

At 4:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills:

H.R. 2592. An act to amend the Consumer Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act.

H.R. 2780. An act to authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for organizations to find missing adults.

H.R. 5157. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to ensure preservation of the records of the Freedman's Bureau.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution:

H. Con. Res. 271. Concurrent resolution expressing the support of Congress for activities to increase public awareness of multiple sclerosis.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on October 20, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 406. An act to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations.

S. 1296. An act to designate portions of the lower Delaware River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 1402. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rates of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, to improve procedures for the adjustment of rates of pay for nurses employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to make other improvements in veterans educational assistance, health care, and benefits programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1455. An act to enhance protections against fraud in the offering of financial assistance for college education, and for other purposes.

S. 1705. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho, and for other purposes.

S. 1707. An act to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to provide that certain designated Federal entities shall be establishments under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2102. An act to provide to the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe a permanent land base within its aboriginal homeland, and for other purposes.

S. 2412. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, and for other purposes.

S. 2498. An act to authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, construct, and equip laboratory, administrative, and support space to house base operations for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Submillimeter Array located on Mauna Kea at Hilo, Hawaii.

S. 2917. An act to settle the land claims of the Pueblo of Santo Domingo.

S. 3201. An act to rename the National Museum of American Art.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-11225. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nuclear Safety Management" (RIN1901-AA34) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11226. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tennessee: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL #6889-7) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11227. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arizona: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL #6888-7) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11228. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL #6890-4) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11229. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL #6890-3) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11230. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL #6889-8) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11231. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NAC-UMS Addition" (RIN3150-AG29) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11232. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of rule entitled "November 2000 Applicable Federal Rates" (Revenue Ruling 2000-50) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-11233. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts of international agreements, other than treaties, and background statements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-11234. A communication from the Multimedia Systems Manager, Communications and Information, Headquarters Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Title 32-National Defense, Chapter VII—Department of the Air Force Part 811—Release, Dissemination, and

Sale of Visual Information Materials" (RIN0701-AA-62) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11235. A communication from the Multimedia Systems Manager, Communications and Information, Headquarters Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Title 32-National Defense, Chapter VII—Department of the Air Force Part 813—Purpose of the Visual Information Documentation (VIDOC) Program" (RIN0701-AA-63) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11236. A communication from the Director of the Selective Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the strategic plan for fiscal year 2001 through 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11237. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Russian American Observation Satellites (RAMOS) program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11238. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Environmental Policy Act; Food Contact Substance Notification System; Confirmation of Effective Date" (Docket No. 00N-0085) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11239. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Requiring Manufacturers to Assess the Safety and Effectiveness of New Drug and Biological Products in Pediatric Patients; Technical Amendment" (Docket No. 97N-0165) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11240. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dental Products Devices; Reclassification of Endosseous Dental Implant Accessories" (Docket No. 98N-0753) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11241. A communication from the Acting Associate Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NASA Grants and Cooperative Agreements" received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11242. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the updated and revised strategic plan; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11243. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surf Clams and Ocean Quahogs Fishery; Suspension of Minimum Surf Clam Size for 2001" (I.D. 100400C) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11244. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Commercial Quota

Harvested for Winter II Period" received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11245. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Zone Off Alaska—Final Rule to Require Vessels in the Directed Atka Mackerel Fishery in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area to Carry and Use a Vessel Monitoring System Transmitter" (RIN0648-AM34) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11246. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Zone Off Alaska—Final Rule to Implement Amendment 58 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area" (RIN0648-AM63) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11247. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Dealer and Vessel Reporting Requirements" (RIN0648-AM74) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11248. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Special Management Zones in the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region" (RIN0648-AN35) received on October 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11249. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC 9-80 and MD-90-30 Series Airplanes and Model MD-88 Airplanes; docket no. 99-NM-161 [5-26/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0484) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11250. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model DC-10-10F, DC-10-15, DC-10-30, DC-13-30F, and DC-10-4 Series Airplanes and Model MD-11, 11F Series Airplanes; docket no. 99-NM-162 [5-26/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0485) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11251. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747-400 Series Airplanes Equipped with Rolls Royce RB211-524G/H and RB211-524G-T/H Engines; docket no. 99-NM-76 [2-3/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0486) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11252. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model CL-600-1A11 and CL-600-2A12 Series Airplanes; docket no. 99-NM-26 [9-20/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0487) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11253. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Aircraft Company Beech Models 1900C and 1900D Airplanes; docket no. 2000-CE-02 [9-18/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0488) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11254. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Aviointeriors SpA Seat Model 312; docket no. 2000-NE-09 [9-27/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0489) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11255. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model CL-600-2B19 Series Airplanes; docket no. 2000-NM-312 [9-27/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0490) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11256. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica SA Model 120 Series Airplanes; docket no. 2000-NM-305 [9-28/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0491) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11257. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: GE Company CF6-50 Series Turbofan Engines; docket no. 2000-NE-38 [10-2/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0492) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11258. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: McDonnell Douglas Model MD-90-30 Series Airplanes; docket no. 99-NM-319 [10-6/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0493) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11259. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Agusta SpA Model A109K2 and A109E Helicopters; docket no. 2000-SW-21 [10-2/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0494) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11260. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Turbomeca Arriel 1 Series Turbohaft Engines; docket no. 2000-NE-11 [10-2/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0495) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11261. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administra-

tion, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767 Series Airplanes Powered by Rolls Royce RB211 Series Engines; docket no. 2000-NM0140 [10-2/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA64) (2000-0496) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11262. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, Lamoni, IA; Docket no. 00-ACE-10 [7-24/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0232) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11263. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, Columbia, KY; Docket no. 00-ACE-21 [7-24/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0233) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11264. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, Albany, KY; Docket no. 00-ASO-20 [7-24/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0234) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11265. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace, Bemidji, MN; correction; docket no. 99-AGL-53 [3-27/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0236) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11266. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Sacramento McClellan AFB Class C; Establishment of Sacramento McClellan AFB Class E Surface Area; and Modification of Sacramento International Airport Class C Airspace area; CA; docket 99-AWA-3 [3/27-10/19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0237) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11267. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the East Coast Low Airspace Area; docket no. 99-ANE-91 [6-22/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0238) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11268. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amends Class D Airspace; Melbourne, FL; docket no. 00-ASO-26 [9-20/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0239) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11269. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class D and E airspace; Great Falls International Airport, MT; Removal of Class D and Class E Airspace; Great Falls Malmstrom AFB, MT; docket no. 00-ANM-03 [7-24/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0240) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11270. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Coffeyville, KS; docket no. 00-ACE-15 [6/22-10/19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0241) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11271. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Coffeyville, KS; confirmation of effective date; docket no. 00-ACE-15 [8-29/10-29]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0242) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11272. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Oelwein, IA; correction; docket no. 00-ACE-12 [9-18/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0243) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11273. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Pella, IA; docket no. 00-ACE-26 [9-18/10-19]" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0244) received on October 19, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-11274. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Maintenance Plan Revisions; Wisconsin" (FRL #6891-3) received on October 20, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11275. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vermont: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL #6892-8) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11276. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; (SIP) for the State of Alabama—Call for 1-hour Attainment Demonstration for the Birmingham, Alabama Marginal Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL #6892-2) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11277. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, the report of eight items; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-11278. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Pension Plan Security Amendments" (RIN210-AA73) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-11279. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Rule 9b-1 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 Relating to the Options Disclosure Document" (RIN3235-AH30) received on October 20, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-11280. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Time-Limited Tolerances for Pesticide Emergency Exemptions" (FRL #6749-7) received on October 20, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-11281. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Modification to Handler Membership on the California Olive Committee" (Docket Number: FV00-932-2 FR) received on October 23, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3227. A bill to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide for the installation of pumps and removal of the Savage Rapids Dam on the Rogue River in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DODD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GORTON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Con. Res. 154. A concurrent resolution to acknowledge and salute the contributions of coin collectors; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3227. A bill to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide for the installation of pumps and removal of the Savage Rapids Dam on the Rogue River in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE SAVAGE RAPIDS DAM ACT OF 2000

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Savage Rapids Dam Act of 2000, which is cosponsored by my colleague Mr. WYDEN. This bill would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide for the installation of pumps and removal of the Savage Rapids Dam on the Rogue River in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes.

Introduction of this bill follows months of negotiations between the Grants Pass Irrigation District, which owns the dam and has received water from it since 1921, federal and state agencies, and other stakeholders in the Basin. Removal of the dam, following

the installation of modern electric irrigation pumps, will resolve the ongoing issues related to fish passage at the facility.

Early on, I made a commitment to help the District resolve the controversies surrounding the dam in a manner acceptable to the District and its patrons, and in a way that left the District economically viable. This bill achieves both those goals.

In December 1999, the board of directors of the Grants Pass Irrigation District adopted a resolution outlining the proposed settlement of disputes relating to the dam. The patrons of the district subsequently voted to adopt the settlement at the beginning of the year. The settlement supports dam removal, but only following the installation of irrigation pumps. The proposed settlement had several other components that have been addressed in the crafting of this legislation.

I realize that it is late in the 106th Congress to be introducing legislation. However, I felt that this was the most effective way to focus attention on this proposal. Despite our best efforts to communicate with all interested and affected parties, I believe introduction of the bill at this time will enable us to gain valuable feedback before the start of the next Congress. This will enable us to reintroduce the bill early next year.

I recognize that dam removal proposals can be controversial. This facility, however, is not a large multi-purpose dam. It does not generate electricity, and provides no flood control. It does not affect commercial navigation. There will be an impact on flat-water recreational opportunities, so the bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to work with the State of Oregon and the counties of Josephine and Jackson to identify and implement recreation opportunities. The bill includes an authorization of 2.5 million dollars for the federal share of these recreation facilities.

I look forward to working with the Grants Pass Irrigation District and the other stakeholders to bring resolution to the disputes that have gone on for several years now. This is an opportunity to restore salmon and maintain an agricultural way of life for the patrons of the District.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1044

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1044, a bill to require coverage for colorectal cancer screenings.

S. 1563

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1563, a bill to establish the Immigration Affairs Agency within the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.