require a permit and shall establish a reasonable fee for commercial filming activities or similar projects on Federal lands administered by the Secretary. Such fee shall provide a fair return to the United States and shall be based upon the following criteria:

(1) The number of days the filming activity or similar project takes place on Federal land under the Secretary's jurisdiction.

(2) The size of the film crew present on Federal land under the Secretary's jurisdiction.

(3) The amount and type of equipment present.

The Secretary may include other factors in determining an appropriate fee as the Secretary deems necessary.

(b) *RECOVERY OF COSTS.*—The Secretary shall also collect any costs incurred as a result of filming activities or similar project, including but not limited to administrative and personnel costs. All costs recovered shall be in addition to the fee assessed in subsection (a).

(c) *STILL PHOTOGRAPHY.*—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall not require a permit nor assess a fee for still photography on lands administered by the Secretary if such photography takes place where members of the public are generally allowed. The Secretary may require a permit, fee, or both, if such photography takes place at other locations where members of the public are generally not allowed, or where additional administrative costs are likely.

The Secretary shall require and shall establish a reasonable fee for still photography that uses models or props which are not a part of the site's natural or cultural resources or administrative facilities.

(d) *PROTECTION OF RESOURCES.*—The Secretary shall not permit any filming, still photography or other related activity if the Secretary determines—

(1) there is a likelihood of resource damage;

(2) there would be an unreasonable disruption of the public's use and enjoyment of the site; or

(3) that the activity poses health or safety risks to the public.

(e) *USE OF PROCEEDS.*—(1) All fees collected under this Act shall be available for expenditure by the Secretary, without further appropriation, in accordance with the formula and purposes established for the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program (Public Law 104-134). All fees collected shall remain available until expended.

(2) All costs recovered under this Act shall be available for expenditure by the Secretary, without further appropriation, at the site where collected. All costs recovered shall remain available until expended.

(f) *PROCESSING OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS.*—The Secretary shall establish a process to ensure that permit applicants for commercial filming, still photography, or other activity are responded to in a timely manner.

The title was amended so as to read “An Act to allow the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a fee system for commercial filming activities on Federal land, and for other purposes.”

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 154), as amended, was passed.

EMERGENCY RESCUES AT DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

The bill (S. 698) to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 698

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no later than nine months after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall complete a report on the suitability and feasibility of recovering the costs of high altitude rescues on Mt. McKinley, within Denali National Park and Preserve. The Secretary shall also report on the suitability and feasibility of requiring climbers to provide proof of medical insurance prior to the issuance of a climbing permit by the National Park Service. The report shall also review the amount of fees charged for a climbing permit and make such recommendations for changing the fee structure as the Secretary deems appropriate. Upon completion, the report shall be submitted to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives.

NATIVE HIRING BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ALASKA

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 748) to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 748

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

SECTION 1. REPORT.

(a) Within six months after the enactment of this Act the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall submit a report detailing the progress the Department has made in the implementation of the provisions of sections 1307 and

1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and [section 638] provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The report shall include a detailed action plan on the future implementation of the provisions of sections 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and [section 638] provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The report shall describe, in detail, the measures and actions that will be taken, along with a description of the anticipated results to be achieved during the next three fiscal years. The report shall focus on lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior in Alaska and shall also address any laws, rules, regulations and policies which act as a deterrent to hiring Native Alaskans or contracting with Native Alaskans to perform and conduct activities and programs of those agencies and bureaus under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior.

(b) The report shall be completed within existing appropriations and shall be transmitted to the Committee on Resources of the United States Senate; and the Committee on Resources of the United States House of Representatives.

SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) In furtherance of the goals of sections 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, the Secretary shall—

(1) implement pilot programs to employ residents of local communities at the following units of the National Park System located in northwest Alaska:

- (A) Bering Land Bridge National Preserve,
- (B) Cape Krusenstern National Monument,
- (C) Kobuk Valley National Park, and
- (D) Noatak National Preserve; and

(2) report on the results of the programs within one year to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives.

(b) In implementing the programs, the Secretary shall consult with the Native Corporations, non-profit organizations, and Tribal entities in the immediate vicinity of such units and shall also, to the extent practicable, involve such groups in the development of interpretive materials and the pilot programs relating to such units.

[(c) The objective of such programs shall be, to the extent possible, to establish cooperative arrangements, through contracts or other means, that will allow local communities and residents to assume administrative and management responsibilities for those units, or portions of those units, of the National Park System in a manner that will accomplish the purposes for which the units were established and consistent with policies set forth in the Act of August 23, 1916 (39 Stat. 535, 16 U.S.C. 1).

[(d) **PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEES.**—(1) Any career employee of the National Park Service, employed at one of the Alaska northwest parks at the time of the transfer of an operation or program to a local Native entity by contract, shall not be separated from the Service by reason of such transfer.

[(2) Any career employee of the National Park Service employed at any one of the parks in northwest Alaska at the time of the transfer of an operation or program to a local Native entity shall be given priority placement for any available position within the National Park Service System notwithstanding any priority reemployment lists, directives, rules, regulations or other orders

from the Department of the Interior, the Office of Management and Budget, or other Federal agencies.]

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 748), as amended, was passed, as follows:

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NATIONAL DISCOVERY TRAILS ACT OF 1999

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 734) entitled “National Discovery Trails Act of 1999,” which had been reported from the Committee on