

A resolution (S. Res. 131) to express the sense of the Senate regarding the provision of technical assistance in the restoration of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statement relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 131) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution with its preamble reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 131

Whereas the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi is one of the finest examples of Italian Gothic art and architecture;

Whereas the Basilica is a living museum providing a home for the art of several great masters of the 13th and 14th centuries, and these art treasures depict scenes from the Old Testament and New Testament;

Whereas the Basilica housed the most interesting and important pictorial cycle in Franciscan iconography;

Whereas the famous fresco artist, Cimabue, began his work in the Basilica in 1277, and the works of Cimabue are seen in the apse and the vault of the Basilica and include a lovely Madonna with Child;

Whereas Cimabue's pupil, Giotto painted frescos at the turn of the 14th century and completed 28 famous and beautiful scenes based on St. Bonaventure's account of St. Francis' major accomplishments during his life. The frescos depict the life of St. Francis who had the special gift of understanding and being able to speak to animals;

Whereas other talented artists including Simone Martini and Pietro Lorenzetti left their artistic mark on the Basilica during the first half of the 14th century, frescoing the left side of the transept of the Lower Church;

Whereas the Basilica was severely damaged by twin earthquakes on September 24 and 25, 1997, the extent of which has been described as more devastating than the World War II bombings of Padua and Pisa in 1944;

Whereas the famous frescoes painted by Giotto on the side walls of the Basilica in the early 14th century and depicting scenes from St. Francis' life are cracked but mostly intact;

Whereas experts in Italy are already working to restore the Basilica; and

Whereas the National Gallery in London and the Louvre in Paris have offered experts free of charge to help in the restoration of the Basilica: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art and any of the other premier art museums in the United States having pertinent expertise in restoration should provide technical assistance to aid in the restoration of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and the works of art that have been damaged in the earthquakes.

#### PRINTING OF A COLLECTION OF RULES AND AUTHORITIES OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 132, submitted earlier today by Senator WARNER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 132) to authorize the printing of a collection of rules and authorities of special investigatory committees of the Senate.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statement relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 132) was agreed to, as follows:

#### S. RES. 132

*Resolved*, That a collection of rules and authorities of special investigatory committees of the Senate, be printed as a Senate document, and there be printed additional copies of such document up to, but not exceeding, \$1,200 for use of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### MILES LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1997

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 159, S. 590.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 590) to provide for a land exchange involving certain land within the Routt National Forest in the State of Colorado.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill appear at this point in the RECORD.

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

The bill was considered read the third time and passed as follows:

#### S. 590

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997".

#### SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE, ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST, COLORADO.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF EXCHANGE.—If the parcel of non-Federal land described in subsection (b) is conveyed to the United States in accordance with this section, the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey to the person that conveys the parcel all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of Federal land consisting of approximately 84 acres within the Routt National Forest in the State of Colorado, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Miles Land Exchange," Routt National Forest, dated May 1996.

(b) PARCEL OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The parcel of non-Federal land referred to in subsection (a) consists of approximately 84 acres, known as the "Miles parcel", located adjacent to the Routt National Forest, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Miles Land Exchange", Routt National Forest, dated May 1996.

(c) ACCEPTABLE TITLE.—Title to the non-Federal land conveyed to the United States under subsection (a) shall be such title as is acceptable to the Secretary of Agriculture, in conformance with title approval standards applicable to Federal land acquisitions.

(d) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—The conveyance shall be subject to such valid existing rights of record as may be acceptable to the Secretary.

(e) APPROXIMATELY EQUAL VALUE.—The values of the Federal land and non-Federal land to be exchanged under this section are deemed to be approximately equal in value, and no additional valuation determinations are required.

(f) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Secretary shall process the land exchange authorized by this section in the manner provided in subpart A of part 254 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act).

(g) MAPS.—The maps referred to in subsections (a) and (b) shall be on file and available for inspection in the office of the Forest Supervisor, Routt National Forest, and in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service.

(h) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—

(1) INCLUSION IN ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST.—On approval and acceptance of title by the Secretary, the non-Federal land conveyed to the United States under this section shall become part of the Routt National Forest and shall be managed in accordance with the laws (including regulations) applicable to the National Forest System, and the boundaries of the Routt National Forest shall be adjusted to reflect the land exchange.

(2) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—For purposes of section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-9), the boundaries of the Routt National Forest, as adjusted by this section, shall be considered to be the boundaries of the Routt National Forest as of January 1, 1965.

(i) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyances under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

#### NATIONAL GRASSLANDS CONSOLIDATION ACT

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, Calendar No. 184, S. 750. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the above-stated calendar and bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 750) to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, and for other purposes.

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

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, 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. EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS IN BILLINGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA.**

(a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to direct the consolidation of certain mineral interests in the Little Missouri National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests in order to enhance land management capability and environmental and wildlife protection.

(b) **EXCHANGE.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(1) if, not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (referred to in this Act as “Burlington” and formerly known as Meridian Oil Inc.), conveys title acceptable to the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) to all oil and gas rights and interests on lands identified on the map entitled “Billings County, North Dakota, Consolidated Mineral Exchange—November 1995”, by quitclaim deed acceptable to the Secretary, the Secretary shall convey to Burlington, subject to valid existing rights, by quitclaim deed, all Federal oil and gas rights and interests on lands identified on that map; and

(2) if Burlington makes the conveyance under paragraph (1) and, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the owners of the remaining non-oil and gas mineral interests on lands identified on that map convey title acceptable to the Secretary to all rights, title, and interests in the interests held by them, by quitclaim deed acceptable to the Secretary, the Secretary shall convey to those owners, subject to valid existing rights, by exchange deed, all remaining Federal non-oil and gas mineral rights, title, and interests in National Forest System lands and National Grasslands identified on that map in the State of North Dakota as are agreed to by the Secretary and the owners of those interests.

(c) **LEASEHOLD INTERESTS.**—As a condition precedent to the conveyance of interests by the Secretary to Burlington under this Act, all leasehold and contractual interests in the oil and gas interests to be conveyed by Burlington to the United States under this Act shall be released, to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

(d) **EQUAL VALUATION OF OIL AND GAS RIGHTS EXCHANGE.**—The values of the interests to be exchanged under subsection (b)(1) shall be deemed to be equal.

(e) **APPROXIMATE EQUAL VALUE OF EXCHANGES WITH OTHER INTEREST OWNERS.**—The values of the interests to be exchanged under subsection (b)(2) shall be approximately equal, as determined by the Secretary.

(f) **LAND USE.**—

(1) **EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT.**—The Secretary shall grant to Burlington, and its successors and assigns, the use of Federally-owned surface lands to explore for and develop interests conveyed to Burlington under this Act, subject to applicable Federal and State laws.

(2) **SURFACE OCCUPANCY AND USE.**—Rights to surface occupancy and use that Burlington would have absent the exchange under this Act on its oil and gas rights and interests conveyed under this Act shall apply to the same extent on the federally owned surface estate overlying oil and gas rights and interests conveyed to Burlington under this Act.

(g) **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS.**—All activities of Burlington, and its successors and assigns, relating to exploration and development on environmentally sensitive National Forest System lands, as described in the “Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Certain Severed Mineral Estates, Billings County, North Dakota”, executed by the Forest Service and Burlington and dated November 2, 1995, shall be subject to the terms of the memorandum.

(h) **MAP.**—The map referred to in subsection (b) shall be provided to the Committee on En-

ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives, kept on file in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service, and made available for public inspection in the office of the Forest Supervisor of the Custer National Forest within 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(i) **CONTINUATION OF MULTIPLE USE.**—Nothing in this Act shall limit, restrict, or otherwise affect the application of the principle of multiple use (including outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed, and fish and wildlife purposes) in any area of the Little Missouri National Grasslands. Federal grazing permits or privileges in areas designated on the map entitled “Billings County, North Dakota, Consolidated Mineral Exchange—November 1995” or those lands described in the “Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Certain Severed Mineral Estates, Billings County, North Dakota”, shall not be curtailed or otherwise limited as a result of the exchanges directed by this Act.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent the committee amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 750), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

S. 750

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

**SECTION 1. EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN MINERAL INTERESTS IN BILLINGS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA.**

(a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to direct the consolidation of certain mineral interests in the Little Missouri National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests in order to enhance land management capability and environmental and wildlife protection.

(b) **EXCHANGE.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(1) if, not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company (referred to in this Act as “Burlington” and formerly known as Meridian Oil Inc.), conveys title acceptable to the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) to all oil and gas rights and interests on lands identified on the map entitled “Billings County, North Dakota, Consolidated Mineral Exchange—November 1995”, by quitclaim deed acceptable to the Secretary, the Secretary shall convey to Burlington, subject to valid existing rights, by quitclaim deed, all Federal oil and gas rights and interests on lands identified on that map; and

(2) if Burlington makes the conveyance under paragraph (1) and, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the owners of the remaining non-oil and gas mineral interests on lands identified on that map convey title acceptable to the Secretary to all rights, title, and interests in the interests held by them, by quitclaim deed acceptable to the Secretary, the Secretary shall convey to those owners, subject to valid existing rights, by exchange deed, all remaining Federal non-oil and gas mineral rights, title, and interests in National Forest System lands and National Grasslands identified on that map in the State of North Dakota as are agreed to by the Secretary and the owners of those interests.

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**ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1997**

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, in behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7. I further ask that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate immediately proceed to a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak