

weigh in, and I strongly believe that H.R. 1508 represents the absolute best compromise language possible. H.R. 1508, exactly as it is written, protects the environment and the interests of the community. It also provides the District of Columbia with the ability to efficiently take this project to completion.

National Children's Island (NCI), is not a new concept. In fact, the District has worked for more than 20 years with the National Children's Island Inc., a local non-profit organization, to move this project forward. Unfortunately, the National Children's Island project has been paralyzed by overlapping layers of Federal and District government laws, rules and regulations. H.R. 1508 is designed to eliminate this bureaucratic gridlock and simplify a process that has become extremely cumbersome and has taken far too long to complete.

The thrust of H.R. 1508 is to make the National Children's Island project, a home-rule, District project by transferring legal title of Heritage Island and a portion of Kingman Island to the District and by subjecting Children's Island to the laws and regulations of the District. In addition, a variety of other protective provisions designed to ensure that this project moves forward in a responsible manner are included in the bill. Some of these protections include:

A provision calling for title to the Islands to revert back to the Federal government in the event the Islands are converted to a use other than as specified. (page 6, lines 13-17).

Subjecting the National Children's Island, Inc., to the "Children's Island Development Plan Act of 1993," D.C. Act 10-110, which requires that the National Children's Island project be subject to the review and approval of the District Council. (page 2, lines 20-22 and page 8, lines 17-18).

Calling for final design plans for National Children's Island to be approved by the National Capital Planning Commission, (NCP), and to be in full compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (NEPA), before construction can commence. (page 8, lines 12-21).

I would like to point out that the National Children's Island project enjoys the overwhelming support of the Council of the District of Columbia, and more than 70 community organizations have sent letters in support of the project. The project is also in full compliance with the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, DCMR Title 10, Section 1735(h) guides the District to avoid commercial development that would adversely affect the neighborhoods adjacent to Kingman Island (Children's Island) and explicitly dictates that the parcels be used for community and city-wide recreation. In fact, the public planning process has advised this project from the beginning, and will continue as a key requirement of the Master Planning process.

For all of these reasons, I therefore ask you to support H.R. 1508 in its present form and support the District's effort to bring a worthwhile, viable project to our beloved District of Columbia and to our children.

Sincerely yours,

MARION BARRY, Jr.,
Mayor.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, DC, June 18, 1996.

Hon. TED STEVENS, Chairman,
Hon. JOHN GLENN, Ranking Member,
Senate Governmental Affairs Committee,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN STEVENS AND SENATOR GLENN: I am writing to request your support for H.R. 1508, the National Children's Island Act of 1995, which was introduced by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and approved by the House of Representatives, and

which is currently pending in the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. This legislation, which provides for the transfer of the ownership of Heritage Island and a portion of Kingman Island ("Children's Island") located on the Anacostia River from the National Park Service to the District of Columbia, will facilitate an environmentally sensitive development of Children's Island which will provide significant recreational, educational and economic benefits for the District of Columbia.

A transfer of jurisdiction over this property was previously approved by the Council of the District of Columbia on July 13, 1993, and by the National Capital Planning Commission ("NCP") on January 7, 1993. The NCP found that the proposed use of Children's Island—as a family-oriented recreational and educational park on 32 acres and a free children's playground on 13.5 acres—would serve to enhance the recreational potential of both the parkland and the river, and that the proposed use is consistent with both the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital and the previously approved concept plans for this portion of the Anacostia park system.

Although I was not on the Council at the time, the Children's Island Development Plan Act of 1993 (D.C. Law 10-57, effective November 20, 1993) was unanimously approved by the Council three years ago. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the law, along with the accompanying Report by the Council's Committee of the Whole ("Report"), which stated:

The Children's Island project envisions a development which will transform an inaccessible, man-made, trash-filled property with little redeeming value into an expertly designed and beautifully landscaped park which has recreational, educational and cultural activities and exhibits for residents and tourists of all ages.

The Report also estimated that the Children's Island project would generate approximately 1,700 permanent part-time and full-time jobs and millions of dollars in desperately needed new tax revenues to the District.

As you may know, D.C. Law 10-57 requires that, in addition to all other requirements for approvals, permits and procedures which are necessary to allow the development of Children's Island, a development plan for Children's Island must be prepared and submitted to the D.C. Council for review and approval. The law requires this development plan to include, among other information, an environmental impact statement ("EIS") which would identify all measures necessary to mitigate or eliminate any adverse impacts from the proposed development. The EIS process will ensure that the Children's Island development proposal will be subject to full community and governmental participation in a comprehensive assessment of its impacts.

In summary, I urge your favorable consideration of legislation to facilitate the development of Children's Island as a recreational and educational park that will be accessible to and enjoyed by millions of area residents and visitors to our nation's capital each year. The project offers the opportunity to provide the public with an amenity in the eastern part of the District that would be similar in landscaping, density and cultural value as that provided by the National Zoo in the western part of our city. Moreover, the Children's Island project—like the proposed arena, convention center and municipal parking projects in the District each of which has required Congressional legislation to move forward—is an important component in the ongoing effort to revitalize the

District's traditional position as the economic and cultural heart of this region.

Sincerely,

DAVID A. CLARKE,
Chairman.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be deemed read the third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 1508) was deemed read for the third time and passed.

MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT FOR BULGARIA

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar Order No. 399, H.R. 2853.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows.

A bill (H.R. 2853) to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

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

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be deemed read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 2853) was deemed read for the third time, and passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar en bloc: Executive Calendar Nos. 608, 665 through 674, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, the Army, and Marine Corps.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed as follows:

ARMY

The following-named officer for reappointment to the grade of general in the U.S.

Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be general

Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., 000-00-0000. U.S. Army.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Dennis L. Benchoff, 000-00-0000

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. William M. Steele, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, Section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Kinzer, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, Section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Joseph E. DeFrancisco, 000-00-0000.

MARINE CORPS

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under the provisions of section 601(a), title 10, United States Code:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Peter Pace, 000-00-0000.

NAVY

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, sections 601 and 5141:

CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. (Selectee) Charles S. Abbott, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be admiral

Vice Adm. Thomas J. Lopez, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Donald L. Pilling, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. John S. Redd, 000-00-0000.

IN THE AIR FORCE, ARMY, MARINE CORPS

Air Force nominations beginning Brian K. Bakshas, and ending Stephen D. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning Daniel A. Babine, and ending William J. Weigel, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning Justin L. Abold, and ending Kathleen M. Zendejas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning Larry D. Biggers, and ending John J. McGraw, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1996.

Army nominations beginning Gregory K. Austin, and ending Robert M. Traynor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1996.

Army nominations beginning Gregory B. Baxter, and ending Mary F. Sippell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1996.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Mark D. Abelson, and ending Peter D. Zoretic, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1996.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JULY 8, 1996

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 192 until the hour of 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8; 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, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 3:30 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each with the following Senators in control of the stated time: Senator KENNEDY, or his designee, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Senator COVERDELL, or his designee, from 2 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

I further ask unanimous consent that at 3:30 p.m. the Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3448, the small business tax package, as under a previous consent agreement.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, under the

previous order the Senate will be debating the small business tax package when the Senate reconvenes from the Independence Day break. When the Senate completes all debate on Monday, July 8, we will recess over until Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., at which time the Senate will resume consideration of the small business tax package. Under the order, the Senate will begin voting at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday on amendments offered to H.R. 3448. I now ask unanimous consent that the votes occur in the order in which the amendments were offered.

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

Mr. NICKLES. I further ask unanimous consent that following the votes scheduled to begin at 2:15 on Tuesday, the Senate begin consideration of the TEAM Act under a previous consent agreement.

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

Mr. NICKLES. Also, as a reminder to all Senators, there will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1788, the right-to-work bill, at the hour of 12 noon on Wednesday, July 10.

Finally, I remind Senators that the vote on passage of the DOD authorization bill will occur at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10.

I further ask unanimous consent that following the vote on the right-to-work bill, the Senate proceed to vote on amendments and passage with respect to the TEAM Act in the order in which they were offered and debated on Tuesday.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

THE EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, regretably, we are not going to be able to confirm a number of judges that I had hoped would be confirmed this afternoon. We were presented with a list of 10. Somebody on the other side objected to one of those 10. But hours after our last vote, after everybody had left and were on airplanes and in places where they could not be contacted, we were not in the position to be able to contact a number of Senators who also had judges. There are 23 judges that are currently on the calendar; 23 nominations. There are 68 vacancies.

Not one judge has been confirmed in this session of Congress—not one. This to our knowledge is unprecedented. So late in the day, after we cooperated all day long—yesterday, today—working as diligently as we could to accommodate the other side in getting the legislation to the point where we were able to call now for third reading and then a final vote next week, we find that on our list of judges to be considered we could not even get up 10—not 10 out of the 23. Those nine we did call up were given to us about an hour ago, after everybody was gone.