

maintenance charges or similar charges that apply to the property.”.

(b) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 3735(b) of such title is amended by striking out “September 30, 1993” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 1995”.

SEC. 9. FINANCING OF PROPERTIES TO ASSIST HOMELESS VETERANS.

(a) FINANCING.—Section 3735 of title 38, United States Code (as amended by section 8), is further amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection (b):

“(b)(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary may make loans to organizations described in paragraph (1)(A) of subsection (a) to finance the purchase of property by such organizations under such subsection.

“(2) In making a loan under this subsection, the Secretary—

“(A) shall establish credit standards to be used for this purpose;

“(B) may, pursuant to section 3733(a)(6) of this title, provide that the loan will bear interest at a rate below the rate that prevails for similar loans in the market in which the loan is made; and

“(C) may waive the collection of a fee under section 3729 of this title in any case in which the Secretary determines that such a waiver would be appropriate.”.

SEC. 10. ANNUAL REPORTS.

Not later than May 1 of each of 1994, 1995, and 1996, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the implementation of this Act. Each such report shall, to the extent feasible, include information on (1) the number of veterans assisted, (2) the services provided, and (3) the Secretary's analysis of the operational and clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of the programs established under, or with assistance provided by, this Act.

SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS' RE-INTEGRATION PROJECTS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 738 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11448) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section the following amounts:

“(A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1993.

“(B) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 1994.

“(C) \$14,000,000 for fiscal year 1995.

“(2) Funds obligated for any fiscal year to carry out this section may be expended in that fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 739 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11449) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(3)—

(i) by striking out “\$17,000,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$14,800,000”; and

(ii) by striking out “1993,” and all that follows through “this subtitle” and inserting in lieu thereof “1993”; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking out “other than section 738 of this subtitle and for the program under section 738 of this subtitle”.

(2) Section 741 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11451) is amended by inserting “738 and” before “740”.

SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act (other than section 8) \$48,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995. No funds may be used to carry

out the provisions of sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act unless expressly provided for in an appropriation law. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to diminish funds for, continuation of, or expansion of existing programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to serve veterans.

On motion of Mr. MONTGOMERY, said Senate amendment to the title of the bill was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby said Senate amendment to the text was agreed to with an amendment and the amendment to the title was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendment.

¶119.24 FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5677) “An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, and for other purposes,” and that the Senate agreed to the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate numbered 4, 12, 18, 24, 45, 52, 55, 60, 62, 65, 68, 69, 70, 73, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 87, 88, 95, 103, 112, 125, 135, 137, 138, 154, 163, 170, 171, 184, 191, 213, 214, 217, 236, 237, 238, and 239, to the above-entitled bill.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 523. An Act to authorize the establishment of the National African American Museum within the Smithsonian Institution.

¶119.25 PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT

On motion of Mr. FAZIO, by unanimous consent, the managers on the part of the House were granted permission until midnight tonight to file a conference report (Rept. No. 102-1007) on the bill (H.R. 5427) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1993, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶119.26 LITTLE RIVER CANYON NATIONAL RESERVE

On motion of Mr. VENTO, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 3665) to establish the Little River Canyon National Preserve in the State of Alabama; together with the following amendment of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Little River Canyon National Preserve Act of 1992”.

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to protect and preserve the natural, scenic, recreational,

and cultural resources of the Little River Canyon area in DeKalb and Cherokee Counties, Alabama, and to provide for the protection and public enjoyment of the resources, there is established the Little River Canyon National Preserve (referred to in this Act as the “Preserve”).

(b) AREA INCLUDED.—The Preserve shall consist of the lands, waters, and interests in lands and waters generally depicted on the boundary map entitled “Little River Canyon National Preserve”, numbered NA-LRNP-80,001C, and dated March 1992.

(c) MAP.—The map referred to in subsection (b) shall—

(1) be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior in Washington, District of Columbia; and

(2) be filed with the appropriate offices of DeKalb and Cherokee Counties in the State of Alabama.

(d) PUBLICATION OF DESCRIPTION.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall publish in the Federal Register a detailed description of the boundaries of the Preserve.

SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with this Act and in accordance with the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including—

(1) the Act entitled “An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, approved August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

(2) the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities of national significance, and for other purposes”, approved August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

(b) HUNTING AND FISHING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary shall permit hunting, trapping, and fishing on lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the Secretary within the Preserve in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws.

(2) TIME AND PLACE RESTRICTIONS.—Subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers necessary in furtherance of this Act, and after consultation with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama and owners of lands adjacent to the Preserve, the Secretary may designate zones where, and establish periods when, the activities described in paragraph (1) will not be permitted within the Preserve for reasons of public safety, administration, fish and wildlife habitat, or public use and enjoyment.

(3) RESTRICTIONS IN BOUNDARY AREAS.—After consultation with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama and with the owners of lands adjacent to the Preserve, the Secretary may restrict hunting in areas within the Preserve that are adjacent to the boundaries of the Preserve where the restriction is necessary or appropriate to protect public safety.

(4) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—Nothing in this Act is intended to affect the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of Alabama with respect to fish and wildlife.

(c) WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS.—Subsection (a) of section 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1278(a)) shall apply to that portion of the Little River that flows through the Preserve in the same manner and to the same extent as such subsection applies to the rivers referred to in such subsection. The application of such subsection to the Preserve shall not affect any deter-

mination of the value of the lands, waters, or interests in lands and waters within the boundaries of the Preserve.

(d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH STATE.—

(1) LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION.—In administering the Preserve, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Alabama, or any political subdivision of the State, for the rendering of—

(A) rescue, fire fighting, and law enforcement services; and

(B) cooperative assistance by law enforcement and fire preventive agencies located in the vicinity of the Preserve.

(2) PREPARATION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.—To facilitate the purposes of this section, the Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Alabama and directly affected political subdivisions of the State to provide professional assistance in the preparation of the management plan for the Preserve.

(e) DESOTO STATE PARK.—If lands within DeSoto State Park are acquired by the Secretary, at the request of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama, the Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the Department for the continued management by the Department of the lodge and other facilities that, as of the date of enactment of this Act, are part of DeSoto State Park. The cooperative agreement shall provide for the management and operation of the lodge and facilities in a manner that, to the maximum extent practicable, is consistent with similar operations elsewhere in the National Park System.

(f) PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT.—

(1) PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall develop and conduct a program to promote and encourage awareness of and participation in the development of the general management plan for the Preserve by persons owning property in the vicinity of the Preserve, other interested groups and individuals, State, county, and municipal agencies, and the general public. Prior to final approval of the plan, the Secretary shall hold public meetings in DeKalb and Cherokee Counties.

(2) CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT.—In preparing and implementing the plan described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall give full consideration to the views and comments of the individuals, groups, and agencies described in paragraph (1).

(g) GREEN PITCHER PLANT.—Upon the transfer by Alabama Power Company to the United States of any lands within the boundaries of the Preserve that contain the Green Pitcher Plant (*Sarracenia oreophila*), all rights and obligations of Alabama Power Company under the agreement entered into between the company and the Department of the Interior (including the United States Fish and Wildlife Service) on May 12, 1983, in settlement of the action brought on September 24, 1980, against the Secretary and the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (Civil Action No. CV 80-C-1242-M), shall be extinguished.

SEC. 4. ACQUISITION.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Secretary is authorized to acquire lands, waters, and interests in lands and waters within the boundaries of the Preserve by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange.

(2) CONSENT OF THE OWNER.—The Secretary may not acquire lands, waters, or interests in lands and waters for the Preserve without the consent of the owner.

(3) STATE LANDS.—Lands, waters, and interests in lands and waters within the bound-

aries of the Preserve that are owned by the State of Alabama, or any political subdivision of the State, may be acquired only by donation or exchange.

(b) NEGOTIATIONS FOR ACQUISITION.—

(1) COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS.—Immediately after publication of a description of the boundaries of the Preserve in accordance with section 2(d), the Secretary shall commence negotiations for the acquisition of the lands, waters, and interests in lands and waters within the boundaries of the Preserve.

(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit, in writing, a detailed schedule of actions and a progress report regarding the acquisition to—

(A) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(C) the Committees on Appropriations of Congress.

(3) ACQUISITION DEADLINE.—The Secretary shall substantially complete the acquisition of the lands, waters, and interests in lands and waters within the Preserve, in accordance with the purposes of this Act, not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, subject to the availability of funds.

(c) ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS.—

(1) AVAILABILITY TO OWNER.—Promptly following completion of any environmental audit performed by or on behalf of the Secretary with respect to any property proposed to be acquired for the purposes of this Act, the Secretary shall make available to the owner of the property a copy of the audit.

(2) INCLUSION IN DOCUMENTS TRANSFERRING TITLE.—Any audit described in paragraph (1), and any environmental audit performed by the owner of the property and submitted to the Secretary prior to the date of the acquisition, shall be included as part of the documents transferring title to the property to the United States.

(d) FUTURE ADDITIONS.—No lands or interest in lands may be added to the Preserve after the date of enactment of this Act without specific authorization by Congress and the consent of the owner of the lands or interest.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

On motion of Mr. VENTO, said Senate amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said Senate amendment was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶119.27 FREDERICKSBURG AND SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY BATTLEFIELDS

On motion of Mr. VENTO, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs was discharged from the further consideration of the bill of the Senate (S. 225) to expand the boundaries of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park, Virginia.

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶119.28 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2321

Ms. SLAUGHTER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 102-988) the resolution (H. Res. 596) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2321) to establish the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in the State of Ohio, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶119.29 WAIVING CLAUSE 4(B) OF RULE XI FOR CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION

Ms. SLAUGHTER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 102-989) the resolution (H. Res. 597) waiving the requirement of clause 4(b), rule XI, against consideration of a certain resolution reported from the Committee on Rules.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶119.30 SCIENTIFIC AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

On motion of Mr. BOUCHER, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (S. 1146) to establish a national advanced technician training program, utilizing the resources of the Nation's two-year associate-degree-granting colleges to expand the pool of skilled technicians in strategic advanced-technology fields, to increase the productivity of the Nation's industries, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States in international trade, and for other purposes; was taken from the Speaker's table.

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶119.31 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE REPORT—H.R. 4250

Mr. SWIFT submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 102-990) on the bill (H.R. 4250) to authorize appropriations for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶119.32 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 918

Ms. SLAUGHTER, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 574):

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 918) to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent