

The National Park Service administers the St. Croix Island international historic site on the island. The proposed heritage center is consistent with Park Service plans for interpretation of the historic site and the island.

The Secretary is authorized to contribute \$2 million toward the construction of the heritage center, provided that each Federal dollar is matched by funds from non-Federal sources.

A House companion measure was introduced by the gentleman from Maine (Mr. BALDACCI).

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, last week, the Republican leadership hastily sandwiched a minimum wage increase into its tax bill, that was so poorly written it repealed the minimum wage for six months. Today, they are using the bill before us to correct this major error. Perhaps, if they had only chosen to work in a bipartisan way to craft their tax bill, a sloppy mistake like this could have been avoided. The Republican leadership chose, instead, to push through a bill that was all their own, that is destined for a veto because it is full of bad policy and tax benefits for their special interest friends. The tax bill is being used by the Republican leadership to claim they are for increasing the minimum wage, when they are really not. They knew that by tying it to a doomed tax bill, it could not become law. The Democrats in this Congress, on the other hand, strongly support a \$1 increase in the minimum wage and would take effective action to make it happen. We rejected the Republican's scheme, which now requires a quick fix in order to maintain the illusion they sought to create. Let's do the right thing for American Workers and pass a real minimum wage increase now!

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

The Senate bill is considered as having been read for amendment.

Pursuant to House Resolution 663, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the third reading of the Senate bill.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

#### PRIBILOF ISLANDS TRANSITION ACT

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1653) to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Russian Federation, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1653

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

#### TITLE I—PRIBILOF ISLANDS

##### SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be referred to as the "Pribilof Islands Transition Act".

##### SEC. 102. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this title is to complete the orderly withdrawal of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from the civil administration of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska.

##### SEC. 103. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRIBILOF ISLANDS UNDER FUR SEAL ACT OF 1966.

Public Law 89-702 (16 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.), popularly known and referred to in this title as the Fur Seal Act of 1966, is amended by amending section 206 (16 U.S.C. 1166) to read as follows:

##### "SEC. 206. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

"(a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall provide financial assistance to any city government, village corporation, or tribal council of St. George, Alaska, or St. Paul, Alaska.

"(2) USE FOR MATCHING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to matching funds, funds provided by the Secretary as assistance under this subsection may be used by the entity as non-Federal matching funds under any Federal program that requires such matching funds.

"(3) RESTRICTION ON USE.—The Secretary may not use financial assistance authorized by this Act—

"(A) to settle any debt owed to the United States;

"(B) for administrative or overhead expenses; or

"(C) for contributions sought or required from any person for costs or fees to clean up any matter that was caused or contributed to by such person on or after March 15, 2000.

"(4) FUNDING INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES.—In providing assistance under this subsection the Secretary shall transfer any funds appropriated to carry out this section to the Secretary of the Interior, who shall obligate such funds through instruments and procedures that are equivalent to the instruments and procedures required to be used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs pursuant to title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).

"(5) PRO RATA DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE.—In any fiscal year for which less than all of the funds authorized under subsection (c)(1) are appropriated, such funds shall be distributed under this subsection on a pro rata basis among the entities referred to in subsection (c)(1) in the same proportions in which amounts are authorized by that subsection for grants to those entities.

"(b) SOLID WASTE ASSISTANCE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall

provide assistance to the State of Alaska for designing, locating, constructing, redeveloping, permitting, or certifying solid waste management facilities on the Pribilof Islands to be operated under permits issued to the City of St. George and the City of St. Paul, Alaska, by the State of Alaska under section 46.03.100 of the Alaska Statutes.

"(2) TRANSFER.—The Secretary shall transfer any appropriations received under paragraph (1) to the State of Alaska for the benefit of rural and Native villages in Alaska for obligation under section 303 of Public Law 104-182, except that subsection (b) of that section shall not apply to those funds.

"(3) LIMITATION.—In order to be eligible to receive financial assistance under this subsection, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this paragraph, each of the Cities of St. Paul and St. George shall enter into a written agreement with the State of Alaska under which such City shall identify by its legal boundaries the tract or tracts of land that such City has selected as the site for its solid waste management facility and any supporting infrastructure.

"(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005—

"(1) for assistance under subsection (a) a total not to exceed—

"(A) \$9,000,000, for grants to the City of St. Paul;

"(B) \$6,300,000, for grants to the Tanadgusix Corporation;

"(C) \$1,500,000, for grants to the St. Paul Tribal Council;

"(D) \$6,000,000, for grants to the City of St. George;

"(E) \$4,200,000, for grants to the St. George Tanaq Corporation; and

"(F) \$1,000,000, for grants to the St. George Tribal Council; and

"(2) for assistance under subsection (b), for fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 a total not to exceed—

"(A) \$6,500,000 for the City of St. Paul; and

"(B) \$3,500,000 for the City of St. George.

"(d) LIMITATION ON USE OF ASSISTANCE FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.—None of the funds authorized by this section may be available for any activity a purpose of which is to influence legislation pending before the Congress, except that this subsection shall not prevent officers or employees of the United States or of its departments, agencies, or commissions from communicating to Members of Congress, through proper channels, requests for legislation or appropriations that they consider necessary for the efficient conduct of public business.

"(e) IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.—Neither the United States nor any of its agencies, officers, or employees shall have any liability under this Act or any other law associated with or resulting from the designing, locating, contracting for, redeveloping, permitting, certifying, operating, or maintaining any solid waste management facility on the Pribilof Islands as a consequence of—

"(1) having provided assistance to the State of Alaska under subsection (b); or

"(2) providing funds for, or planning, constructing, or operating, any interim solid waste management facilities that may be required by the State of Alaska before permanent solid waste management facilities constructed with assistance provided under subsection (b) are complete and operational.

"(f) REPORT ON EXPENDITURES.—Each entity which receives assistance authorized under subsection (c) shall submit an audited statement listing the expenditure of that assistance to the Committee on Appropriations