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For appointment as Foreign Service Officer of Class Four, Consular Officer and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America, effective May 29, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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The following-named Members of the Foreign Service of the Department of Commerce and the Department of State and the U.S. Information Agency to be Consular Officers and/or Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the U.S. of America, as indicated:

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(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1210. A bill to authorize the acquisition of the geologic formation known as the Valles Caldera currently managed by the Baca Land and Cattle Company, and to provide for an effective management program

for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, and consistent land management to protect the watershed of the Bandelier National Monument; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1211. An original bill to provide permanent authority for the administration of au pair programs; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 1212. A bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify that records of arrival or departure are not required to be collected for purposes of the automated entry-exit control system developed under 110 of such Act for Canadians who are not otherwise required to possess a visa, passport, or border crossing identification card; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1213. A bill to establish a National Ocean Council, a Commission on Ocean Policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1214. A bill to amend the Line Item Veto Act of 1996 to eliminate the requirement that a Federal budget deficit must exist in order for the President to use the line-item veto authority; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 1215. A bill to prohibit spending Federal education funds on national testing; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. ROTH:

S. 1216. An original bill to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 1217. A bill for the relief of Olga Gorgiladze; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERREY:

S. 1218. A bill to assure the integrity of information, transportation and telecommunications upon the arrival of the year 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HELMS:

S. Res. 123. An original resolution honoring the memory of former Peace Corps Director Loret Miller Ruppe; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. ROTH (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. Res. 124. A resolution to state the sense of the Senate that members of the Khmer Rouge who participated in the Cambodian genocide should be brought to justice before an international tribunal for crimes against humanity; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. Res. 125. A resolution commending Dr. Jason C. Hu, Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office

in the United States; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1210. A bill to authorize the acquisition of the geologic formation known as the Valles Caldera currently managed by the Baca Land and Cattle Co., and to provide for an effective management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture, and consistent land management to protect the watershed of the Bandelier National Monument; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

VALLE GRANDE VALLES CALDERA PRESERVATION LEGISLATION

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, this bill that I have just sent to the desk, in my view, gives us a chance in this Congress to grasp a historic opportunity to make a real difference for the American people for generations to come.

Most Americans can name various geologic treasures and places of wonder within our land. Places like Diamond Head in Hawaii, the Sawtooth Mountains in Idaho, the Grand Canyon in Arizona, and Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado readily come to mind because our people have access to them. However, there is a place in New Mexico that rivals these areas in splendor and yet, few people know about, or fully appreciate its significance. It is called the Valles Caldera.

The Valles Caldera is one of the world's greatest volcanic features. A large circular crater 12-15 miles in diameter, the views from the rim are awe inspiring. As one looks across the vast green valleys and mountains that now sit within the ring of the caldera, and realizes that they are all merely the cooled workings of a resurgent lava dome, one is struck by the sheer magnitude of the natural forces that created the Jemez Mountains in north central New Mexico.

The explosions that created the caldera, some 1.2 million years ago, ejected over 100 cubic miles of earth, rock, and lava. It is estimated that if the original mountain had come to a peak that it would have been taller than Mount Everest.

However very few people, even in New Mexico, have ever been on this land. Since 1860, it has been in private ownership. At that time it was granted by the United States to the heirs of Don Luis Maria Cabeza de Vaca as part of a settlement of Spanish land grant claims under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and has since been known as the Baca Land & Cattle Company.

It has passed through several owners since 1860, and about once in a generation the United States has tried to purchase the land. The first time was in the 1930's. Again, in the 1960's the late former Senator from New Mexico, Clinton P. Anderson tried to negotiate a deal for the land. Finally in 1980, the owner of the land, James "Pat"

Dunigan, was in negotiations with the Government to sell the land when he died a premature death. Now, his family has come forward and said they would like to fulfill his dream of seeing this land move into public ownership.

Mr. President, this is an opportunity that we cannot let pass us by. In 1993, the Forest Service completed a study of this land which lays out the tremendous value it could have within public ownership:

First, the Valles Caldera is the classic example of a resurgent lava dome. The study of its features has helped geologists to understand volcanic processes throughout the world;

Second, the recreation potential is enormous. Hiking, camping, cross-country skiing, photography, horse back riding, hunting, and fishing are obvious possibilities.

The headwaters of the Jemez and San Antonio rivers are located on this land, and represent some of the best trout fishing streams in New Mexico. There are nearly 27 miles of trout streams on the ranch, most of which meander through grass meadows perfect for fly fishing.

Also over 6,000 elk live on this land, making it ideal for hunting.

Perhaps the most unique features of this land are the seven enormous open grassland valleys that are tailor made for horseback riding.

Third, finally, and perhaps most important, this land has been well preserved. Through careful management of their grazing land, selective timbering, and the use of proscribed fire, the current owners have maintained the caldera as an ecological jewel. With over 65,000 acres of conifer forests mixed with aspen, gamble oak, and broken rock known as felsenmeer, and 30,000 acres of lush grasslands, the Caldera supports an abundance of wildlife, including black bears and cougars.

Mr. President, words are a poor substitute for seeing this land, and although pictures cannot convey its grandeur, they may provide my colleagues with a sense of it:

First, to give people a sense of location, here is a map of north central New Mexico. To the south is Albuquerque and then Santa Fe above it. You'll notice that the Baca Ranch is nestled between the Santa Fe National Forest, and Bandelier National Monument, which many members of the public have visited.

Second, here is a satellite photo of the volcano. The black outline represents the Baca Ranch, approximately 95,000 acres. For perspective, on the right side of this photo is Los Alamos, NM, and just below it is the Bandelier National Monument. This large yellow spot on the bottom right corner of the caldera rim is known as the Valle Grande. It is the only part of the Ranch that most people have seen because state highway 4 comes through on the side, but it is only one of seven valleys on the property.

Third, here's a picture of the Valle Grande, it's about 4 miles wide and 6 miles long covering over 17,000 acres.

Fourth, and here is the upper Jemez river which originates and meanders through the Valle Grande.

Fifth, finally, here is a picture of the Valle Toledo the third largest valley on the property, about 4,000 acres.

Mr. President, the legislation I'm introducing today does two things: it gives the Forest Service the authority to start negotiating for the purchase of this land in good faith by authorizing appropriations, land exchanges, and the acceptance of donations; and it rationalizes the boundaries between the Santa Fe National Forest and Bandelier National Monument for consistent management of their respective watersheds.

Acquiring land of this quality and magnitude will not be cheap or easy. It will take a lot of work on the part of this body and our counterparts on the House, and on the part of the administration. However, if we don't close this deal this time, I'm not sure the American people will ever forgive us. Although the Dunigan's have been great stewards of the land, they want to sell it. Who knows how future owners may use this land.

When Senator Anderson tried to acquire this land for the United States 35 years ago, we could have bought this land for less than \$5 million. Now the costs will be much much greater, and if it is ever subdivided, the costs will go up exponentially.

Mr. President, I know that many people will want to argue about the management of this land. There are many, many uses that this land could be put to, but I would caution my colleagues that now is not the time to argue over future use. Let's worry about how we will acquire the land first. Management options can be worked out later.

I think it will take additional time before a full management plan can be put in place for the property. It would be an exercise in futility for us to try to work all of that out before we move to take advantage of this historic opportunity.

Mr. President, I understand that there is support for this effort to bring this property into public ownership by others in the delegation. I very much want to work with them and with people in the administration to see this happen. It is a very important initiative and a very important goal for us to pursue in the second session of this Congress. So I hope very much that we can make progress on it.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 1212. A bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify that records of arrival or departure are not required to be collected for purposes of the automated entry-exit control system developed under 110 of such act for Canadians who are not otherwise required to possess a visa, passport, or border crossing identification card; to the Committee on the Judiciary.