

sponsor, the Secretary shall determine that the non-Federal project sponsor is financially capable of funding the project's non-Federal share of the project's costs.

(e) **REVIEW PERIOD.**—Within 1 year after the date a project is submitted to the Secretary for approval, the Secretary, subject to the availability of appropriations, shall determine whether the project meets the criteria established pursuant to this section.

(f) **REPORT PREPARATION; REIMBURSEMENT.**—Project sponsors may choose to contract with the Secretary to prepare the reports required under this section. All costs associated with the preparation of the reports by the Secretary shall be 50 percent reimbursable by the non-Federal sponsor.

(g) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$2,000,000.

SEC. 4. LOWER RIO GRANDE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

(a) **PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.**—If the Secretary determines that any of the following projects meet the review criteria and project requirements, as set forth in section 3, the Secretary may conduct or participate in funding engineering work, infrastructure construction, and improvements for the purpose of conserving and transporting raw water through that project:

(1) In the Hidalgo County, Texas Irrigation District #1, a pipeline project identified in the Melden & Hunt, Inc. engineering study dated July 6, 2000 as the Curry Main Pipeline Project.

(2) In the Cameron County, Texas La Feria Irrigation District #3, a distribution system improvement project identified by the 1993 engineering study by Sigler, Winston, Greenwood and Associates, Inc.

(3) In the Cameron County, Texas Irrigation District #2 canal rehabilitation and pumping plant replacement as identified as Job Number 48-05540-002 in a report by Turner Collie & Braden, Inc. dated August 12, 1998.

(4) In the Harlingen Irrigation District Cameron #1 Irrigation District a project of meter installation and canal lining as identified in a proposal submitted to the Texas Water Development Board dated April 28, 2000.

(b) **CONSTRUCTION COST SHARE.**—The non-Federal share of the costs of any construction carried out under, or with assistance provided under, this section shall be 50 percent. Not more than 40 percent of the costs of such an activity may be paid by the State. The remainder of the non-Federal share may include in-kind contributions of goods and services, and funds previously spent on feasibility and engineering studies.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$10,000,000.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate agree to the amendment of the House.

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

TIME ZONE FOR GUAM AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3756 which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3756) to establish a standard time zone for Guam and the Commonwealth

of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

There being objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 3756) was read the third time and passed.

AMENDMENT TO TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate turn to the consideration of H.R. 207, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 207) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that physicians comparability allowances pay for retirement purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 207) was read the third time and passed.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF GWENDOLYN BROOKS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 393 introduced earlier today by Senator DURBIN and Senator FITZGERALD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 393) commemorating the life of Gwendolyn Brooks of Chicago, Illinois, poet laureate of Illinois since 1968.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 393) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution with its preamble reads as follows:

S. RES. 393

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks was born in Topeka, Kansas, on June 7, 1917, and moved

one month thereafter to the South Side of Chicago;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks was educated in the Chicago public school system, graduating from Englewood High School in 1934;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks was the author of over twenty works of poetry spanning 46 years;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks in 1950 became the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry with her publication, *Annie Allen*;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks was showered with numerous other accolades as a poet and artist, including a lifetime achievement award from the National Endowment for the Arts;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks has been poet laureate of Illinois since 1968, succeeding the late Carl Sandburg;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks leveraged her prestige as Illinois poet laureate to inspire young writers, establishing the Illinois Poet Laureate Awards in 1969 to encourage elementary and high school students to write;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks taught future poets and writers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the City College of New York, Columbia College of Chicago, Northwestern Illinois University, Elmhurst College, and Chicago State University; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the life of Gwendolyn Brooks and celebrates the accomplishments she made not just to the State of Illinois, but to the entire United States of America as a poet and artist; and

(2) extends its deepest sympathies to her daughter Nora and son Henry.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 3549

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate receives from the House H.R. 3549 regarding the repeal of the modification of the installment method, the bill be read the third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table. I further ask consent that the above occur with no intervening action or debate, and I further ask consent this agreement be vitiated if the text is different than that which is now at the desk.

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

APPOINTMENT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the appointment that is at the desk appear separately in the RECORD as if made by the Chair.

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

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-291, announces the appointment of the following individuals to the Advisory Committee on Forest Counties Payments: Tim Creal, of South Dakota; Doug Robertson, of Oregon.