

habitat types in the United States, and have extremely high recreational value for hunters, anglers, birdwatchers, nature photographers, and others; and

(7) the Cat Island area is deserving of inclusion in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act—

(1) the term "Refuge" means the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge; and

(2) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. PURPOSES.

The purposes for which the Refuge is established and shall be managed are—

(1) to conserve, restore, and manage habitats as necessary to contribute to the migratory bird population goals and habitat objective as established through the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture;

(2) to conserve, restore, and manage the significant aquatic resource values associated with the area's forested wetlands and to achieve the habitat objectives of the "Mississippi River Aquatic Resources Management Plan";

(3) to conserve, enhance, and restore the historic native bottomland community characteristics of the lower Mississippi alluvial valley and its associated fish, wildlife, and plant species;

(4) to conserve, enhance, and restore habitat to maintain and assist in the recovery of endangered, and threatened plants and animals; and

(5) to provide opportunities for priority public wildlife dependent uses for compatible hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation; and

(6) to encourage the use of volunteers and facilitate partnerships among the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, local communities, conservation organizations, and other non-Federal entities to promote public awareness of the resources of the Refuge and the National Wildlife Refuge System and public participation in the conservation of those resources.

SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF REFUGE.

(a) ACQUISITION BOUNDARY.—The Secretary is authorized to establish the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge, consisting of approximately 36,500 acres of land and water, as depicted upon a map entitled "Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge-Proposed", dated February 8, 2000, and available for inspection in appropriate offices of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(b) BOUNDARY REVISIONS.—The Secretary may make such minor revisions of the boundary designated under this section as may be appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Refuge or to facilitate the acquisition of property within the Refuge.

(c) ACQUISITION.—The Secretary is authorized to acquire the lands and waters, or interests therein, within the acquisition boundary described in subsection (a) of this section.

(d) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish the Refuge by publication of a notice to that effect in the Federal Register and publications of local circulation whenever sufficient property has been acquired to constitute an area that can be efficiently managed as a National Wildlife Refuge.

SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer all lands, waters, and interests therein acquired under this Act in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.). The Secretary may use such additional statutory authority as may be available for the conservation of fish and wildlife, and the

provision of fish- and wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities as the Secretary considers appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(b) PRIORITY USES.—In providing opportunities for compatible fish- and wildlife-oriented recreation, the Secretary, in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 4(a) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a)), shall ensure that hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation are the priority public uses of the Refuge.

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior—

(1) such funds as may be necessary for the acquisition of lands and waters designated in section 5(c); and

(2) such funds as may be necessary for the development, operation, and maintenance of the Refuge.

AMENDMENT NO. 4298

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK], for Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, proposes an amendment numbered 4298.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 8. DESIGNATION OF HERBERT H. BATEMAN EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—A building proposed to be located within the boundaries of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, on Assateague Island, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the "Herbert H. Bateman Education and Administrative Center".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Herbert H. Bateman Education and Administrative Center.

SEC. 9. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) Effective on the day after the date of enactment of the Act entitled, "An Act to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994" (106th Congress), section 6 of the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 668dd note; Public Law 103-340), relating to an environmental education center and refuge, is redesignated as section 7.

(b) Effective on the day after the date of enactment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Establishment Act (106th Congress), section 6 of that Act is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking "the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)" and inserting "the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)"; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking "section 4(a)(3) and (4) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668ee(a)(3), (4))" and inserting "paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 4(a) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a))".

(c) Effective on the day after the date of enactment of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Act (106th Congress), section 4(b)(2)(D) of that Act is amended by striking

"section 4(a)(3) and (4) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668ee(a)(3), (4))" and inserting "paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 4(a) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a))".

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendments be agreed to, the amendment be agreed to, the bill be read the third time and passed, 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 committee amendments were agreed to.

The amendment (No. 4298) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 3292), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

CAHABA RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ESTABLISHMENT ACT

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 908, H.R. 4286.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4286) to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama.

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

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, 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 (H.R. 4286) was read the third time and passed.

MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO A MAP RELATING TO THE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 920, H.R. 34.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 34) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which was reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments.

[Omit the parts in black brackets and insert the parts printed in italic.]

H.R. 34

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

SECTION 1. CORRECTIONS TO MAPS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall, before the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date of the enactment

of this Act, make such corrections to the map described in subsection (b) as are necessary to ensure that depictions of areas on that map are consistent with the depictions of areas appearing on the map entitled "Amendments to the Coastal Barrier Resources System", [dated _____, and on file with the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives.] dated June 5, 2000.

(b) MAP DESCRIBED.—The map described in this subsection is the map that—

(1) is included in a set of maps entitled "Coastal Barrier Resources System", dated November 2, 1994; and

(2) relates to unit P19-P of the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

(c) AVAILABILITY.—*The Secretary of the Interior shall keep the map described in subsection (b) on file and available for public inspection in accordance with section 4(b) of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3503(b)).*

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendments be agreed to, the bill be read the third time and passed, 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 committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 34), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

CLARIFYING BOUNDARIES ON THE MAP RELATING TO THE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 922, H.R. 4435.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4435) to clarify certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NC-01 of the Coastal Barrier Resources System.

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

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, 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 (H.R. 4435) was read the third time and passed.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON, DC

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 144, submitted earlier by Senator LOTT and Senator DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. 144) commemorating the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of the Congress in Washington, DC.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 144) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution with its preamble reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 144

Whereas November 17, 2000, is the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of Congress in Washington, DC;

Whereas Congress, having previously convened at the Federal Hall in New York City and at the Congress Hall in Philadelphia, has met in the United States Capitol Building since November 17, 1800;

Whereas President John Adams, on November 22, 1800, addressed a joint session of Congress in Washington, DC, for the first time, stating, "I congratulate the people of the United States on the assembling of Congress at the permanent seat of their Government; and I congratulate you, gentlemen, on the prospect of a residence not to be changed.";

Whereas, on December 12, 1900, Congress convened a joint meeting to observe the centennial of its residence in Washington, DC;

Whereas since its first meeting in Washington, DC, on November 17, 1800, Congress has continued to cultivate and build upon a heritage of respect for individual liberty, representative government, and the attainment of equal and inalienable rights, all of which are symbolized in the physical structure of the United States Capitol Building; and

Whereas it is appropriate for Congress, as the first branch of the government under the Constitution, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of Congress in Washington, DC, in order to focus public attention on its present duties and responsibilities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) November 17, 2000, be designated as a day of national observance for the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of Congress in Washington, DC; and

(2) the people of the United States be urged and invited to observe such date by celebrating and examining the legislative process by which members of Congress convene and air differences, learn from one another, subordinate parochial interests, compromise, and work towards achieving a constructive consensus for the good of the people of the United States.

ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House to accompany H.R. 707, an act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal

costs of disaster assistance, and for other purposes."

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 707) entitled "An Act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, and for other purposes", with the following House Amendment to Senate Amendment:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION

Sec. 101. Findings and purpose.

Sec. 102. Predisaster hazard mitigation.

Sec. 103. Interagency task force.

Sec. 104. Mitigation planning; minimum standards for public and private structures.

TITLE II—STREAMLINING AND COST REDUCTION

Sec. 201. Technical amendments.

Sec. 202. Management costs.

Sec. 203. Public notice, comment, and consultation requirements.

Sec. 204. State administration of hazard mitigation grant program.

Sec. 205. Assistance to repair, restore, reconstruct, or replace damaged facilities.

Sec. 206. Federal assistance to individuals and households.

Sec. 207. Community disaster loans.

Sec. 208. Report on State management of small disasters initiative.

Sec. 209. Study regarding cost reduction.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 301. Technical correction of short title.

Sec. 302. Definitions.

Sec. 303. Fire management assistance.

Sec. 304. President's Council on Domestic Terrorism Preparedness.

Sec. 305. Disaster grant closeout procedures.

Sec. 306. Public safety officer benefits for certain Federal and State employees.

Sec. 307. Buy American.

Sec. 308. Treatment of certain real property.

Sec. 309. Study of participation by Indian tribes in emergency management.

TITLE I—PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION

SEC. 101. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) *FINDINGS.*—Congress finds that—

(1) natural disasters, including earthquakes, tsunamis, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires, pose great danger to human life and to property throughout the United States;

(2) greater emphasis needs to be placed on—

(A) identifying and assessing the risks to States and local governments (including Indian tribes) from natural disasters;

(B) implementing adequate measures to reduce losses from natural disasters; and

(C) ensuring that the critical services and facilities of communities will continue to function after a natural disaster;

(3) expenditures for postdisaster assistance are increasing without commensurate reductions in the likelihood of future losses from natural disasters;

(4) in the expenditure of Federal funds under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.),