

(13) in section 7(i) (16 U.S.C. 1246(i)), by striking “or national historic” and inserting “national historic, or national discovery”.

“EXXON VALDEZ” OIL SPILL

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 711) to allow the investment of joint Federal and State funds from the civil settlement of damages from the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill, and for other purposes, which has 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.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to the provisions of subsections (e) and (g), upon the joint motion of the United States and the State of Alaska and the issuance of an appropriate order by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska, the joint trust funds, or any portion thereof, including any interest accrued thereon, previously received or to be received by the United States and the State of Alaska pursuant to the Agreement and Consent Decree issued in *United States v. Exxon Corporation, et al.* (No. A91-082 CIV) and *State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et al.* (No. A91-083 CIV) (hereafter referred to as the “Consent Decree”), may be deposited in—

(1) the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (hereafter referred to as the “Fund”) established in title I of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992 (Public Law 102-154, 43 U.S.C. 1474b);

(2) accounts outside the United States Treasury (hereafter referred to as “outside accounts”); or

(3) both.

Any funds deposited in an outside account may be invested only in income-producing obligations and other instruments or securities that have been determined unanimously by the Federal and State natural resource trustees for the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill (“trustees”) to have a high degree of reliability and security.

(b) Joint trust funds deposited in the Fund or an outside account that have been approved unanimously by the Trustees for expenditure by or through a State or Federal agency shall be transferred promptly from the Fund or the outside account to the State of Alaska or United States upon the joint request of the governments.

(c) The transfer of joint trust funds outside the Court Registry shall not affect the supervisory jurisdiction of the District Court under the Consent Decree or the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree in *United States v. State of Alaska* (No. A91-081-CIV) over all expenditures of the joint trust funds.

(d) Nothing herein shall affect the requirement of section 207 of the Dire Emergency Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers for Relief From the Effects of Natural Disasters, for Other Urgent Needs, and for the Incremental Cost of “Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm” Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-229, 42 U.S.C. 1474b note) that amounts received by the United States and the State of Alaska pursuant to the Agreement and Consent Decree issued in *United States v. Exxon Corporation, et al.* (No. A91-082 CIV) and *State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et al.* (No. A91-083 CIV) (hereafter referred to as the “Consent Decree”), may be deposited in—

(1) the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (hereafter referred to as the “Fund”) established in title I of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992 (Public Law 102-154, 43 U.S.C. 1474b);

(2) accounts outside the United States Treasury (hereafter referred to as “outside accounts”); or

(3) both.

Any funds deposited in an outside account may be invested only in income-producing obligations and other instruments or securities that have been determined unanimously by the Federal and State natural resource trustees for the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill (“trustees”) to have a high degree of reliability and security.

(A) the amount of any payments made after the date of enactment of this Act from the Joint Trust Funds pursuant to an agreement between the Trustee Council and Koniag, Inc. which includes those lands which are presently subject to the Koniag Non-Development Easement, including, but not limited to, the continuation or modification of such Easement; and

(B) payments in excess of \$6.32 million for any habitat acquisition or protection from the joint trust funds after the date of enactment of this Act and prior to October 1, 2002, other than payments for which the Council is currently obligated through purchase agreements with the Kodiak Island Borough, Afognak Joint Venture and the Eyak Corporation.

(2) All other funds remaining on October 1, 2002, and the associated earnings shall be used to fund a program, consisting of—

(A) marine research, including applied fisheries research;

(B) monitoring; and

(C) restoration, other than habitat acquisition, which may include community and economic restoration projects and facilities (including projects proposed by the communities of the EVOS Region or the fishing industry), consistent with the Consent Decree.

(f) The Federal trustees and the State trustees, to the extent authorized by State law, are authorized to issue grants as needed to implement this program.

(g) The authority provided in this Act shall expire on September 30, 2002, unless by September 30, 2001, the Trustees have submitted to the Congress a report recommending a structure the Trustees believe would be most effective and appropriate for the administration and expenditure of remaining funds and interest received. Upon the expiration of the authorities granted in this Act all monies in the Fund or outside accounts shall be returned to the Court Registry or other account permitted by law.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 711), as amended, was passed, as follows:

S. 711

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

SECTION 1.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to the provisions of subsections (e) and (g), upon the joint motion of the United States and the State of Alaska and the issuance of an appropriate order by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska, the joint trust funds, or any portion thereof, including any interest accrued thereon, previously received or to be received by the United States and the State of Alaska pursuant to the Agreement and Consent Decree issued in *United States v. Exxon Corporation, et al.* (No. A91-082 CIV) and *State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et al.* (No. A91-083 CIV) (hereafter referred to as the “Consent Decree”), may be deposited in—

(1) the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (hereafter referred to as the “Fund”) established in title I of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992 (Public Law 102-154, 43 U.S.C. 1474b);

(2) accounts outside the United States Treasury (hereafter referred to as “outside accounts”); or

(3) both.

Any funds deposited in an outside account may be invested only in income-producing obligations and other instruments or securities that have been determined unanimously by the Federal and State natural resource trustees for the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill (“trustees”) to have a high degree of reliability and security.

(b) Joint trust funds deposited in the Fund or an outside account that have been approved unanimously by the Trustees for expenditure by or through a State or Federal agency shall be transferred promptly from the Fund or the outside account to the State of Alaska or United States upon the joint request of the governments.

(c) The transfer of joint trust funds outside the Court Registry shall not affect the supervisory jurisdiction of the District Court under the Consent Decree or the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree in *United States v. State of Alaska* (No. A91-081-CIV) over all expenditures of the joint trust funds.

(d) Nothing herein shall affect the requirement of section 207 of the Dire Emergency Supplemental Appropriations and Transfers for Relief From the Effects of Natural Disasters, for Other Urgent Needs, and for the Incremental Cost of “Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm” Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-229, 42 U.S.C. 1474b note) that amounts received by the United States and designated by the trustees for the expenditure by or through a Federal agency must be deposited into the Fund.

(e) All remaining settlement funds are eligible for the investment authority granted under subsection (a) of this act so long as they are managed and allocated consistent with the Resolution of the Trustees adopted March 1, 1999, concerning the Restoration Reserve, as follows:

(1) \$55 million of the funds remaining on October 1, 2002, and the associated earnings thereafter shall be managed and allocated for habitat protection programs including small parcel habitat acquisitions. Such sums shall be reduced by—

(A) the amount of any payments made after the date of enactment of this Act from the Joint Trust Funds pursuant to an agreement between the Trustee Council and Koniag, Inc. which includes those lands which are presently subject to the Koniag Non-Development Easement, including, but not limited to, the continuation or modification of such Easement; and

(B) payments in excess of \$6.32 million for any habitat acquisition or protection from the joint trust funds after the date of enactment of this Act and prior to October 1, 2002, other than payments for which the Council is currently obligated through purchase agreements with the Kodiak Island Borough, Afognak Joint Venture and the Eyak Corporation.

(2) All other funds remaining on October 1, 2002, and the associated earnings shall be used to fund a program, consisting of—

(A) marine research, including applied fisheries research;

(B) monitoring; and

(C) restoration, other than habitat acquisition, which may include community and economic restoration projects and facilities (including projects proposed by the communities of the EVOS Region or the fishing industry), consistent with the Consent Decree.

(f) The Federal trustees and the State trustees, to the extent authorized by State law, are authorized to issue grants as needed to implement this program.

(g) The authority provided in this Act shall expire on September 30, 2002, unless by September 30, 2001, the Trustees have submitted to the Congress a report recommending a structure the Trustees believe would be most effective and appropriate for the administration and expenditure of remaining funds and interest received. Upon the expiration of the authorities granted in this Act all monies in the Fund or outside accounts shall be returned to the Court Registry or other account permitted by law.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO CONVEY LAND TO NYE COUNTY, NEVADA

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1329) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Nye County, Nevada, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment on page 3, line 9, to strike “(b)”, and insert in lieu thereof “(c)”.

The bill was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 1329

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

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE TO NYE COUNTY, NEVADA.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Nye County, Nevada.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(b) PARCELS CONVEYED FOR USE OF THE NEVADA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For no consideration and at no other cost to the County, the Secretary shall convey to the County, subject to valid existing rights, all right, title, and interest in and to the parcels of public land described in paragraph (2).

(2) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The parcels of public land referred to in paragraph (1) are the following:

(A) The portion of Sec. 13 north of United States Route 95, T. 15 S., R. 49 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada.

(B) In Sec. 18, T. 15 S., R. 50 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

(i) W 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4.

(ii) The portion of the W 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4 north of United States Route 95.

(3) USE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The parcels described in paragraph (2) shall be used for the construction and operation of the Nevada Science and Technology Center as a nonprofit museum and exposition center, and related facilities and activities.

(B) REVERSION.—The conveyance of any parcel described in paragraph (2) shall be subject to reversion to the United States, at the discretion of the Secretary, if the parcel is used for a purpose other than that specified in subparagraph (A).

[(b)](c) PARCELS CONVEYED FOR OTHER USE FOR A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE.—

(1) RIGHT TO PURCHASE.—For a period of 5 years beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the County shall have the exclusive right to purchase the parcels of public land described in paragraph (2) for the fair market value of the parcels, as determined by the Secretary.

(2) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The parcels of public land referred to in paragraph (1) are the following parcels in Sec. 18, T. 15 S., R. 50 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

(A) E 1/2 NW 1/4.

(B) E 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4.

(C) The portion of the E 1/2 SW 1/4 north of United States Route 95.

(D) The portion of the E 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4 north of United States Route 95.

(E) The portion of the SE 1/4 north of United States Route 95.

(3) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Proceeds of a sale of a parcel described in paragraph (2)—

(A) shall be deposited in the special account established under section 4(e)(1)(C) of

the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2345); and

(B) shall be available to the Secretary as provided in section 4(e)(3) of that Act (112 Stat. 2346).

AUTHORIZATION FOR MESQUITE, NEVADA TO PURCHASE PUBLIC LANDS IN THE CITY

The bill (S. 1330) to give the city of Mesquite, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain parcels of public lands in the city, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 1330

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

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO CITY OF MESQUITE, NEVADA.

Section 3 of Public Law 99-548 (100 Stat. 3061; 110 Stat. 3009-202) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) FIFTH AREA.—

“(1) RIGHT TO PURCHASE.—For a period of 12 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the city of Mesquite, Nevada, shall have the exclusive right to purchase the parcels of public land described in paragraph (2).

“(2) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The parcels of public land referred to in paragraph (1) are as follows:

“(A) In T. 13 S., R. 70 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

“(i) The portion of sec. 27 north of Interstate Route 15.

“(ii) Sec. 28: NE 1/4, S 1/2 (except the Interstate Route 15 right-of-way).

“(iii) Sec. 29: E 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SE 1/4.

“(iv) The portion of sec. 30 south of Interstate Route 15.

“(v) The portion of sec. 31 south of Interstate Route 15.

“(vi) Sec. 32: NE 1/4 NE 1/4 (except the Interstate Route 15 right-of-way), the portion of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 south of Interstate Route 15, and the portion of W 1/2 south of Interstate Route 15.

“(vii) The portion of sec. 33 north of Interstate Route 15.

“(B) In T. 14 S., R. 70 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

“(i) Sec. 5: NW 1/4.

“(ii) Sec. 6: N 1/2.

“(C) In T. 13 S., R. 69 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

“(i) The portion of sec. 25 south of Interstate Route 15.

“(ii) The portion of sec. 26 south of Interstate Route 15.

“(iii) The portion of sec. 27 south of Interstate Route 15.

“(iv) Sec. 28: SW 1/4 SE 1/4.

“(v) Sec. 33: E 1/2.

“(vi) Sec. 34.

“(vii) Sec. 35.

“(viii) Sec. 36.

“(3) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 10 years after the date of enactment of this subsection, the city shall notify the Secretary which of the parcels of public land described in paragraph (2) the city intends to purchase.

“(4) CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 1 year after receiving notification from the city under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall convey to the city the land selected for purchase.

“(5) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, until the date that is 12 years after the date of enactment of this subsection, the parcels of public land described in paragraph (2) are withdrawn from all

forms of entry and appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and from operation of the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws.

“(6) USE OF PROCEEDS.—The proceeds of the sale of each parcel—

“(A) shall be deposited in the special account established under section 4(e)(1)(C) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2345); and

“(B) shall be disposed of by the Secretary as provided in section 4(e)(3) of that Act (112 Stat. 2346).

“(f) SIXTH AREA.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall convey to the city of Mesquite, Nevada, in accordance with section 47125 of title 49, United States Code, up to 2,560 acres of public land to be selected by the city from among the parcels of land described in paragraph (2).

“(2) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The parcels of land referred to in paragraph (1) are as follows:

“(A) In T. 13 S., R. 69 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

“(i) The portion of sec. 28 south of Interstate Route 15 (except S 1/2 SE 1/4).

“(ii) The portion of sec. 29 south of Interstate Route 15.

“(iii) The portion of sec. 30 south of Interstate Route 15.

“(iv) The portion of sec. 31 south of Interstate Route 15.

“(v) Sec. 32.

“(vi) Sec. 33: W 1/2.

“(B) In T. 14 S., R. 69 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

“(i) Sec. 4.

“(ii) Sec. 5.

“(iii) Sec. 6.

“(iv) Sec. 8.

“(C) In T. 14 S., R. 68 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada:

“(i) Sec. 1.

“(ii) Sec. 12.

“(3) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, until the date that is 12 years after the date of enactment of this subsection, the parcels of public land described in paragraph (2) are withdrawn from all forms of entry and appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and from operation of the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws.”

ARROWROCK DAM HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

The bill (S. 1236) to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 1236

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT.

Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 4656, the Commission may, at the request of the licensee for the project and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the Commission's procedures under that section,