

concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 151

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That, in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 2348) to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, the Clerk of the House shall make the following correction: Strike section 4 and insert:

SEC. 4. EFFECT ON RECLAMATION LAW.

Specifically with regard to the acreage limitation provisions of Federal reclamation law, any action taken pursuant to or in furtherance of this title will not:

(1) be considered in determining whether a district as defined in section 202(2) of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390bb) has discharged its obligation to repay the construction cost of project facilities used to make irrigation water available for delivery to land in the district;

(2) serve as the basis for reinstating acreage limitation provisions in a district that has completed payment of its construction obligation; or

(3) service as the basis for increasing the construction repayment obligation of the district and thereby extending the period during which the acreage limitation provisions will apply.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 152—TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF THE BILL H.R. 4868

Mr. ROTH submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 152

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That, in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 4868) to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following correction:

On page 160, line 8, strike “: and” and all that follows through line 10, and insert a period.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DAKOTA WATER RESOURCES ACT OF 1999

**CONRAD (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 4317**

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. BOND)) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 623) to amend Public Law 89-108 to increase authorization levels for State and Indian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, to deauthorize certain project features and irrigation service areas, to enhance natural resources and fish and wildlife habitat, and for other purposes; as follows:

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The amendment (No. 4317) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 10, beginning on line 14, strike the sentence that begins “If the features selected under section 8”.

On page 13, line 2, strike the sentence that begins “As appropriate, the Secretary shall rehabilitate or complete”.

On page 13, line 5, strike “Sections 8(c) and 8(d)(1)” and insert “section 8”.

Beginning on Page 18, strike line 17 and all that follows through Page 23, line 4, and insert the following:

SEC. 8. SPECIFIC FEATURES.

(a) SYKESTON CANAL.—Sykeston Canal is hereby deauthorized.

(b) IN GENERAL.—Public Law 89-108 (100 Stat. 423) is amended by striking section 8 and inserting the following:

“SEC. 8. SPECIFIC FEATURES.

“(a) RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROTECT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the requirements of this section, the Secretary shall construct a feature or features to provide water to the Sheyenne River water supply and release facility or such other feature or features as are selected under subsection (d).

“(2) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.—The feature or features shall be designed and constructed to meet only the following water supply requirements as identified in the report prepared pursuant to subsection (b) of this section: municipal, rural, and industrial water supply needs; ground water recharge; and streamflow augmentation.

“(3) COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION.—

“(A) If the Secretary selects a project feature under this section that would provide water from the Missouri River or its tributaries to the Sheyenne River water supply and release facility or from the Missouri River or its tributaries to such other conveyance facility as the Secretary selects under this section, no later than 90 days after the completion of the final environmental impact statement, the Secretary shall transmit to Congress a comprehensive report which provides—

“(i) a detailed description of the proposed project feature;

“(ii) a summary of major issues addressed in the environmental impact statement;

“(iii) likely effects, if any, on other States bordering the Missouri River and on the State of Minnesota; and

“(iv) a description of how the project feature complies with the requirements of section 1(h)(1) of this Act (relating to the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909).

“(B) No project feature or features that would provide water from the Missouri River or its tributaries to the Sheyenne River water supply and release facility or from the Missouri River or its tributaries to such other conveyance facility as the Secretary selects under this section shall be constructed unless such feature is specifically authorized by an Act of Congress approved subsequent to the Secretary's transmittal of the report required in paragraph (A). If, after complying with subsections (b) through (d) of this section, the Secretary selects a feature or features using only in-basin sources of water to meet the water needs of the Red River Valley identified in subsection (b), such features are authorized without further Act of Congress. The Act of Congress referred to in this subparagraph must be an authorization bill, and shall not be a bill making appropriations.

“(C) The Secretary may not commence construction on the feature until a master repayment contract or water service agreement consistent with this Act between the Secretary and the appropriate non-Federal entity has been executed.”

(b) REPORT ON RED RIVER VALLEY WATER NEEDS AND OPTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a comprehensive study of the water quality and quantity needs of the Red River Valley in North Dakota and possible options for meeting those needs.

(2) NEEDS.—The needs addressed in the report shall include such needs as—

(A) municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies;

(B) water quality;

(C) aquatic environment;

(D) recreation; and

(E) water conservation measures.

(3) PROCESS.—In conducting the study, the Secretary through an open and public process shall solicit input from gubernatorial designees from states that may be affected by possible options to meet such needs as well as designees from other federal agencies with relevant expertise. For any option that includes an out-of-basin solution, the Secretary shall consider the effect of the option on other states that may be affected by such option, as well as other appropriate considerations. Upon completion, a draft of the study shall be provided by the Secretary to such states and federal agencies. Such states and agencies shall be given not less than 120 days to review and comment on the study method, findings and conclusions leading to any alternative that may have an impact on such states or on resources subject to such federal agencies' jurisdiction. The Secretary shall receive and take into consideration any such comments and produce a final report and transmit the final report to Congress.

(4) LIMITATION.—No design or construction of any feature or features that facilitate an out-of-basin transfer from the Missouri River drainage basin shall be authorized under the provisions of this subsection.

(c) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede any requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act or the Administrative Procedures Act.

(2) DRAFT.—

(A) DEADLINE.—Pursuant to an agreement between the Secretary and State of North Dakota as authorized under section 1(g), not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Dakota Water Resources Act of 2000, the Secretary and the State of North Dakota shall jointly prepare and complete a draft environmental impact statement concerning all feasible options to meet the comprehensive water quality and quantity needs of the Red River Valley and the options for meeting those needs, including the delivery of Missouri River water to the Red River Valley.

(B) REPORT ON STATUS.—If the Secretary and State of North Dakota cannot prepare and complete the draft environmental impact statement within 1 year after the date of enactment of the Dakota Water Resources Act of 2000, the Secretary, in consultation and coordination with the State of North Dakota, shall report to Congress on the status of this activity, including an estimate of the date of completion.

(3) FINAL.—

(A) DEADLINE.—Not later than 1 year after filing the draft environmental impact statement, a final environmental impact statement shall be prepared and published.

(B) REPORT ON STATUS.—If the Secretary and State of North Dakota cannot prepare and complete a final environmental impact statement within 1 year of the completion of the draft environmental impact statement, the Secretary, in consultation and coordination with the State of North Dakota, shall report to Congress on the status of this activity, including an estimate of the date of completion.

(d) PROCESS FOR SELECTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—After reviewing the final report required by subsection (b)(1) and complying with subsection (c), the Secretary, in consultation and coordination with the State of North Dakota in coordination with affected local communities, shall select 1 or more project features described in subsection (a) that will meet the comprehensive water quality and quantity needs of the Red River Valley. The Secretary's selection of an alternative shall be subject to judicial review.

(2) AGREEMENTS.—If the Secretary selects an option under subparagraph (1) that uses only in-basin sources of water, not later than 180 days after the record of decision has been executed, the Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of North Dakota to construct the feature or features selected. If the Secretary selects an option under subparagraph (1) that would require a further act of Congress under the provisions of subsection (a), not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of legislation required under subsection (a) the Secretary shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the State of North Dakota to construct the feature or features authorized by that legislation.

(e) SHEYENNE RIVER WATER SUPPLY AND RELEASE OR ALTERNATE FEATURES.—The Secretary shall construct, operate, and maintain a Sheyenne River water supply and release feature (including a water treatment plant) capable of delivering 100 cubic feet per second of water or any other amount determined in the reports under this section, for the cities of Fargo and Grand Forks and surrounding communities, or such other feature or features as may be selected under subsection (d).

(f) DEVILS LAKE.—No funds authorized under this Act may be used to carry out the portion of the feasibility study of the Devils Lake basin, North Dakota, authorized under the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1993 (Public Law 102-377), that addresses the needs of the area for stabilized lake levels through inlet controls, or to otherwise study any facility or carry out any activity that would permit the transfer of water from the Missouri River drainage basin into Devils Lake, North Dakota.

Make the following technical amendments:

Page 2, line 5, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

Page 3, line 13, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

Page 3, line 25, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

Page 4, line 23, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

Page 5, line 7, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

Page 11, line 14, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

Page 13, line 7, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

Page 15, line 19, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

Page 18, line 8, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

Page 29, line 5, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

Page 29, line 25, strike "1999" and insert "2000".

PALMETTO BEND CONVEYANCE ACT

MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT NO. 4318

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MURKOWSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1474) providing conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of Texas; as follows:

In the Committee amendment:

In section 4(a), after "August 1, 1999 payment," strike "is currently" and insert "was, as of October, 1999."

In section 5(b), strike "and shall extend for the useful life of the Project that has been approved by the Secretary." and insert "that has been approved by the Secretary and shall extend for the useful life of the Project."

PRESIDENTIAL THREAT PROTECTION ACT OF 2000

HATCH (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4319

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. THURMOND)) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 3048) to amend section 879 of title 18, United States Code, to provide clearer coverage over threats against former Presidents and members of their families, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 3, strike lines 19 through 24 and insert the following:

"(e)(1) When directed by the President, the United States Secret Service is authorized to participate, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in the planning, coordination, and implementation of security operations at special events of national significance, as determined by the President.

"(2) At the end of each fiscal year, the President through such agency or office as the President may designate, shall report to the Congress—

"(A) what events, if any, were designated special events of national significance for security purposes under paragraph (1); and

"(B) the criteria and information used in making each designation."

On page 7, line 6, after "offense" insert "or apprehension of a fugitive".

On page 8, strike lines 17 through 19.

On page 9, strike line 14 and insert the following:

"(11) With respect to subpoenas issued under paragraph (1)(A)(i)(III), the Attorney General shall issue guidelines governing the issuance of administrative subpoenas pursuant to that paragraph. The guidelines required by this paragraph shall mandate that administrative subpoenas may be issued only after review and approval of senior supervisory personnel within the respective investigative agency or component of the Department of Justice and of the United States Attorney for the judicial district in which the administrative subpoena shall be served."

At the end of the bill, insert the following:

SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENAS TO APPREHEND FUGITIVES.

(a) AUTHORITY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Section 3486(a)(1) of title 18, United States Code, as amended by section 5 of this Act is further amended in subparagraph (A)(i)—

(1) by striking "offense or" and inserting "offense,"; and

(2) by inserting "or (III) with respect to the apprehension of a fugitive," after "children,".

(b) ADDITIONAL BASIS FOR NONDISCLOSURE ORDER.—Section 3486(a)(6) of title 18, United States Code, as amended by section 5 of this Act, is further amended in subparagraph (B)—

(1) by striking "or" and the end of clause (iii);

(2) by striking the period at the end of clause (iv) and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(v) otherwise seriously jeopardizing an investigation or undue delay of a trial."

(c) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3486 of title 18, as amended by section 5 of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

"(1) the term 'fugitive' means a person who—

"(A) having been accused by complaint, information, or indictment under Federal law of a serious violent felony or serious drug offense, or having been convicted under Federal law of committing a serious violent felony or serious drug offense, flees or attempts to flee from, or evades or attempts to evade the jurisdiction of the court with jurisdiction over the felony;

"(B) having been accused by complaint, information, or indictment under State law of a serious violent felony or serious drug offense, or having been convicted under State law of committing a serious violent felony or serious drug offense, flees or attempts to flee from, or evades or attempts to evade, the jurisdiction of the court with jurisdiction over the felony;

"(C) escapes from lawful Federal or State custody after having been accused by complaint, information, or indictment of a serious violent felony or serious drug offense or having been convicted of committing a serious violent felony or serious drug offense; or

"(D) is in violation of subparagraph (2) or (3) of the first undesignated paragraph of section 1073;

"(2) the terms 'serious violent felony' and 'serious drug offense' shall have the meanings given those terms in section 3559(c)(2) of this title; and

"(3) the term 'investigation' means, with respect to a State fugitive described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (1), an investigation in which there is reason to believe that the fugitive fled from or evaded, or attempted to flee from or evade, the jurisdiction of the court, or escaped from custody, in or affecting, or using any facility of, interstate or foreign commerce, or as to whom an appropriate law enforcement officer or official of a State or political subdivision has requested the Attorney General to assist in the investigation, and the Attorney General finds that the particular circumstances of the request give rise to a Federal interest sufficient for the exercise of Federal jurisdiction pursuant to section 1075."

SEC. 7. FUGITIVE APPREHENSION TASK FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall, upon consultation with appropriate Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury law enforcement components, establish permanent Fugitive Apprehension Task Forces consisting of Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities in designated regions of the United States, to be directed and coordinated by the United States Marshals Service, for the purpose of locating and apprehending fugitives.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General for the United States Marshals Service to carry out the provisions of this section \$30,000,000 for the fiscal year 2001, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

(c) OTHER EXISTING APPLICABLE LAW.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any existing authority under any other provision of Federal or State law for law enforcement agencies to locate or apprehend fugitives through task forces or any other means.

SEC. 8. STUDY AND REPORTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENAS.

(a) STUDY ON USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENAS.—Not later than December 31, 2001, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall complete a study on the use of administrative

subpoena power by executive branch agencies or entities and shall report the findings to the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Such report shall include—

(1) a description of the sources of administrative subpoena power and the scope of such subpoena power within executive branch agencies;

(2) a description of applicable subpoena enforcement mechanisms;

(3) a description of any notification provisions and any other provisions relating to safeguarding privacy interests;

(4) a description of the standards governing the issuance of administrative subpoenas; and

(5) recommendations from the Attorney General regarding necessary steps to ensure that administrative subpoena power is used and enforced consistently and fairly by executive branch agencies.

(b) REPORT ON FREQUENCY OF USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENAS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury shall report in January of each year to the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the number of administrative subpoenas issued by them under this section, whether each matter involved a fugitive from Federal or State charges, and the identity of the agency or component of the Department of Justice or the Department of the Treasury issuing the subpoena and imposing the charges.

(2) EXPIRATION.—The reporting requirement of this subsection shall terminate in 3 years after the date of enactment of this section.

PRIBILOF ISLANDS TRANSITION ACT

SNOWE (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4320

Mr. LOTT (for Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. KERRY)) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 3417) to complete the orderly withdrawal of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from the civil administration of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska; as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

TITLE I—PRIBILOF ISLANDS TRANSITION

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be referred to as the “Pribilof Islands Transition Act”.

SEC. 102. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this title is to complete the orderly withdrawal of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from the civil administration of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska.

SEC. 103. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRIBILOF ISLANDS UNDER FUR SEAL ACT OF 1966.

Public Law 89-702, popularly known and referred to in this title as the Fur Seal Act of 1966, is amended by amending section 206 (16 U.S.C. 1166) to read as follows:

“SEC. 206. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

“(a) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall provide financial assistance to any city government, village corporation, or tribal council of St. George, Alaska, or St. Paul, Alaska.

“(2) USE FOR MATCHING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to matching funds, funds provided by the Secretary as

assistance under this subsection may be used by the entity as non-Federal matching funds under any Federal program that requires such matching funds.

“(3) RESTRICTION ON USE.—The Secretary may not use financial assistance authorized by this Act.

“(A) to settle any debt owed to the United States;

“(B) for administrative or overhead expenses; or

“(C) for contributions authorized under section 105(b)(3)(B) of the Pribilof Islands Transition Act.

“(4) FUNDING INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES.—In providing assistance under this subsection the Secretary shall transfer any funds appropriated to carry out this section to the Secretary of the Interior, who shall obligate such funds through instruments and procedures required to be used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs pursuant to title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.).

“(5) PRO RATA DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE.—In any fiscal year for which less than all of the funds authorized under subsection (c)(1) are appropriated, such funds shall be distributed under this subsection on a pro rata basis among the entities referred to in subsection (c)(1) in the same proportions in which amounts are authorized by that subsection for grants to those entities.

“(b) SOLID WASTE ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall provide assistance to the State of Alaska for designing, locating, constructing, redeveloping, permitting, or certifying solid waste management facilities on the Pribilof Islands to be operated under permits issued to the City of St. George and the City of St. Paul, Alaska, by the State of Alaska under section 46.03.100 of the Alaska Statutes.

“(2) TRANSFER.—The Secretary shall transfer any appropriations received under paragraph (1) to the State of Alaska for the benefit of rural and Native villages in Alaska for obligation under section 303 of Public Law 104-182, except that subsection (b) of that section shall not apply to those funds.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005—

“(1) for assistance under subsection (a) a total not to exceed—

“(A) \$9,000,000, for grants to the City of St. Paul;

“(B) \$6,300,000, for grants to the Tanadgusix Corporation;

“(C) \$1,500,000, for grants to the St. Paul Tribal Council;

“(D) \$6,000,000, for grants to the City of St. George;

“(E) \$4,200,000, for grants to the St. George Tanaq Corporation; and

“(F) \$1,000,000, for grants to the St. George Tribal Council; and

“(2) for assistance under subsection (b), such sums as may be necessary.

“(d) LIMITATION ON USE OF ASSISTANCE FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.—None of the funds authorized by this section may be available for any activity a purpose of which is to influence legislation pending before the Congress, except that this subsection shall not prevent officers or employees of the United States or of its departments, agencies, or commissions from communicating to Members of Congress, through proper channels, requests for legislation or appropriations that they consider it necessary for the efficient conduct of public business.

“(e) IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.—Neither the United States nor any of its agencies, officers, or employees shall have any liability under this Act or any other law associated

with or resulting from the designing, locating, contracting for, redeveloping, permitting, certifying, operating, or maintaining any solid waste management facility on the Pribilof Islands as a consequence of having provided assistance to the State of Alaska under subsection (b).

“(f) REPORT ON EXPENDITURES.—Each entity which receives assistance authorized under subsection (c) shall submit an audited statement listing the expenditure of that assistance to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, on the last day of fiscal years 2002, 2004, and 2006.

“(g) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—Amounts authorized under subsection (c) are intended by Congress to be provided in addition to the base funding appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in fiscal year 2000.

SEC. 104. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY.

Section 205 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1165) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) Not later than 3 months after the date of the enactment of the Pribilof Islands Transition Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

“(1) a description of all property specified in the document referred to in subsection (a) that has been conveyed under that subsection;

“(2) a description of all Federal property specified in the document referred to in subsection (a) that is going to be conveyed under that subsection; and

“(3) an identification of all Federal property on the Pribilof Islands that will be retained by the Federal Government to meet its responsibilities under this Act, the Convention, and any other applicable law.”; and

(2) by striking subsection (g).

SEC. 105. TERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.

(a) FUTURE OBLIGATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce shall not be considered to have any obligation to promote or otherwise provide for the development of any form of an economy not dependent on sealing on the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, including any obligation under section 206 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1166) or section 3(c)(1)(A) of Public Law 104-91 (16 U.S.C. 1165 note).

(2) SAVINGS.—This subsection shall not affect any cause of action under section 206 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1166) or section 3(c)(1)(A) of Public Law 104-91 (16 U.S.C. 1165 note)—

(A) that arose before the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) for which a judicial action is filed before the expiration of the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to imply that—

(A) any obligation to promote or otherwise provide for the development in the Pribilof Islands of any form of an economy not dependent on sealing was or was not established by section 206 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1166), section 3(c)(1)(A) of Public Law 104-91 (16 U.S.C. 1165 note), or any other provision of law; or

(B) any cause of action could or could not arise with respect to such an obligation.

(4) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3(c)(1) of Public Law 104-91 (16 U.S.C. 1165 note) is amended by striking subparagraph

(A) and redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (D) in order as subparagraphs (A) through (C).

(b) **PROPERTY CONVEYANCE AND CLEANUP.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), there are terminated all obligations of the Secretary of Commerce and the United States to—

(A) convey property under section 205 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1165); and

(B) carry out cleanup activities, including assessment, response, remediation, and monitoring, except for postremedial measures such as monitoring and operation and maintenance activities, related to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration administration of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, under section 3 of Public Law 109-91 (16 U.S.C. 1165 note) and the Pribilof Islands Environmental Restoration Agreement between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the State of Alaska, signed January 26, 1996.

(2) **APPLICATION.**—Paragraph (1) shall apply on and after the date on which the Secretary certifies that—

(A) the State of Alaska has provided written confirmation that no further corrective action is required at the sites and operable units covered by the Pribilof Islands Environmental Restoration Agreement between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the State of Alaska, signed January 26, 1996, with the exception of postremedial measures, such as monitoring and operation and maintenance activities;

(B) the cleanup required under section 3(a) of Public Law 104-91 (16 U.S.C. 1165 note) is complete;

(C) the properties specified in the document referred to in subsection (a) of section 205 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1165(a)) can be unconditionally offered for conveyance under that section; and

(D) all amounts appropriated under section 206(c)(1) of the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended by this title, have been obligated.

(3) **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CLEANUP COSTS.**—(A) On and after the date on which section 3(b)(5) of Public Law 104-91 (16 U.S.C. 1165 note) is repealed by this title, the Secretary may not seek or require financial contribution by or from any local governmental entity of the Pribilof Islands, any official of such an entity, or the owner of land on the Pribilof Islands, for cleanup cost incurred pursuant to section 3(a) of Public Law 104-91 (as in effect before such repeal), except as provided in subparagraph (B).

(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not limit the authority of the Secretary to seek or require financial contribution from any person for costs or fees to clean up any matter that was caused or contributed to by such person on or after March 15, 2000.

(4) **CERTAIN RESERVED RIGHTS NOT CONDITIONS.**—For purposes of paragraph (2)(C), the following requirements shall not be considered to be conditions on conveyance of property:

(A) Any requirement that a potential transferee must allow the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration continued access to the property to conduct environmental monitoring following remediation activities.

(B) Any requirement that a potential transferee must allow the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration access to the property to continue the operation, and eventual closure, of treatment facilities.

(C) Any requirement that a potential transferee must comply with institutional controls to ensure that an environmental cleanup remains protections of human health or the environment that do not unreasonably affect the use of the property.

(D) Valid existing rights in the property, including rights granted by contract, permit, right-of-way, or easement.

(E) The terms of the documents described in subsection (d)(2).

(c) **REPEALS.**—Effective on the date described in subsection (b)(2), the following provisions are repealed:

(1) Section 205 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1165).

(2) Section 3 of the Public Law 104-91 (16 U.S.C. 1165 note).

(d) **SAVINGS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this title shall affect any obligation of the Secretary of Commerce, or of any Federal department or agency, under or with respect to any document described in paragraph (2) or with respect to any lands subject to such a document.

(2) **DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED.**—The documents referred to in paragraph (1) are the following:

(A) The Transfer of Property on the Pribilof Islands: Description, Terms, and Conditions, dated February 10, 1984, between the Secretary of Commerce and various Pribilof Island entities.

(B) The Settlement Agreement between Tanadgusix Corporation and the City of St. Paul, dated January 11, 1988, and approved by the Secretary of Commerce on February 23, 1988.

(C) The Memorandum of Understanding between Tanadgusix Corporation, Tanaq Corporation, and the Secretary of Commerce, dated December 22, 1976.

(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the definitions set forth in section 101 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1151) shall apply to this section.

(2) **NATIVES OF THE PRIBILOF ISLANDS.**—For purposes of this section, the term “Natives of the Pribilof Islands” includes the Tanadgusix Corporation, the St. George Tanaq Corporation, and the city governments and tribal councils of St. Paul and St. George, Alaska.

SEC. 106. TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS.

(a) Public Law 104-91 and the Fur Seal Act of 1966 are amended by—

(1) striking “(d)” and all that follows through the heading for subsection (d) of section 3 of Public Law 104-91 and inserting “**SEC. 212.**”; and

(2) moving and redesignating such subsection so as to appear as section 212 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966.

(b) Section 201 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1161) is amended by striking “on such Islands” and insert “on such property”.

(c) The Fur Seal Act of 1966 is amended by inserting before title I the following:

“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the ‘Fur Seal Act of 1966.’”

SEC. 107. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 3 of Public Law 104-91 (16 U.S.C. 1165 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (f) by striking “1996, 1997, and 1998” and inserting “2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(g) **LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM.**—

“(1) **CAPITALIZATION OF REVOLVING FUND.**—Of amounts authorized under subsection (f) for each of fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005, the Secretary may provide to the State of Alaska up to \$2,000,000 per fiscal year to capitalize a revolving fund to be used by the State for loans under this subsection.

“(2) **LOW-INTEREST LOANS.**—The Secretary shall require that any revolving fund established with amounts provided under this subsection shall be used only to provide low-interest loans to Natives of the Pribilof Islands to assess, respond to, remediate, and monitor contamination from lead paint, asbestos, and petroleum from underground storage tanks.

“(3) **NATIVES OF THE PRIBILOF ISLANDS DEFINED.**—The definitions set forth in section 101 of the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1151) shall apply to this section, except that the term ‘Natives of the Pribilof Islands’ shall include the Tanadgusix and Tanaq Corporations.”

TITLE II—COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Coastal Zone Management Act of 2000”.

SEC. 202. AMENDMENT OF COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.).

SEC. 203. FINDINGS.

Section 302 (16 U.S.C. 1451) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (a) through (m) as paragraphs (1) through (13);

(2) by inserting “ports,” in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated) after “fossil fuels,”;

(3) by inserting “including coastal waters and wetlands,” in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated) after “zone,”;

(4) by striking “therein” in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated) and inserting “dependent on that habitat”;

(5) by striking “well-being” in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated) and inserting “quality of life”;

(6) by striking paragraph (11) (as so redesignated) and inserting the following:

“(11) Land and water uses in the coastal zone and coastal watersheds may significantly affect the quality of coastal waters and habitats, and efforts to control coastal water pollution from activities in these areas must be improved.”; and

(7) by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(14) There is a need to enhance cooperation and coordination among states and local communities, to encourage local community-based solutions that address the impacts and pressures on coastal resources and on public facilities and public service caused by continued coastal demands, and to increase state and local capacity to identify public infrastructure and open space needs and develop and implement plans which provide for sustainable growth, resource protection and community revitalization.”.

SEC. 204. POLICY.

Section 303 (16 U.S.C. 1452) is amended—

(1) by striking “the states” in paragraph (2) and inserting “state and local governments”;

(2) by striking “waters,” each place it appears in paragraph (2)(C) and inserting “waters and habitats,”;

(3) by striking “agencies and state and wildlife agencies; and” in paragraph (2)(J) and inserting “and wildlife management; and”;

(4) by inserting “other countries” after “agencies,” in paragraph (5);

(5) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (5);

(6) by striking “zone” in paragraph (6) and inserting “zone,”; and

(7) by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(7) to create and use a National Estuarine Research Reserve System as a Federal, state, and community partnership to support and enhance coastal management and stewardship; and

“(8) to encourage the development, application, and transfer of innovative coastal and estuarine environmental technologies

and techniques for the long-term conservation of coastal ecosystems.”.

SEC. 205. CHANGES IN DEFINITIONS.

Section 304 (16 U.S.C. 1453) is amended—

(1) by striking “and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands,” in paragraph (4);

(2) by striking paragraph (8) and inserting the following:

“(8) The term ‘estuarine reserve’ means a coastal protected area which may include any part or all of an estuary and any island, transitional area, and upland in, adjoining, or adjacent to the estuary, and which constitutes to the extent feasible a natural unit, established to provide long-term opportunities for conducting scientific studies and educational and training programs that improve the understanding, stewardship, and management of estuaries.”; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(19) The term ‘coastal nonpoint pollution control strategies and measures’ means strategies and measures included as part of the coastal nonpoint pollution control program under section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 1455b).”

“(20) The term ‘qualified local entity’ means—

“(A) any local government;

“(B) any areawide agency referred to in section 204(a)(1) of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 3334(a)(1));

“(C) any regional agency;

“(D) any interstate agency;

“(E) any nonprofit organization; or

“(F) any reserve established under section 315.”.

SEC. 206. REAUTHORIZATION OF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.

Section 305 (16 U.S.C. 1454) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 305. MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.

“(a) STATES WITHOUT PROGRAMS.—In fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004, the Secretary may make a grant annually to any coastal state without an approved program if the coastal state demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the grant will be used to develop a management program consistent with the requirements set forth in section 306. The amount of any such grant shall not exceed \$200,000 in any fiscal year, and shall require State matching funds according to a 4-to-1 ratio of Federal-to-State contributions. After an initial grant is made to a coastal state under this subsection, no subsequent grant may be made to that coastal state under this subsection unless the Secretary finds that the coastal state is satisfactorily developing its management program. No coastal state is eligible to receive more than 4 grants under this subsection.

“(b) SUBMITTAL OF PROGRAM FOR APPROVAL.—A coastal state that has completed the development of its management program shall submit the program to the Secretary for review and approval under section 306.”.

SEC. 207. ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS.

(a) PURPOSES.—Section 306(a) (16 U.S.C. 1455(a)) is amended by inserting “including developing and implementing coastal nonpoint pollution control program components,” after “program.”.

(b) EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING.—Section 306(c) (16 U.S.C. 1455(c)) is amended by adding at the end thereof “In promoting equity, the Secretary shall consider the overall change in grant funding under this section from the preceding fiscal year and minimize the relative increases or decreases among all the eligible States. The Secretary shall ensure that each eligible State receives increased funding under this section in any

fiscal year for which the total amount appropriated to carry out this section is greater than the total amount appropriated to carry out this section for the preceding fiscal year.

(c) ACQUISITION CRITERIA.—Section 306(d)(10)(B) (16 U.S.C. 1455(d)(10)(B)) is amended by striking “less than fee simple” and inserting “other”.

SEC. 208. COASTAL RESOURCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Section 306A (16 U.S.C. 1455a) is amended—

(1) by inserting “or other important coastal habitats” in subsection (b)(1)(A) after “306(d)(9)”;

(2) by inserting “or historic” in subsection (b)(2) after “urban”;

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (b) the following:

“(5) The coordination and implementation of approved coastal nonpoint pollution control plans.

“(6) The preservation, restoration, enhancement or creation of coastal habitats.”;

(4) by striking “and” after the semicolon in subsection (c)(2)(D);

(5) by striking “section.” in subsection (c)(2)(E) and inserting “section.”;

(6) by adding at the end of subsection (c)(2) the following:

“(F) work, resources, or technical support necessary to preserve, restore, enhance, or create coastal habitats; and

“(G) the coordination and implementation of approved coastal nonpoint pollution control plans.”; and

(7) by striking subsections (d), (e), and (f) and inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) SOURCE OF FEDERAL GRANTS; STATE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—If a coastal state chooses to fund a project under this section, then—

“(A) it shall submit to the Secretary a combined application for grants under this section and section 306;

“(B) it shall match the combined amount of such grants in the ratio required by section 306(a) for grants under that section; and

“(C) the Federal funding for the project shall be a portion of that state’s annual allocation under section 306(a).

“(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants provided under this section may be used to pay a coastal state’s share of costs required under any other Federal program that is consistent with the purposes of this section.

“(e) ALLOCATION OF GRANTS TO QUALIFIED LOCAL ENTITY.—With the approval of the Secretary, the eligible coastal state may allocate to a qualified local entity a portion of any grant made under this section for the purpose of carrying out this section; except that such an allocation shall not relieve that state of the responsibility for ensuring that any funds so allocated are applied in furtherance of the state’s approved management program.

“(f) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall assist eligible coastal states in identifying and obtaining from other Federal agencies technical and financial assistance in achieving the objectives set forth in subsection (b).”.

SEC. 209. COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT FUND.

(a) TREATMENT OF LOAN REPAYMENTS.—Section 308(a)(2) (16 U.S.C. 1456(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) Loan repayments made under this subsection—

“(A) shall be retained by the Secretary and deposited into the Coastal Zone Management Fund established under subsection (b); and

“(B) subject to amounts provided in Appropriations Acts, shall be available to the Secretary for purposes of this title and transferred to the Operations, Research, and Facilities account of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to offset the costs of implementing this title.”.

(b) USE OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.—Section 308(b) (16 U.S.C. 1456a(b)) is amended by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting the following:

“(2) Subject to Appropriation Acts, amounts in the Fund shall be available to the Secretary to carry out the provisions of this Act.”.

SEC. 210. COASTAL ZONE ENHANCEMENT GRANTS.

Section 309 (16 U.S.C. 1456b) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a)(1) and inserting the following:

“(1) Protection, restoration, enhancement, or creation of coastal habitats, including wetlands, coral reefs, marshes, and barrier islands.”;

(2) by inserting “and removal” after “entry” in subsection (a)(4);

(3) by striking “on various individual uses or activities on resources, such as coastal wetlands and fishery resources.” in subsection (a)(5) and inserting “of various individual uses or activities on coastal waters, habitats, and resources, including sources of polluted runoff.”;

(4) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following:

“(10) Development and enhancement of coastal nonpoint pollution control program components, including the satisfaction of conditions placed on such programs as part of the Secretary’s approval of the programs.

“(11) Significant emerging coastal issues as identified by coastal states, in consultation with the Secretary and qualified local entities.”;

(5) by striking “proposals, taking into account the criteria established by the Secretary under subsection (d).” in subsection (c) and inserting “proposals.”;

(6) by striking subsection (d) and redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (d);

(7) by striking “section, up to a maximum of \$10,000,000 annually” in subsection (f) and inserting “section.”; and

(8) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively.

SEC. 211. COASTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM.

The Act is amended by inserting after section 309 the following:

“SEC. 309A. COASTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM.

“(a) COASTAL COMMUNITY GRANTS.—The Secretary may make grants to any coastal state that is eligible under subsection (b)—

“(1) to assist coastal communities in assessing and managing growth, public infrastructure, and open space needs in order to provide for sustainable growth, resource protection and community revitalization;

“(2) to provide management-oriented research and technical assistance in developing and implementing community-based growth management and resource protection strategies in qualified local entities;

“(3) to fund demonstration projects which have high potential for improving coastal zone management at the local level;

“(4) to assist in the adoption of plans, strategies, policies, or procedures to support local community-based environmentally-protective solutions to the impacts and pressures on coastal uses and resources caused by development and sprawl that will—

“(A) revitalize previously developed areas;

“(B) undertake conservation activities and projects in undeveloped and environmentally sensitive areas;

“(C) emphasize water-dependent uses; and

“(D) protect coastal waters and habitats; and

“(5) to assist coastal communities to coordinate and implement approved coastal approved nonpoint pollution control strategies and measures that reduce the causes and impacts of polluted runoff on coastal waters and habitats.”.

“(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under this section for a fiscal year, a coastal state shall—

“(1) have a management program approved under section 306; and

“(2) in the judgment of the Secretary, be making satisfactory progress in activities designed to result in significant improvement in achieving the coastal management objectives specified in section 303(2)(A) through (K).

“(c) ALLOCATIONS; SOURCE OF FEDERAL GRANTS; STATE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—

“(1) ALLOCATION.—Grants under this section shall be allocated to coastal states as provided in section 306(c).

“(2) APPLICATION; MATCHING.—If a coastal state chooses to fund a project under this section, then—

“(A) it shall submit to the Secretary a combined application for grants under this section and section 306; and

“(B) it shall match the amount of the grant under this section on the basis of a total contribution of section 306, 306A, and this section so that, in aggregate, the match is 1:1.

“(d) ALLOCATION OF GRANTS TO QUALIFIED LOCAL ENTITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—With the approval of the Secretary, the eligible coastal state may allocate to a qualified local entity amounts received by the state under this section.

“(2) ASSURANCES.—A coastal state shall ensure that amounts allocated by the state under paragraph (1) are used by the qualified local entity in furtherance of the state's approved management program, specifically furtherance of the coastal management objectives specified in section 303(2).

“(e) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall assist eligible coastal states and qualified local entities in identifying and obtaining from other Federal agencies technical and financial assistance in achieving the objectives set forth in subsection (a).”.

SEC. 212. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

Section 310(b) (16 U.S.C. 1456(b)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(4) The Secretary may conduct a program to develop and apply innovative coastal and estuarine environmental technology and methodology through a cooperative program. The Secretary may make extramural grants in carrying out the purpose of this subsection.”.

SEC. 213. PERFORMANCE REVIEW.

Section 312(a) (16 U.S.C. 1458(a)) is amended by inserting “coordinated with National Estuarine Research Reserves in the state” after “303(2)(A) through (K).”.

SEC. 214. WALTER B. JONES AWARDS.

Section 314 (16 U.S.C. 1460) is amended—

(1) by striking “shall, using sums in the Coastal Zone Management Fund established under section 308” in subsection (a) and inserting “may, using sums available under this Act”;

(2) by striking “field.” in subsection (a) and inserting the following: “field of coastal zone management. These awards, to be known as the ‘Walter B. Jones Awards’, may include—

“(1) cash awards in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 each;

“(2) research grants; and

“(3) public ceremonies to acknowledge such awards.”;

(3) by striking “shall elect annually—” in subsection (b) and inserting “may select annually if funds are available under subsection (a)—”; and

(4) by striking subsection (e).

SEC. 215. NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE SYSTEM.

(a) Section 315(a) (16 U.S.C. 1461(a)) is amended by striking “consists of—” and in-

serting “is a network of areas protected by Federal, state, and community partnerships which promotes informed management of the Nation's estuarine and coastal areas through interconnected programs in resource stewardship, education and training, and scientific understanding consisting of—”.

(b) Section 315(b)(2)(C) (16 U.S.C. 1461(b)(2)(C)) is amended by striking “public education and interpretation; and”; and inserting “education, interpretation, training, and demonstration projects; and”.

(c) Section 315(c) (16 U.S.C. 1461(c)) is amended)

(1) by striking “RESEARCH” in the subsection caption and inserting “RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP”;

(2) by striking “conduct of research” and inserting “conduct of research, education, and resource stewardship”;

(3) by striking “coordinated research” in paragraph (1) and inserting “coordinated research, education, and resource stewardship”;

(4) by striking “research” before “principles” in paragraph (2);

(5) by striking “research programs” in paragraph (2) and inserting “research, education, and resource stewardship programs”;

(6) by striking “research” before “methodologies” in paragraph (3);

(7) by striking “data,” in paragraph (3) and inserting “information.”;

(8) by striking “research” before “results” in paragraph (3);

(9) by striking “research purposes;” in paragraph (3) and inserting “research, education, and resource stewardship purposes;”;

(10) by striking “research efforts” in paragraph (4) and inserting “research, education, and resource stewardship efforts”;

(11) by striking “research” in paragraph (5) and inserting “research, education, and resource stewardship”; and

(12) by striking “research” in the last sentence.

(d) Section 315(d) (16 U.S.C. 1461(d)) is amended—

(1) by striking “ESTUARINE RESEARCH.—” in the subsection caption and inserting “ESTUARINE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP.—”;

(2) by striking “research purposes” and inserting “research, education, and resource stewardship purposes”;

(3) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) giving reasonable priority to research, education, and stewardship activities that use the System in conducting or supporting activities relating to estuaries; and”;

(4) by striking “research.” in paragraph (2) and inserting “research, education, and resource stewardship activities.”; and

(5) by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(3) establishing partnerships with other Federal and state estuarine management programs to coordinate and collaborate on estuarine research.”.

(e) Section 315(e) (16 U.S.C. 1461(e)) is amended—

(1) by striking “reserve,” in paragraph (1)(A)(i) and inserting “reserve; and”;

(2) by striking “and constructing appropriate reserve facilities, or” in paragraph (a)(A)(ii) and inserting “including resource stewardship activities and constructing reserve facilities; and”;

(3) by striking paragraph (1)(A)(iii);

(4) by striking paragraph (1)(B) and inserting the following:

“(B) to any coastal state or public or private person for purposes of—

“(i) supporting research and monitoring associated with a national estuarine reserve that are consistent with the research guidelines developed under subsection (c); or

“(ii) conducting educational, interpretive, or training activities for a national estuarine reserve that are consistent with the education guidelines developed under subsection (c).”;

(5) by striking “therein or \$5,000,000, whichever amount is less.” in paragraph (3)(A) and inserting “therein. Non-Federal costs associated with the purchase of any lands and waters, or interests therein, which are incorporated into the boundaries of a reserve up to 5 years after the costs are incurred, may be used to match the Federal share.”;

(6) by striking “and (iii)” in paragraph (3)(B);

(7) by striking “paragraph (1)(A)(iii)” in paragraph (3)(B) and inserting “paragraph (1)(B)”;

(8) by striking “entire System.” in paragraph (3)(B) and inserting “System as a whole.”; and

(9) by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(4) The Secretary may—

“(A) enter into cooperative agreements, financial agreements, grants, contracts, or other agreements with any nonprofit organization, authorizing the organization to solicit donations to carry out the purposes and policies of this section, other than general administration of reserves or the System and which are consistent with the purposes and policies of this section; and

“(B) accept donations of funds and services for use in carrying out the purposes and policies of this section, other than general administration of reserves or the System and which are consistent with the purposes and policies of this section.

Donations accepted under this section shall be considered as a gift or bequest to or for the use of the United States for the purpose of carrying out this section.”.

(f) Section 315(f)(1) (16 U.S.C. 1461(f)(1)) is amended by inserting “coordination with other state programs established under sections 306 and 309A,” after “including”.

SEC. 216. COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT REPORTS.

Section 316 (16 U.S.C. 1462) is amended—

(1) by striking “to the President for transmittal” in subsection (a);

(2) by striking “zone and an evaluation of the effectiveness of financial assistance under section 308 in dealing with such consequences;” and inserting “zone;” in the provision designated as (10) in subsection (a);

(3) by inserting “education,” after the “studies,” in the provision designated as (12) in subsection (a);

(4) by striking “Secretary” in the first sentence of subsection (c)(1) and inserting “Secretary, in consultation with coastal states, and with the participation of affected Federal agencies.”;

(5) by striking the second sentence of subsection (c)(1) and inserting the following: “The Secretary, in conducting such a review, shall coordinate with, and obtain the views of, appropriate Federal agencies.”;

(6) by striking “shall promptly” in subsection (c)(2) and inserting “shall, within 4 years after the date of enactment of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 2000.”; and

(7) by adding at the end of subsection (c)(2) the following: “If sufficient funds and resources are not available to conduct such a review, the Secretary shall so notify the Congress.”.

SEC. 217. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 318 (16 U.S.C. 1464) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(1) for grants under sections 306, 306A, and 309—

“(A) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;

“(B) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;

“(C) \$83,500,000 for fiscal year 2002;
 “(D) \$87,000,000 for fiscal year 2003; and
 “(E) \$90,500,000 for fiscal year 2004;
 “(2) for grants under section 309A—
 “(A) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;
 “(B) \$26,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;
 “(C) \$27,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;
 “(D) \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 2003; and
 “(E) \$29,000,000 for fiscal year 2004; of which
 \$10,000,000, or 35 percent, whichever is less,
 shall be for purposes set forth in section
 309A(a)(5);

“(3) for grants under section 315—
 “(A) \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;
 “(B) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;
 “(C) \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;
 “(D) \$14,000,000 for fiscal year 2003; and
 “(E) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;
 “(4) for grants to fund construction
 projects at estuarine reserves designated
 under section 315, \$12,000,000 for each of fiscal
 years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004; and

“(5) for costs associated with admin-
 istering this title, \$6,500,000 for fiscal year
 2000 and such sums as are necessary for fiscal
 years 2001–2004.”;

(2) by striking “306 or 309.” in subsection
 (b) and inserting “306.”;

(3) by striking “during the fiscal year, or
 during the second fiscal year after the fiscal
 year, for which” in subsection (c) and insert-
 ing “within 3 years from when”;

(4) by striking “under the section for such
 reverted amount was originally made avail-
 able.” in subsection (c) and inserting “to
 states under this Act.”; and

(5) by adding at the end thereof the fol-
 lowing:

“(d) PURCHASE OF OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE
 FEDERAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.—Federal
 funds allocated under this title may be used
 by grantees to purchase Federal products
 and services not otherwise available.

“(e) RESTRICTION ON USE OF AMOUNTS FOR
 PROGRAM, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR OVERHEAD
 COSTS.—Except for funds appropriated under
 subsection (a)(5), amounts appropriated
 under this section shall be available only for
 grants to states and shall not be available
 for other program, administrative, or over-
 head costs of the National Oceanic and At-
 mospheric Administration or the Depart-
 ment of Commerce.”.

SEC. 218. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that the Under-
 secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere should
 re-evaluate the calculation of shoreline mile-
 age used in the distribution of funding under
 the Coastal Zone Management Program to
 ensure equitable treatment of all regions of
 the coastal zone, including the Southeastern
 States and the Great Lakes States.

TITLE III—ATLANTIC FISHERIES

Subtitle A—Reauthorization of Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act

SEC. 301. REAUTHORIZATION OF ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS CONSERVATION ACT.

Section 7(a) of the Atlantic Striped Bass
 Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 1851 note) is
 amended to read as follows:

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—For each of fiscal
 years 2001, 2002, and 2003, there are author-
 ized to be appropriated to carry out this
 Act—

“(1) \$1,000,000 to the Secretary of Com-
 merce; and

“(2) \$250,000 to the Secretary of the Inter-
 ior.”.

SEC. 302. POPULATION STUDY OF STRIPED BASS.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretaries (as that term
 is defined in the Atlantic Striped Bass Con-
 servation Act), in consultation with the At-
 lantic States Marine Fisheries Commission,
 shall conduct a study to determine if the dis-
 tribution of year classes in the Atlantic
 striped bass population is appropriate for

maintaining adequate recruitment and sus-
 tainable fishing opportunities. In conducting
 the study, the Secretaries shall consider—

(1) long-term stock assessment data and
 other fishery-dependent and independent
 data for Atlantic striped bass; and

(2) the results of peer-reviewed research
 funded under the Atlantic Striped Bass Con-
 servation Act.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
 the date of the enactment of this Act, the
 Secretaries, in consultation with the Atlan-
 tic States Marine Fisheries Commission,
 shall submit to the Committee on Resources
 of the House of Representatives and the
 Committee on Commerce, Science, and
 Transportation and the Committee on Envi-
 ronment and Public Works of the Senate the
 results of the study and a long-term plan to
 ensure a balanced and healthy population
 structure of Atlantic striped bass, including
 older fish. The report shall include informa-
 tion regarding—

(1) the structure of the Atlantic striped
 bass population required to maintain ade-
 quate recruitment and sustainable fishing
 opportunities; and

(2) recommendations for measures nec-
 essary to achieve and maintain the popu-
 lation structure described in paragraph (1).

(c) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized
 to be appropriated to the Secretary of Com-
 merce \$250,000 to carry out this section.

Subtitle B—Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management

SEC. 331. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Atlantic
 Coastal Fisheries Act of 2000”.

SEC. 332. REAUTHORIZATION OF ATLANTIC COASTAL FISHERIES COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT ACT.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 Section 811 of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries
 Cooperative Management Act (16 U.S.C. 5108)
 is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 811. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this title,
 there are authorized to be appropriated—

“(1) \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal year 2001;

“(2) \$12,000,000 for each of fiscal year 2002;

“(3) \$14,000,000 for each of fiscal year 2003;

“(4) \$16,000,000 for each of fiscal year 2004;

and

“(5) \$18,000,000 for each of fiscal year 2005;

“(b) COOPERATIVE STATISTICS PROGRAM.—
 Amounts authorized under subsection (a)
 may be used by the Secretary to support the
 Commission's cooperative statistics pro-
 gram.”.

(b) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Such Act is amended—

(A) in section 802(3) (16 U.S.C. 5101(3)) by
 striking “such resources in” and inserting
 “such resources is”; and

(B) by striking section 812 and the second
 section 811.

(2) AMENDMENTS TO REPEAL NOT AF-
 FECTED.—The amendments made by para-
 graph (1)(B) shall not affect any amendment
 or repeal made by the sections struck by
 that paragraph.

(3) SHORT TITLE REFERENCES.—Such Act is
 further amended by striking “Magnuson
 Fishery” each place it appears and inserting
 “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery”.

(c) REPORTS.—

(1) ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.—
 The Secretary shall require, as a condition of
 providing financial assistance under this
 title, that the Commission and each State
 receiving such assistance submit to the Sec-
 retary an annual report that provides a de-
 tailed accounting of the use the assistance.

(2) BIENNIAL REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS.—
 The Secretary shall submit biennial reports
 to the Committee on Resources of the House
 of Representatives and the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
 the Senate on the use of Federal assistance
 provided to the Commission and the States
 under this title. Each biennial report shall
 evaluate the success of such assistance in
 implementing this title.

Subtitle C—Atlantic Tunas Management

SEC. 361. USE OF AIRCRAFT PROHIBITED.

Section 7(a) of the Atlantic Tunas Con-
 vention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971e(a)) is
 amended—

(1) by striking “or” after the semicolon in
 paragraph (1);

(2) by striking “fish.” in paragraph (2) and
 inserting “fish; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) for any person, other than a person
 holding a valid Federal permit in the purse
 seine category—

“(A) to sue an aircraft to locate or other-
 wise assist in fishing for, catching, or retain-
 ing Atlantic bluefin tuna; or

“(B) to catch, possess, or retain Atlantic
 bluefin tuna located by use of an aircraft.”.

TITLE IV—SHARK FINNING

SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Shark Con-
 servation Act”.

SEC. 402. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this title is to eliminate
 shark-finning by addressing the problem
 comprehensively at both the national and
 international levels.

SEC. 403. PROHIBITION ON REMOVING SHARK FIN AND DISCARDING SHARK CAR- CASS AT SEA.

Section 307(l) of the Magnuson-Stevens
 Fishery Conservation and Management Act
 (16 U.S.C. 1857(l)) is amended—

(1) by striking “or” after the semicolon in
 subparagraph (N);

(2) by striking “section 302(j)(7)(A).” in
 subparagraph (O) and inserting “section
 302(j)(7)(A); or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(P)(i) to remove any of the fins of a shark
 (including the tail) and discard the carcass of
 the shark at sea;

“(ii) to have custody, control, or posses-
 sion of any such fin aboard a fishing vessel
 without the corresponding carcass; or

“(iii) to land any such fin without the cor-
 responding carcass.

“For purposes of subparagraph (P) there is a
 rebuttable presumption that any shark fins
 landed from a fishing vessel or found on
 board a fishing vessel were taken, held, or
 landed in violation of subparagraph (P) if the
 total weight of shark fins landed or found on
 board exceeds 5 percent of the total weight of
 shark carcasses landed or found on board.”.

SEC. 404. REGULATIONS.

No later than 180 days after the date of en-
 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Com-
 merce shall promulgate regulations imple-
 menting the provisions of section 307(l)(P) of
 the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation
 and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1857(l)(P)), as
 added by section 403 of this title.

SEC. 405. INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.

The Secretary of Commerce, acting
 through the Secretary of State, shall—

(1) initiate discussions as soon as possible
 for the purpose of developing bilateral or
 multilateral agreements with other nations
 for the prohibition on shark-finning;

(2) initiate discussions as soon as possible
 with all foreign governments which are en-
 gaged in, or which have persons or compa-
 nies engaged in shark-finning, for the pur-
 poses of—

(A) collecting information on the nature
 and extent of shark-finning by such persons
 and the landing or transshipment of shark
 fins through foreign ports; and

(B) entering into bilateral and multilateral treaties with such countries to protect such species;

(3) seek agreements calling for an international ban on shark-finning and other fishing practices adversely affecting these species through the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization's Committee on Fisheries, and appropriate regional fishery management bodies;

(4) initiate the amendment of any existing international treaty for the protection and conservation of species of sharks to which the United States is a party in order to make such treaty consistent with the purposes and policies of this section;

(5) urge other governments involved in fishing for or importation of shark or shark products to fulfill their obligations to collect biological data, such as stock abundance and by-catch levels, as well as trade data, on shark species as called for in the 1995 Resolution on Cooperation with FAO with Regard to study on the Status of Sharks and By-Catch of Shark Species; and

(6) urge other governments to prepare and submit their respective National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks of the 2001 session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries, as set forth in the International Plan for Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks.

SEC. 406. REPORT TO CONGRESS

The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall provide to Congress, by not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every year thereafter, a report which—

(1) includes a list that identifies nations whose vessels conduct shark-finning and details the extent of the international trade in shark fins, including estimates of value and information on harvesting of shark fins, and landings or transshipment of shark fins through foreign ports;

(2) describes the efforts taken to carry out this title, and evaluates the progress of those efforts;

(3) sets forth a plan for action to adopt international measures for the conservation of sharks; and

(4) includes recommendations for measures to ensure that United States actions are consistent with national, international, and regional obligations relating to shark populations, including those listed under the Conservation on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna.

SEC. 407. RESEARCH.

The Secretary of Commerce, subject to the availability of appropriations authorized by section 410, shall establish a research program for Pacific and Atlantic sharks to engage in the following data collection and research:

(1) The collection of data to support stock assessments of shark populations subject to incidental or directed harvesting by commercial vessels, giving priority to species according to vulnerability of the species to fishing gear and fishing mortality, and its population status.

(2) Research to identify fishing gear and practices that prevent or minimize incidental catch of sharks in commercial and recreational fishing.

(3) Research on fishing methods that will ensure maximum likelihood of survival or captured sharks after release.

(4) Research on methods for releasing sharks from fishing gear that minimize risk of injury to fishing vessels operators and crews.

(5) Research on methods of maximize the utilization of, and funding to develop the market for, sharks not taken in violation of a fishing management plan approved under

section 303 or of section 307(1)(P) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1853, 1857(1)(P)).

(6) Research on the nature and extent of the harvest of sharks and shark fins by foreign fleets and the international trade in shark fins and other shark products.

SEC. 408. WESTERN PACIFIC LONGLINE FISHERIES COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM.

The National Marine Fisheries Service, in consultation with the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council, shall initiate a cooperative research program with the commercial longlining industry to carry out activities consistent with this title, including research described in section 407 of this title. The service may initiate such shark cooperative research programs upon the request of any other fishery management council.

SEC. 409. SHARK-FINNING DEFINED.

In this Act, the term "shark-finning" means the taking of a shark, removing the fin or fins (whether or not including the tail) of a shark, and returning the remainder of the shark to the sea.

SEC. 410. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 such sums as are necessary to carry out this title.

TITLE V—EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT OF 1967

SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Fishermen's Protective Act Amendments of 2000".

SEC. 502. EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT OF 1967.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(e) of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 (22 U.S.C. 1977(e)) is amended by striking "2000" and inserting "2003".

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 7(a)(3) of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 (22 U.S.C. 1977(a)(3)) is amended by striking "Secretary of the Interior" and inserting "Secretary of Commerce".

TITLE VI—YUKON RIVER SALMON

SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Yukon River Salmon Act of 2000".

SEC. 602. YUKON RIVER SALMON PANEL.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be a Yukon River Salmon Panel (in this title referred to as the "Panel").

(2) FUNCTIONS.—The Panel shall—

(A) advise the Secretary of State regarding the negotiation of any international agreement with Canada relating to the management of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada;

(B) advise the Secretary of the Interior regarding restoration and enhancement of such salmon stocks; and

(C) perform other functions relating to conservation and management of such salmon stocks as authorized by this title or any other law.

(3) DESIGNATION AS UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES ON BILATERAL BODY.—The Secretary of State may designate the members of the Panel to be the United States representatives on any successor to the panel established by the interim agreement for the conservation of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada agreed to through an exchange of notes between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada on February 3, 1995, if authorized by any agreement establishing such successor.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Panel shall be comprised of six members, as follows:

(A) One member who is an official of the United States Government with expertise in salmon conservation and management, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of State.

(B) One member who is an official of the State of Alaska with expertise in salmon conservation and management, who shall be appointed by the Governor of Alaska.

(C) Four members who are knowledgeable and experienced with regard to the salmon fisheries on the Yukon River, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of State.

(2) APPOINTEES FROM ALASKA.—

(A) The Secretary of State shall appoint the members under paragraph (1)(C) from a list of at least three individuals nominated for each position by the Governor of Alaska.

(B) In making the nominations, the Governor of Alaska may consider suggestions for nominations provided by organizations with expertise in Yukon River salmon fisheries.

(C) The Governor of Alaska may make appropriate nominations to allow for appointment of, and the Secretary of State shall appoint, under paragraph (1)(C)—

(i) at least one member who is qualified to represent the interests of Lower Yukon River fishing districts; and

(ii) at least one member who is qualified to represent the interests of Upper Yukon River fishing districts.

(D) At least one of the members appointed under paragraph (1)(C) shall be an Alaska Native.

(3) ALTERNATES.—

(A) The Secretary of State may designate an alternate Panel member for each Panel member the Secretary appoints under paragraphs (1)(A) and (C), who meets the same qualifications, to serve in the absence of the Panel member.

(B) The Governor of the State of Alaska may designate an alternative Panel member for the Panel member appointed under paragraph (1)(B), who meets the same qualifications, to serve in the absence of that Panel member.

(c) TERM LENGTH.—Panel members and alternate Panel members shall serve four-year terms. Any individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of any term shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

(d) REAPPOINTMENT.—Panel members and alternate Panel members shall be eligible for reappointment.

(e) DECISIONS.—Decisions of the Panel shall be made by the consensus of the Panel members appointed under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subsection (b)(1).

(f) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out their functions, Panel members may consult with such other interested parties as they consider appropriate.

SEC. 603. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(a) APPOINTMENTS.—The Governor of Alaska may establish and appoint an advisory committee (in this title referred to as the "advisory committee") of not less than eight, but not more than 12, individuals who are knowledgeable and experienced with regard to the salmon fisheries on the Yukon River. At least two of the advisory committee members shall be Alaska Natives. Members of the advisory committee may attend all meetings of the Panel, and shall be given the opportunity to examine and be heard on any matter under consideration by the Panel.

(b) COMPENSATION.—The members of such advisory committee shall receive no compensation for their services.

(c) TERM LENGTH.—Members of such advisory committee shall serve two-year terms. Any individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of any term shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

(d) REAPPOINTMENT.—Members of such advisory committee shall be eligible for reappointment.

SEC. 604. EXEMPTION.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Panel or to the advisory committee.

SEC. 605. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game shall be the responsible management entity for the United States for the purposes of any agreement with Canada regarding management of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada.

(b) EFFECT OF DESIGNATION.—The designation under subsection (a) shall not be considered to expand, diminish, or otherwise change the management authority of the State of Alaska or the Federal Government with respect to fishery resources.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS OF PANEL.—In addition to recommendations made by the Panel to the responsible management entities in accordance with any agreement with Canada regarding management of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada, the Panel may make recommendations concerning the conservation and management of salmon originating in the Yukon River to the Department of the Interior, the Department of Commerce, the Department of State, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and other Federal or State entities as appropriate. Recommendations by the Panel shall be advisory in nature.

SEC. 606. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

(a) COMPENSATION.—Panel members and alternate Panel members who are not State or Federal employees shall receive compensation at the daily rate of GS-15 of the General Schedule when engaged in the actual performance of duties.

(b) TRAVEL AND OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES.—Travel and other necessary expenses shall be paid by the Secretary of the Interior for all Panel members, alternate Panel members, and members of the advisory committee when such members are engaged in the actual performance of duties for the Panel or advisory committee.

(c) TREATMENT AS FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—Except for officials of the United States Government, all Panel members, alternate Panel members, and members of the advisory committee shall not be considered to be Federal employees while engaged in the actual performance of duties, except for the purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, and chapter 71 of title 28, United States Code.

SEC. 607. YUKON RIVER SALMON STOCK RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, may carry out projects to restore or enhance salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada and the United States.

(b) COOPERATION WITH CANADA.—If there is in effect an agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada for the conservation of salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada that includes provisions governing projects authorized under this section, then—

(1) projects under this section shall be carried out in accordance with that agreement; and

(2) amounts available for projects under this section—

(A) shall be expended in accordance with the agreement; and

(B) may be deposited in any joint account established by the agreement to fund such projects.

SEC. 608. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out this title \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, of which—

(1) such sums as are necessary shall be available each fiscal year for travel expenses of Panel members, alternate Panel members, United States members of the Joint Technical Committee established by paragraph C.2 of the memorandum of understanding concerning the Pacific Salmon Treaty between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada (recorded January 28, 1985), and members of the advisory committee, in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations and sections 5701, 5702, 5704 through 5708, and 5731 of title 5, United States Code;

(2) such sums as are necessary shall be available for the United States share of expenses incurred by the Joint Technical Committee and any panel established by any agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Canada for restoration and enhancement of salmon originating in Canada;

(3) up to \$3,000,000 shall be available each fiscal year for activities by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce for survey, restoration, and enhancement activities related to salmon stocks originating from the Yukon River in Canada, of which up to \$1,200,000 shall be available each fiscal year for Yukon River salmon stock restoration and enhancement projects under section 507(b); and

(4) \$600,000 shall be available each fiscal year for cooperative salmon research and management projects in the portion of the Yukon River drainage located in the United States that are recommended by the Panel.

TITLE VII—FISHERY INFORMATION ACQUISITION

SEC. 701. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Fisheries Survey Vessel Authorization Act of 2000”.

SEC. 702. ACQUISITION OF FISHERY SURVEY VESSELS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce, subject to the availability of appropriations, may in accordance with this section acquire, by purchase, lease, lease-purchase, or charter, and equip up to six fishery survey vessels in accordance with this section.

(b) VESSEL REQUIREMENTS.—Any vessel acquired and equipped under this section must—

(1) be capable of—

(A) staying at sea continuously for at least 30 days;

(B) conducting fishery population surveys using hydroacoustic, longlining, deep water, and pelagic trawls, and other necessary survey techniques; and

(C) conducting other work necessary to provide fishery managers with the accurate and timely data needed to prepare and implement fishery management plans; and

(2) have a hull that meets the International Council for Exploration of the Sea standard regarding acoustic quietness.

(c) FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL PROCUREMENT.—Notwithstanding section 644 of title 15, United States Code, and section 19.502-2 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, the Secretary of Commerce shall seek to procure Fisheries Research Vessels through full and open competition from responsible United States shipbuilding companies irrespective of size.

(d) AUTHORIZATION.—To carry out this section there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004.

TITLE VIII—CORAL REEF CONSERVATION

SEC. 801. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000”.

SEC. 802. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act are:

(1) to preserve, sustain, and restore the condition of coral reef ecosystems;

(2) to promote the wise management and sustainable use of coral reef ecosystems to benefit local communities and the Nation;

(3) to develop sound scientific information on the condition of coral reef ecosystems and the threats to such ecosystems;

(4) to assist in the preservation of coral reefs by supporting conservation programs, including projects that involve affected local communities and nongovernmental organizations;

(5) to provide financial resources for those programs and projects; and

(6) to establish a formal mechanism for collecting and allocating monetary donations from the private sector to be used for coral reef conservation projects.

SEC. 803. NATIONAL CORAL REEF ACTION STRATEGY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and publish in the Federal Register a national coral reef action strategy, consistent with the purposes of this Act. The Administrator shall periodically review and revise the strategy as necessary. In developing this national strategy, the Secretary may consult with the Coral Reef Task Force established under Executive Order 13089 (June 11, 1998).

(b) GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.—The action strategy shall include a statement of goals and objectives as well as an implementation plan, including a description of the funds obligated each fiscal year to advance coral reef conservation. The action strategy and implementation plan shall include discussion of—

(1) coastal uses and management;

(2) water and air quality;

(3) mapping and information management;

(4) research, monitoring, and assessment;

(5) international and regional issues;

(6) outreach and education;

(7) local strategies developed by the States or Federal agencies, including regional fishery management councils; and

(8) conservation, including how the use of marine protected areas to serve as replenishment zones will be developed consistent with local practices and traditions.

SEC. 804. CORAL REEF CONSERVATION PROGRAM.

(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary, through the Administrator and subject to the availability of funds, shall provide grants of financial assistance for projects for the conservation of coral reefs, hereafter called coral conservation projects, for proposals approved by the Administrator in accordance with this section.

(b) MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) 50 PERCENT.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), Federal funds for any coral conservation project under this section may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of such project. For purposes of this paragraph, the non-Federal share of project costs may be provided by in-kind contributions and other noncash support.

(2) WAIVER.—The Administrator may waive all or part of the matching requirement under paragraph (1) if the Administrator determines that no reasonable means are available through which applicant can meet the matching requirement and the probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement.

(c) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Any natural resource management authority of a State or other government authority with jurisdiction over coral reefs or whose activities directly or indirectly affect coral reefs, or coral reef ecosystems, or educational or non-governmental institutions with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of coral reefs, may submit to the Administrator a coral conservation proposal under subsection (e) of this section.

(d) **GEOGRAPHIC AND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.**—The Administrator shall ensure that funding for grants awarded under subsection (b) of this section during a fiscal year are distributed in the following manner—

(1) no less than 40 percent of funds available shall be awarded for coral conservation projects in the Pacific Ocean within the maritime areas and zones subject to the jurisdiction or control of the United States;

(2) no less than 40 percent of the funds available shall be awarded for coral conservation projects in the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea within the maritime areas and zones subject to the jurisdiction or control of the United States; and

(3) remaining funds shall be awarded for projects that address emerging priorities or threats, including international priorities or threats, identified by the Administrator. When identifying emerging threats or priorities, the Administrator may consult with the Coral Reef Task Force.

(e) **PROJECT PROPOSALS.**—Each proposal for a grant under this section shall include the following:

(1) The name of the individual or entity responsible for conducting the project.

(2) A description of the qualifications of the individuals who will conduct the project.

(3) A succinct statement of the purposes of the project.

(4) An estimate of the funds and time required to complete the project.

(5) Evidence of support for the project by project by appropriate representatives of States or other government jurisdictions in which the project will be conducted.

(6) Information regarding the source and amount of matching funding available to the applicant.

(7) A description of how the project meets one or more of the criteria in subsection (g) of this section.

(8) Any other information the Administrator considers to be necessary for evaluating the eligibility of the project for funding under this Act.

(f) **PROJECT REVIEW AND APPROVAL.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator shall review each coral conservation project proposed to determine if it meets the criteria set forth in subsection (g).

(2) **REVIEW; APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL.**—Not later than 6 months after receiving a project proposal under this section, the Administrator shall—

(A) request and consider written comments on the proposal from each Federal agency, State government, or other government jurisdiction, including the relevant regional fishery management councils established under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), or any National Marine Sanctuary, with jurisdiction or management authority over coral reef ecosystems in the area where the project is to be conducted, including the extent to which the project is consistent with locally-established priorities;

(B) provide for the merit-based peer review of the proposal and require standardized documentation of that peer review;

(C) after considering any written comments and recommendations based on the reviews under subparagraphs (A) and (B), approve or disapprove the proposal; and

(D) provide written notification of that approval or disapproval to the person who submitted the proposal, and each of those States and other government jurisdictions that provided comments under subparagraph (A).

(g) **CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL.**—The Administrator may not approve a project proposal under this section unless the project is consistent with the coral reef action strategy under section 3 and will enhance the conservation of coral reefs by—

(1) implementing coral conservation programs which promote sustainable development and ensure effective, long-term conservation of coral reefs;

(2) addressing the conflicts arising from the use of environments near coral reefs or from the use of corals, species associated with coral reefs, and coral products;

(3) enhancing compliance with laws that prohibit or regulate the taking of coral products or species associated with coral reefs or regulate the use and management or coral reef ecosystems;

(4) developing sound scientific information on the condition of coral reef ecosystems or the threats to such ecosystems, including factors that cause coral disease;

(5) promoting and assisting to implement cooperative coral reef conservation projects that involve affected local communities, non-governmental organizations, or others in the private sector;

(6) increasing public knowledge and awareness of coral reef ecosystems and issues regarding their long term conservation;

(7) mapping the location and distribution of coral reefs;

(8) developing and implementing techniques to monitor and assess the status and condition of coral reefs;

(9) developing and implementing cost-effective methods to restore degraded coral reef ecosystems; or

(10) promoting ecologically sound navigation and anchorages near coral reefs.

(h) **PROJECT REPORTING.**—Each grantee under this section shall provide periodic reports as required by the Administrator. Each report shall include all information required by the Administrator for evaluating the progress and success of the project.

(i) **CORAL REEF TASK FORCE.**—The Administrator may consult with the Coral Reef Task Force to obtain guidance in establishing coral conservation project priorities under this section.

(j) **IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES.**—Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall promulgate necessary guidelines for implementing this section. In developing those guidelines, the Administrator shall consult with State, regional, and local entities involved in setting priorities for conservation of coral reefs and provide for appropriate public notice and opportunity for comment.

SEC. 805. CORAL REEF CONSERVATION FUND.

(a) **FUND.**—The Administrator may enter into an agreement with a non-profit organization that promotes coral reef conservation authorizing such organization to receive, hold, and administer funds received pursuant to this section. The organization shall invest, reinvest, and otherwise administer the funds and maintain such funds and any interest or revenues earned in a separate interest bearing account, hereafter referred to as the Fund, established by such organization solely to support partnerships between the public and private sectors that further the purposes of this Act and are consistent with the national coral reef action strategy under section 3.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT DONATIONS.**—Pursuant to an agreement entered into under subsection (a) of this section, an orga-

nization may accept, receive, solicit, hold, administer, and use any gift to further the purposes of this Act. Any monies received as a gift shall be deposited and maintained in the Fund established by the organization under subsection (a).

(c) **REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE.**—The Administrator shall conduct a continuing review of the grant program administered by an organization under this section. Each review shall include a written assessment concerning the extent to which that organization has implemented the goals and requirements of this section and the national coral reef action strategy under section 3.

(d) **ADMINISTRATION.**—Under an agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Administrator may transfer funds appropriated to carry out this Act to an organization. Amounts received by an organization under this subsection may be used for matching, in whole or in part, contributions (whether in money, services, or property) made to the organization by private persons and State and local government agencies.

SEC. 806. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.

The Administrator may make grants to any State, local, or territorial government agency with jurisdiction over coral reefs for emergencies to address unforeseen or disaster-related circumstance pertaining to coral reefs or coral reef ecosystems.

SEC. 807. NATIONAL PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary may conduct activities to conserve coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems, that are consistent with this Act, the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Marine Mammal Act.

(b) **AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.**—Activities authorized under subsection (a) include—

(1) mapping, monitoring, assessment, restoration, and scientific research that benefit the understanding, sustainable use, and long-term conservation of coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems;

(2) enhancing public awareness, education, understanding, and appreciation of coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems;

(3) providing assistance to States in removing abandoned fishing gear, marine debris, and abandoned vessels from coral reefs to conserve living marine resources; and

(4) cooperative conservation and management of coral reefs and coral reef ecosystems with local, regional, or international programs and partners.

SEC. 808. EFFECTIVENESS REPORTS.

(a) **GRANT PROGRAM.**—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives a report that documents the effectiveness of the grant program under section 4 in meeting the purposes of this Act. The report shall include a State-by-State summary of Federal and non-Federal contributions toward the costs of each project.

(b) **NATIONAL PROGRAM.**—Not later than 2 years after the date on which the Administrator publishes the national coral reef strategy under section 3 and every 2 years thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives a report describing all activities undertaken to implement that strategy, under section 3, including a description of the funds obligated each fiscal year to advance coral reef conservation.

SEC. 809. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this Act \$16,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004, which may remain available until expended.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—Of the amounts appropriated under subsection (a), not more than the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 10 percent of the amounts appropriated, may be used for program administration or for overhead costs incurred by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or the Department of Commerce and assessed as an administrative charge.

(c) CORAL REEF CONSERVATION PROGRAM.—From the amounts appropriated under subsection (a), there shall be made available to the Secretary \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 for coral reef conservation activities under section 4.

(d) NATIONAL CORAL REEF ACTIVITIES.—From the amounts appropriated under section (a), there shall be made available to the Secretary \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 for activities under section 7.

SEC. 810. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(2) CONSERVATION.—The term “conservation” means the use of methods and procedures necessary to preserve or sustain corals and associated species as diverse, viable, and self-perpetuating coral reef ecosystems, including all activities associated with resource management, such as assessment, conservation, protection, restoration, sustainable use, and management of habitat; mapping; habitat monitoring; assistance in the development of management strategies for marine protected areas and marine resources consistent with the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.); law enforcement; conflict resolution initiatives; community outreach and education; and that promote safe and ecologically sound navigation.

(3) CORAL.—The term “coral” means species of the phylum Cnidaria, including—

(A) all species of the orders Antipatharia (black corals), Scleractinia (stony corals), Gorgonacea (horny corals), Stolonifera (organpipe corals and others), Alcyonacea (soft corals), and Coenothecalia (blue coral), of the class Anthozoa; and

(B) all species of the order Hydrocorallina (fire corals and hydrocorals) of the class Hydrozoa.

(4) CORAL REEF.—The term “coral reef” means any reefs or shoals composed primarily of corals.

(5) CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM.—The term “coral reef ecosystem” means coral and other species of reef organisms (including reef plants) associated with coral reefs, and the non-living environmental factors that directly affect coral reefs, that together function as an ecological unit in nature.

(6) CORAL PRODUCTS.—The term “coral products” means any living or dead specimens, parts, or derivatives, or any product containing specimens, parts, or derivatives, of any species referred to in paragraph (3).

(7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(8) STATE.—The term “State” means any State of the United States that contains a coral reef ecosystem within its seaward boundaries, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and any other terri-

tory or possession of the United States, or separate sovereign in free association with the United States, that contains a coral reef ecosystem within its seaward boundaries.

TITLE IX—MISCELLANEOUS**SEC. 901. TREATMENT OF VESSEL AS AN ELIGIBLE VESSEL.**

Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) through (3) of section 208(a) of the American Fisheries Act (title II of division C of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-624)), the catcher vessel (HAZEL LORRAINE (United States Official Number 592211) and the catcher vessel PROVIDIAN (United States Official Number 1062183) shall be considered to be vessels that are eligible to harvest the directed fishing allowance under section 206(b)(1) of that Act pursuant to a Federal fishing permit in the same manner as, and subject to the same requirements and limitations on that harvesting as apply to harvest that directed fishing allowance under section 208(a) of that Act.

SEC. 902. STATUS OF CERTAIN COMMISSIONERS AS FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

(a) GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION.—Section 3(a)(1) of the Great Lakes Fishery Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 932(a)(1)) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: “An individual serving as a Commissioner shall not be considered to be a Federal employee while performing service as a Commissioner, except for purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81, of title 5, United States Code, and chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code.”.

(b) INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF TUNAS; INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION.—Section 3 of the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 (16 U.S.C. 952) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: “An individual serving as a Commissioner shall not be considered to be a Federal employee while performing service as a Commissioner, except for purpose of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81, of title 5, United States Code, and chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code.”.

(c) INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS.—Section 3(a)(1) of the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971a(a)(1)) is amended by inserting after “Government.” the following: “An individual serving as a Commissioner shall not be considered to be a Federal employee while performing service as a Commissioner, except for purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81, of title 5, United States Code, and chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code.”.

(d) NORTH PACIFIC ANADROMOUS FISH COMMISSION.—Section 804(a) of the North Pacific Anadromous Stocks Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 5003(a)) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: “An individual serving as a Commissioner shall not be considered to be a Federal employee while performing service as a Commissioner, except for purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81, of title 5, United States Code, and chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code.”.

SEC. 903. WESTERN PACIFIC PROJECT GRANTS.

Section 111(b)(1) of the Sustainable Fisheries Act (16 U.S.C. 1855 nt) is amended by striking the last sentence and inserting “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$500,000 for each fiscal year.”.

SEC. 904. EXTENSION OF DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

Section 203(i) of the Act entitled “An Act To approve a governing international fishery

agreement between the United States and the Republic of Poland, and for other purposes” (112 Stat. 3453; 16 U.S.C. 1856 nt.) is amended by striking “2001.” and inserting “2004.”.

TITLE X—MARINE MAMMAL RESCUE ASSISTANCE**SEC. 1001. JOHN H. PRESCOTT MARINE MAMMAL RESCUE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1371 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 408 and 409 as sections 409 and 410, respectively; and

(2) by inserting after section 407 the following:

“SEC. 408. JOHN H. PRESCOTT MARINE MAMMAL RESCUE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) GRANTS.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall conduct a grant program to be known as the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, to provide grants to eligible stranded network participants for the recovery or treatment of marine mammals, the collection of data from living or dead stranded marine mammals for scientific research regarding marine mammal health, and facility operation costs that are directly related to those purposes.

“(2) DISTRIBUTION AMONG STRANDING REGIONS.—

“(A) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary shall ensure that, to the greatest extent practicable, funds provided as grants under this subsection are distributed equitably among the designated stranding regions.

“(B) PRIORITIES.—In determining priorities among such regions, the Secretary may consider—

“(i) any episodic stranding or any mortality event other than an event described in section 410(6), that occurred in any region in the preceding year; and

“(ii) data regarding average annual strandings and mortality events per region.

“(b) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under this section, a stranding network participant shall submit an application in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe.

“(c) ADVISORY GROUP.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Marine Mammal Commission, shall establish an advisory group in accordance with this subsection to advise the Secretary regarding the implementation of this section, including the award of grants under this section.

“(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The advisory group shall consist of a representative from each of the designated stranding regions and other individuals who represent public and private organizations that are actively involved in rescue, rehabilitation, release, scientific research, marine conservation, and forensic science regarding stranded marine mammals.

“(3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—

“(A) MEETINGS.—The advisory group shall—

“(i) ensure that each meeting of the advisory group is open to the public; and

“(ii) provide, at each meeting of the advisory group, an opportunity for interested persons to present oral or written statements concerning items on the agenda for the meeting.

“(B) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide to the public timely notice of each meeting of the advisory group.

“(C) MINUTES.—The Secretary shall keep and make available to the public minutes of each meeting of the advisory group.

"(4) EXEMPTION.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the establishment and activities of an advisory group in accordance with this subsection.

"(d) LIMITATION.—The amount of a grant under this section shall not exceed \$100,000.

"(e) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal share of the costs of an activity conducted with a grant under this section shall be 25 percent of such costs.

"(2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Secretary may apply to the non-Federal share of an activity conducted with a grant under this section the amount of funds, and the fair market value of property and services, provided by non-Federal sources and used for the activity.

"(f) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of amounts available each fiscal year to carry out this section, the Secretary may expend not more than 6 percent to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this section.

"(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) DESIGNATED STRANDING REGION.—the term 'designated stranding region' means a geographic region designated by the Secretary for purposes of administration of this title.

"(2) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' has the meaning given that term in section 3(12)(A).

"(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2003, to remain available until expended."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3(12)(B) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1362(12)(B)) is amended by inserting "(other than section 408)" after "title IV".

(e) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in the first section of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (86 Stat. 1027) is amended by striking the items relating to sections 408 and 409 and inserting the following:

"Sec. 408. John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue assistance Grant Program.

"Sec. 409. Authorization of appropriations.

"Sec. 410. Definitions."

NOTICES OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, October 19, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on potential timber sale contract liability incurred by the government as a result of timber sale contract cancellations.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC. 20510. For further information, please call Mark Rey at (202) 224-6170.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the infor-

mation of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, October 19, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the Department of Energy's recent decision to release 30 million barrels of crude oil from the strategic petroleum reserve and the bid process used to award contracts regarding same.

For further information, please call Brian Malnak, Deputy Staff Director at (202) 224-8119 or Betty Nevitt, Staff Assistant at (202) 224-0765.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following Appropriations Committee staff members and intern be granted floor privileges during the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4461 for the fiscal year 2001 Agriculture Appropriations Act, and any votes that may occur in relation thereto: Rebecca Davies, Martha Scott Poindexter, Hunt Shipman, Les Spivey, Marc Dulaney, and Galen Fountain.

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

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2000

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17. I further ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4461, the Agriculture appropriations bill, as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will not be in session on Monday. On Tuesday, the Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on this Agriculture appropriations bill—very important legislation. The debate will be limited to Tuesday's session and approximately 2 hours on Wednesday morning, with the vote scheduled to occur at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday on the Agriculture appropriations bill.

For the remainder of the week, the Senate is expected to complete all action necessary for sine die adjournment. I pause for applause. That is certainly what we should do. It is possible we can do it. We were able to get a

good deal accomplished this week. It took a lot of work on both sides of the aisle. We were able to get a package of five bills done, which included, of course, the sex trafficking issue as well as Aimee's law and the Violence Against Women Act. We were able to pass four appropriations bills and complete action on the Defense authorization bill and begin debate on the Agriculture appropriations bill.

Next week we will have to deal with the foreign operations conference report final passage in some form; the Commerce-State-Justice appropriations bill; the Labor-HHS and Education appropriations conference report, and there are several tax provisions that need to be considered, including the FSC issue that we have been trying to get cleared, a bill that came out of the Finance Committee to make sure the United States complies with WTO requirements. We need to get that completed as well as several other items that have broad support in the House and in the Senate and the administration.

So there are four categories that we will need to act on next week. I have been having conversations and meetings this morning with Members of both sides of the aisle and with the administration to try to help facilitate that.

I notice Senator CONRAD reacted positively to "both sides of the aisle."

I think it is clearly possible to complete our work by next Friday. I had hoped we could do it by Saturday, the 14th, but the unfortunate death of our friend and colleague, Congressman Vento from Minnesota, occurred and, therefore, Members are in Minnesota this morning for the funeral service. Clearly, we can get our work done next week, and we certainly will try to. Senators should expect votes throughout the day Wednesday and Thursday and into Friday, if it is necessary.

I yield to the Senator from North Dakota for a question or comment.

KEVIN SHAWN RUX

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, we have just learned very tragic news that a young man from my home State of North Dakota is among those now listed as missing and presumed dead on board the U.S.S. *Cole*.

He is Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Shawn Rux. I want to express my deepest sympathies to the family. Our Nation honors this young man for his service and sacrifice. Our prayers are with his family in their grief today, and with all the fathers, mothers, spouses, sons, and daughters of those who lost their loved ones in this terrible attack.

I want to reassure the family this Nation will not rest until we find the criminals responsible for the death of Kevin Shawn Rux and his shipmates. This country will hold them accountable for these murders. Again, we share the grief of the family of this young