

for the People of Bikini, established pursuant to Public Law 97-257, shall be made available for immediate ex gratia distribution to the people of Bikini, provided such distribution does not reduce the corpus of the trust fund. The amount of such distribution shall be deducted from any additional ex gratia payments that may be made by the Congress into the Resettlement Trust Fund.

#### RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTERESTS IN WASHINGTON, UTAH

The bill (H.R. 2862) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of lands in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

H.R. 2862

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

#### SECTION 1. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTERESTS IN CERTAIN PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH.

(a) **RELEASE REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall release, without consideration, the reversionary interests of the United States in certain real property located in Washington County, Utah, and depicted on the map entitled “Exchange Parcels, Gardner & State of Utah Property”, dated April 21, 1999, to facilitate a land exchange to be conducted by the State of Utah involving the property.

(b) **INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE.**—The Secretary shall execute and file in the appropriate office or offices a deed of release, amended deed, or other appropriate instrument effectuating the release of the reversionary interests required by this section.

#### TREATMENT OF CERTAIN LAND IN RED CLIFFS DESERT, UTAH ACQUIRED BY EXCHANGE

The bill (H.R. 2863) to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

H.R. 2863

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

#### SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN LAND IN RED CLIFFS DESERT RESERVE, UTAH, ACQUIRED BY EXCHANGE.

(a) **LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.**—In support of the habitat conservation plan of Washington County, Utah, for the protection of the desert tortoise and surrounding habitat, the transfer of the land described in subsection (b) from the City of St. George, Utah, to the United States shall convey no liability on the United States that did not already exist with the United States on the date of the transfer of the land.

(b) **DESCRIPTION OF LAND.**—The land referred to in subsection (a) is a parcel of approximately 15 acres of land located within the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in Washington County, Utah, that was formerly used as a landfill by the City of St. George.

#### CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LANDS IN CARSON CITY, NEVADA

The bill (S. 408) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the City of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 408

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

#### SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LANDS IN CARSON CITY, NEVADA.

(a) **CONVEYANCE.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, shall convey to the City of Carson City, Nevada, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in the property described as Government lot 1 in sec. 8, T. 15 N., R. 20 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, as shown on the Bureau of Land Management official plat approved October 28, 1996, containing 4.48 acres, more or less, and assorted uninhabitable buildings and improvements.

(b) **USE.**—The conveyance of the property under subsection (a) shall be subject to reversion to the United States if the property is used for a purpose other than the purpose of a senior assisted living center or a related public purpose.

#### LANDUSKY SCHOOL LOTS TRANSFER

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1218) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, with consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots, 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 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

S. 1218

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

*That subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior shall issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of approximately 2.06 acres of land as follows: T.25 N., R.24 E., Montana Prime Meridian, section 27 block 2, school reserve, and section 27, block 3, lot 13.*

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

The bill (S. 1218), as amended, was passed.

#### OREGON LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1999

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1629) to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Oregon, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural

Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the “Oregon Land Exchange Act of 2000”.*

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

*Congress finds that—*

*(1) certain parcels of private land located in northeast Oregon are intermingled with land owned by the United States and administered—*

*(A) by the Secretary of the Interior as part of the Central Oregon Resource Area in the Prineville Bureau of Land Management District and the Baker Resource Area in the Vale Bureau of Land Management District; and*

*(B) by the Secretary of Agriculture as part of the Malheur National Forest, the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, and the Umatilla National Forest;*

*(2) the surface estate of the private land described in paragraph (1) is intermingled with parcels of land that are owned by the United States or contain valuable fisheries and wildlife habitat desired by the United States;*

*(3) the consolidation of land ownerships will facilitate sound and efficient management for both public and private lands;*

*(4) the improvement of management efficiency through the land tenure adjustment program of the Department of the Interior, which disposes of small isolated tracts having low public resource values within larger blocks of contiguous parcels of land, would serve important public objectives, including—*

*(A) the enhancement of public access, aesthetics, and recreation opportunities within or adjacent to designated wild and scenic river corridors;*

*(B) the protection and enhancement of habitat for threatened, endangered, and sensitive species within unified landscapes under Federal management; and*

*(C) the consolidation of holdings of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service—*

*(i) to facilitate more efficient administration, including a reduction in administrative costs to the United States; and*

*(ii) to reduce right-of-way, special use, and other permit processing and issuance for roads and other facilities on Federal land;*

*(5) time is of the essence in completing a land exchange because further delays may force the identified landowners to construct roads in, log, develop, or sell the private land and thereby diminish the public values for which the private land is to be acquired; and*

*(6) it is in the public interest to complete the land exchanges at the earliest practicable date so that the land acquired by the United States can be preserved for—*

*(A) protection of threatened and endangered species habitat; and*

*(B) permanent public use and enjoyment.*

#### SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

*As used in this Act—*

*(1) the term “Clearwater” means Clearwater Land Exchange—Oregon, an Oregon partnership that signed the document entitled “Assembled Land Exchange Agreement between the Bureau of Land Management and Clearwater Land Exchange—Oregon for the Northeast Oregon Assembled Lands Exchange, OR 51858,” dated October 30, 1996, and the document entitled “Agreement to initiate” with the Forest Service, dated June 30, 1995, or its successors or assigns;*

*(2) the term “identified landowners” means private landowners identified by Clearwater and willing to exchange private land for Federal land in accordance with this Act;*

*(3) the term “map” means the map entitled “Northeast Oregon Assembled Land Exchange/*