

completion of other studies that the experts agree are much more important to the Nation.

H.R. 2859 would ignore professional analysis and budget constraints. It would also undermine the critical objective of identifying and evaluating the Nation's most promising natural, historic, and cultural assets for protection as units of the National Park System. I am therefore withholding my ap-

proval of H.R. 2859.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
October 26, 1992.

Note: This memorandum was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 27.

Statement on Signing the International Dolphin Conservation Act of 1992

October 26, 1992

Today I am signing into law H.R. 5419, the "International Dolphin Conservation Act of 1992." I strongly support this Act because it builds upon the efforts of my administration to protect dolphins.

I wish to make clear that the provisions in H.R. 5419 concerning the terms of international agreements to protect dolphins are advisory, and will not be interpreted to interfere with the President's constitutional responsibility to conduct this Nation's foreign affairs. In addition, nothing in this Act will be construed to preempt the President's

authority to enter into other international agreements concerning the protection of dolphins.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
October 26, 1992.

Note: H.R. 5419, approved October 26, was assigned Public Law No. 102-523. This statement was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on October 27.

Statement on Signing the Native American Languages Act of 1992

October 26, 1992

Today I am signing into law S. 2044, the "Native American Languages Act of 1992," a bill to establish a program to help preserve Native American languages. Traditional languages are an important part of this Nation's culture and history and can help provide Native Americans with a sense of identity and pride in their heritage.

I am concerned, however, about provisions in this bill that provide benefits to "Native Hawaiians" as defined in a race-based fashion. This race-based classification cannot be supported as an exercise of the constitutional authority granted to the Congress to benefit Native Americans as mem-

bers of tribes. In addition, the terms "Native American Pacific Islanders" and "Indian organizations in urban or rural non-reservation areas" are not defined with sufficient clarity to determine whether they are based on racial classifications. Therefore, I direct the affected Cabinet Secretaries to consult with the Attorney General in order to resolve these issues in a constitutional manner.

GEORGE BUSH

The White House,
October 26, 1992.