

SEC. 204. REMOVAL OF NATIONAL GRASSLANDS FROM NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.

Section 11(a) of the Forest Rangeland Renewable Resource Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1609(a)) is amended by striking the phrase "the national grasslands and land utilization projects administered under title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (50 Stat. 525, 7 U.S.C. 1010-1012)."

SEC. 205. MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL GRASSLANDS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall manage the National Grasslands as a separate entity in accordance with this title and the provisions and multiple use purposes of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010-1012).

(b) **CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary shall provide timely opportunities for consultation and cooperation with interested State and local government entities, and other interested individuals and organizations in the development and implementation of land use policies and plans, and land conservation programs for the National Grasslands.

(c) **GRAZING ACTIVITIES.**—In furtherance of the purposes of this title, the Secretary shall administer grazing permits and implement grazing management decisions in consultation, cooperation, and coordination with local grazing associations and other grazing permit holders.

(d) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to manage and protect the National Grasslands, taking into account the unique characteristics of the National Grasslands and grasslands agriculture conducted under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010). Such regulations shall facilitate the efficient administration of grazing and provide protection for the environment, wildlife, wildlife habitat, and Federal lands equivalent to that on the National Grasslands on the day prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

(e) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO BANKHEAD-JONES ACT.**—Section 31 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010) is amended to read as follows:

"To accomplish the purposes of title III of this Act, the Secretary is authorized and directed to develop a separate program of land conservation and utilization for the National Grasslands, in order thereby to correct maladjustments in land use, and thus assist in promoting grassland agriculture and secure occupancy and economic stability of farms and ranches, controlling soil erosion, reforestation, preserving and protecting natural resources, protecting fish and wildlife and their habitat, developing and protecting recreational opportunities and facilities, mitigating floods, preventing impairment of dams and reservoirs, developing energy resources, conserving surface and subsurface moisture, protecting the watersheds of navigable streams, and protecting the public lands, health, safety and welfare, but not to build industrial parks or commercial enterprises."

(f) **HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**—Nothing in this title shall be construed as limiting or precluding hunting or fishing activities on National Grasslands in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws, nor shall appropriate recreational activities be limited or precluded.

(g) **VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this title shall affect valid existing rights, reservations, agreements, or authorizations. Section 1323(a) of Public Law 96-487 shall continue to apply to nonfederal land and interests therein within the boundaries of the National Grasslands.

(2) **INTERIM USE AND OCCUPANCY.**—

(A) Until such time as regulations concerning the use and occupancy of the National

Grasslands are promulgated pursuant to this title, the Secretary shall regulate the use and occupancy of such lands in accordance with regulations to such lands on May 25, 1995, to the extent practicable and consistent with the provisions of this Act.

(B) Any applications for National Grasslands use and occupancy authorizations submitted prior to the date of enactment of this Act, shall continue to be processed without interruption and without reinitiating any processing activity already completed or begun prior to such date.

SEC. 206. FEES AND CHARGES.

Fees and charges for grazing on the National Grasslands shall be determined in accordance with section 135, except that the Secretary may adjust the amount of a grazing fee to compensate for approved conservation practices expenditures.●

WHITEWATER DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND RELATED MATTERS—MOTION TO PROCEED**CLOTURE MOTION**

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now move to proceed to Senate Resolution 227, the Whitewater legislation, and send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Senate Resolution 227, regarding the Whitewater extension:

Alfonse D'Amato, Dan Coats, Phil Gramm, Bob Smith, Mike DeWine, Bill Roth, Bill Cohen, Jim Jeffords, R.F. Bennett, John Warner, Larry Pressler, Spencer Abraham, Conrad Burns, Al Simpson, John H. Chafee, Frank H. Murkowski.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the vote occur on Wednesday, March 20, at a time to be determined by the two leaders and that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now withdraw the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

COMMONSENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY LEGAL REFORM ACT OF 1996—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now turn to the consideration of the product liability conference report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 956), a bill to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to rec-

ommend and do recommend to their respective Houses this report, signed by a majority of the conferees.

The Senate resumed consideration of the conference report.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 956, the Product Liability Fairness Act:

Slade Gorton, Trent Lott, Hank Brown, Chuck Grassley, Craig Thomas, Larry E. Craig, Frank H. Murkowski, Nancy L. Kassebaum, Mark Hatfield, Larry Pressler, Bob Smith, Jon Kyl, John H. Chafee, Conrad Burns, Pete V. Domenici, John McCain.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this cloture vote will occur on Wednesday, March 20, unless invoked on Tuesday of this week.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and that the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of the omnibus appropriations bill, under the previous order. There will be 3 hours of debate on the abortion issue, to be followed by debate on the Murkowski amendment No. 3525.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. in order for the weekly party caucuses to meet.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will debate amendments relative to the abortion issue under the unanimous-consent agreement in place with respect to the omnibus appropriations bill on Tuesday morning. There will be no rollcall votes on Tuesday morning. However, a series of votes will occur beginning at 2:15 p.m. on amendments

to the appropriations bill, a cloture vote relative to the Whitewater Special Committee, passage of the small business regulatory reform bill, and cloture on the product liability conference report.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M., TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. If there be no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:20 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 18, 1996:

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CHRISTOPHER ROBERT HILL, OF RHODE ISLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA.

DANE FARNSWORTH SMITH, JR., OF NEW MEXICO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL.

GEORGE F. WARD, JR., OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA.

SHARON P. WILKINSON, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BURKINA FASO.

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