

unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, September 9, 1999 beginning at 10 a.m. in room 226 Dirksen.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000  
TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem be permitted to meet on September 28, 1999 at 10 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### I WILL PLEDGE WEEK

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a program in Colorado aimed at stopping youth violence. In the wake of the shootings at Columbine in Littleton, students and parents throughout northern Colorado in Fort Collins, Greeley, Windsor and my home town of Loveland organized the week of August 29 through September 4 as "I will pledge week." The program was sponsored by the Fort Collins Coloradoan, Clear Channel—the parent company of radio stations KPAW, KCOL, KIIX, and KGLL, and school districts throughout northern Colorado.

The "pledge" is a symbolic gesture meant to heighten everyone's awareness of the problem of youth violence. It stresses personal responsibility, tolerance and empowers each student to be part of the solution. I have proudly endorsed "the pledge" because I believe it will make a difference. I would like to now share with my colleagues "the pledge."

##### THE PLEDGE

To end violence . . . "I will pledge to be a part of the solution.

I will eliminate taunting from my behavior.

I will encourage others to do the same.

I will do my part to make my community a safe place by being more sensitive to others.

I will set the example of a caring individual.

I will eliminate profanity toward others from my language.

I will not let my words or actions hurt others . . .

And if others won't become part of the solution, I will."

Last week, literally thousands of students across northern Colorado took this pledge. They committed themselves to be part of the solution to ending youth violence. It is an example I encourage others to follow.●

#### REMOVAL ON INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 106-8

Mr. SESSIONS. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following convention transmitted to the Senate on September 9, 1999, by the President of the United States:

Convention (No. 176) Concerning Safety and Health in Mines (Treaty Document No. 106-8).

I further ask that the convention be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

##### To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification of the Convention (No. 176) Concerning Safety and Health in Mines, adopted by the International Labor Conference at its 82nd Session in Geneva on June 22, 1995, I transmit herewith a certified copy of that Convention.

The report of the Department of State, with a letter from the Secretary of Labor, concerning the Convention is enclosed.

As explained more fully in the enclosed letter from the Secretary of Labor, current United States law and practice fully satisfies the requirements of Convention No. 176. Ratification of this Convention, therefore, would not require the United States to alter in any way its law or practice in this field.

Ratification of additional ILO conventions will enhance the ability of the United States to take other governments to task for failing to comply with the ILO instruments they have ratified. I recommend that the Senate give its advice and consent to the ratification of ILO Convention No. 176.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 9, 1999.

#### FOUR CORNERS INTERPRETIVE CENTER ACT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 265, S. 28.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 28) to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported by the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Four Corners Interpretive Center Act".*

##### SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Four Corners Monument is nationally significant as the only geographic location in the United States where 4 State boundaries meet;

(2) the States with boundaries that meet at the Four Corners are Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah;

(3) between 1868 and 1875 the boundary lines that created the Four Corners were drawn, and in 1899 a monument was erected at the site;

(4) a United States postal stamp will be issued in 1999 to commemorate the centennial of the original boundary marker;

(5) the Four Corners area is distinct in character and possesses important historical, cultural, and prehistoric values and resources within the surrounding cultural landscape;

(6) although there are no permanent facilities or utilities at the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, each year the park attracts approximately 250,000 visitors;

(7) the area of the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park falls entirely within the Navajo Nation or Ute Mountain Ute Tribe reservations;

(8) the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe have entered into a memorandum of understanding governing the planning and future development of the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park;

(9) in 1992, through agreements executed by the Governors of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah, the Four Corners Heritage Council was established as a coalition of State, Federal, tribal, and private interests;

(10) the State of Arizona has obligated \$45,000 for planning efforts and \$250,000 for construction of an interpretive center at the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park;

(11) numerous studies and extensive consultation with American Indians have demonstrated that development at the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park would greatly benefit the people of the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe;

(12) the Arizona Department of Transportation has completed preliminary cost estimates that are based on field experience with rest-area development for the construction of a Four Corners Interpretive Center and surrounding infrastructure, including restrooms, roadways, parking areas, and water, electrical, telephone, and sewage facilities;

(13) an interpretive center would provide important educational and enrichment opportunities for all Americans; and

(14) Federal financial assistance and technical expertise are needed for the construction of an interpretive center.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to recognize the importance of the Four Corners Monument and surrounding landscape as a distinct area in the heritage of the United States that is worthy of interpretation and preservation;

(2) to assist the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in establishing the Four Corners Interpretive Center and related facilities to meet the needs of the general public;

(3) to highlight and showcase the collaborative resource stewardship of private individuals, Indian tribes, universities, Federal agencies, and the governments of States and political subdivisions thereof (including counties); and

(4) to promote knowledge of the life, art, culture, politics, and history of the culturally diverse groups of the Four Corners region.

##### SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Act:

(1) CENTER.—The term "Center" means the Four Corners Interpretive Center established under section 4, including restrooms, parking areas, vendor facilities, sidewalks, utilities, exhibits, and other visitor facilities.

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term "eligible entity" means the State of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, or Utah, or any consortium of 2 or more of those States.

(3) FOUR CORNERS HERITAGE COUNCIL.—The term "Four Corners Heritage Council" means the nonprofit coalition of Federal, State, tribal, and private entities established in 1992 by agreements of the Governors of the States of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.

(4) FOUR CORNERS MONUMENT.—The term "Four Corners Monument" means the physical

monument where the boundaries of the States of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah meet.

(5) **FOUR CORNERS MONUMENT TRIBAL PARK.**—The term “Four Corners Monument Tribal Park” means lands within the legally defined boundaries of the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park.

(6) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

**SEC. 4. FOUR CORNERS INTERPRETIVE CENTER.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary is authorized to establish within the boundaries of the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park a center for the interpretation and commemoration of the Four Corners Monument, to be known as the “Four Corners Interpretive Center”.

(b) **LAND DESIGNATED AND MADE AVAILABLE.**—Land for the Center shall be designated and made available by the Navajo Nation or the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe within the boundaries of the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park in consultation with the Four Corners Heritage Council and in accordance with—

(1) the memorandum of understanding between the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe that was entered into on October 22, 1996; and

(2) applicable supplemental agreements with the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the United States Forest Service.

(c) **CONCURRENCE.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no such center shall be established without the consent of the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

(d) **COMPONENTS OF CENTER.**—The Center shall include—

(1) a location for permanent and temporary exhibits depicting the archaeological, cultural, and natural heritage of the Four Corners region;

(2) a venue for public education programs;

(3) a location to highlight the importance of efforts to preserve southwestern archaeological sites and museum collections;

(4) a location to provide information to the general public about cultural and natural resources, parks, museums, and travel in the Four Corners region; and

(5) visitor amenities including restrooms, public telephones, and other basic facilities.

**SEC. 5. CONSTRUCTION GRANT.**

(a) **GRANT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary is authorized to award a grant to an eligible entity for the construction of the Center in an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the cost of construction of the Center.

(2) **ASSURANCES.**—To be eligible for the grant, the eligible entity that is selected to receive the grant shall provide assurances that—

(A) the non-Federal share of the costs of construction is paid from non-Federal sources (which may include contributions made by States, private sources, the Navajo Nation, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe for planning, design, construction, furnishing, startup, and operational expenses); and

(B) the aggregate amount of non-Federal funds contributed by the States used to carry out the activities specified in subparagraph (A) will not be less than \$2,000,000, of which each of the States that is party to the grant will contribute equally in cash or in kind.

(3) **FUNDS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES.**—A State may use funds from private sources to meet the requirements of paragraph (2)(B).

(4) **FUNDS OF STATE OF ARIZONA.**—The State of Arizona may apply \$45,000 authorized by the State of Arizona during fiscal year 1998 for planning and \$250,000 that is held in reserve by the State for construction toward the Arizona share.

(b) **GRANT REQUIREMENTS.**—In order to receive a grant under this Act, the eligible entity selected to receive the grant shall—

(1) submit to the Secretary a proposal that—

(A) meets all applicable—

(i) laws, including building codes and regulations; and

(ii) requirements under the memorandum of understanding described in paragraph (2); and

(B) provides such information and assurances as the Secretary may require; and

(2) enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary providing—

(A) a timetable for completion of construction and opening of the Center;

(B) assurances that design, architectural, and construction contracts will be competitively awarded;

(C) specifications meeting all applicable Federal, State, and local building codes and laws;

(D) arrangements for operations and maintenance upon completion of construction;

(E) a description of the Center collections and educational programming;

(F) a plan for design of exhibits including, but not limited to, the selection of collections to be exhibited, and the providing of security, preservation, protection, environmental controls, and presentations in accordance with professional museum standards;

(G) an agreement with the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe relative to site selection and public access to the facilities; and

(H) a financing plan developed jointly by the Navajo Nation and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe outlining the long-term management of the Center, including—

(i) the acceptance and use of funds derived from public and private sources to minimize the use of appropriated or borrowed funds;

(ii) the payment of the operating costs of the Center through the assessment of fees or other income generated by the Center;

(iii) a strategy for achieving financial self-sufficiency with respect to the Center by not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(iv) appropriate vendor standards and business activities at the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park.

**SEC. 6. SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENT.**

The Four Corners Heritage Council may make recommendations to the Secretary on grant proposals regarding the design of facilities at the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park.

**SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) **AUTHORIZATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior to carry out this Act—

(1) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2000; and

(2) \$50,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005 for maintenance and operation of the Center, program development, or staffing in a manner consistent with the requirements of section 5(b).

(b) **CARRYOVER.**—Funds made available under subsection (a)(1) that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year for which those funds are appropriated, may be used by the Secretary through fiscal year 2002 for the purposes for which those funds are made available.

(c) **RESERVATION OF FUNDS.**—The Secretary may reserve funds appropriated pursuant to this Act until a grant proposal meeting the requirements of this Act is submitted, but no later than September 30, 2001.

**SEC. 8. DONATIONS.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of the planning, construction, and operation of the Center, the Secretary may accept, retain, and expend donations of funds, and use property or services donated, from private persons and entities or from public entities.

**SEC. 9. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**

Nothing in this Act is intended to abrogate, modify, or impair any right or claim of the Navajo Nation or the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, that is based on any law (including any treaty, Executive order, agreement, or Act of Congress).

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee substitute be agreed to.

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

The committee amendment was agreed to.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, as amended, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 28), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

**ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1999**

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 10. I further ask unanimous consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin morning business time with Senators speaking for up to 10 minutes each with the following exceptions: Senator DURBIN, or his designee, 9:30 to 10:30; Senator COVERDELL, 10:30 to 11:30.

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

**PROGRAM**

Mr. SESSIONS. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 9:30 a.m. and will be in a period of morning business throughout the day. As for next week, it is the intention of the majority leader to complete action on the Interior appropriations bill early next week and to begin consideration of the bankruptcy reform bill as well as any available appropriations bills. As previously announced by the leader, the next series of rollcall votes will occur on Monday, September 13, at 5 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW**

Mr. SESSIONS. If there is 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 6:23 p.m., adjourned until Friday, September 10, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 9, 1999:

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

LINDA LEE AAKER, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A