

H.R. 4285: A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites for National Forest System lands in the State of Texas, to convey certain National Forest System land to the New Waverly Gulf Coast Trades Center, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-447).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 2302: A bill to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 307 Main Street in Johnson City, New York, as the "James W. McCabe, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3030: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 757 Warren Road in Ithaca, New York, as the "Matthew F. McHugh Post Office".

H.R. 3454: A bill to designate the United States post office located at 451 College Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "Henry McNeal Turner Post Office".

H.R. 3909:

H.R. 3985: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14900 Southwest 30th Street in Miramar City, Florida, as the "Vicki Coceano Post Office Building".

H.R. 4157: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena, California, as the "Matthew 'Mack' Robinson Post Office Building".

H.R. 4169: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Vassar Street in Reno, Nevada, as the "Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office Building".

H.R. 4447: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 919 West 34th Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Samuel H. Lacy, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 4448: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 Dolfield Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Judge Robert Bernard Watts, Sr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 4449: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1908 North Ellamont Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "Dr. Flossie McClain Dedmond Post Office Building".

H.R. 4484: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Washington Street in Rockville, Maryland, as the "Everett Alvarez, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 4517: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24 Tsienneto Road in Derry, New Hampshire, as the "Alan B. Shepard, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 4534: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Ridge Street in Lenoir, North Carolina, as the "James T. Broyhill Post Office Building".

H.R. 4554: A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1602 Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building".

H.R. 4615: A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3030 Meredith Avenue in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Reverend J.C. Wade Post Office".

H.R. 4658: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Green Street in Fayetteville, North Carolina, as the "J.L. Dawkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 4884: A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 West 2nd Street in Royal Oak, Michigan, as the "William S. Broomfield Post Office Building".

S. 2804: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the "John Brademas Post Office".

The following reports of committees were submitted on today:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 4110: A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 2002 through 2005 (Rept. No. 106-466).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2688: A bill to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American Language Survival Schools, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-467).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2686: A bill to amend chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, to modify rates relating to reduced rate mail matter, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-468).

S. 3062: A bill to modify the date on which the Mayor of the District of Columbia submits a performance accountability plan to Congress, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 106-469).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 3144, An original bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to establish police powers for certain Inspector General agents engaged in official duties and provide an oversight mechanism for the exercise of those powers (Rept. No. 106-470).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

H.R. 34: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System (Rept. No. 106-471).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 4320: A bill to assist in the conservation of great apes by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of great apes and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of great apes (Rept. No. 106-472).

H.R. 4435: A bill to clarify certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NC01 of the Coastal Barrier Resources System (Rept. No. 106-473).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 4643: A bill to provide for the settlement of issues and claims related to the trust lands of the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-474).

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4844: A bill to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries (Rept. No. 106-475).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2111: A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey for fair market value 1.06 acres of land in the San Bernardino National Forest, California, to KATY 101.3 FM, a California corporation (Rept. No. 106-476).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an

amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2331: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to recalculate the franchise fee owed by Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a concessioner providing service to Fort Sumter National Monument, South Carolina (Rept. No. 106-477).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2350: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water rights to Duchesne City, Utah (Rept. No. 106-478).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2547: A bill to provide for the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and the Great Sand Dunes National Preserve in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-479).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3022: A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District (Rept. No. 106-480).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

H.R. 3023: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry (Rept. No. 106-481).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 89: A concurrent resolution recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage (Rept. No. 106-482).

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 870: A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, and for other purposes.

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. HATCH:

S. 3149: A bill to provide for the collection of information relating to nonimmigrant foreign students and other exchange program participants; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3150: A bill to convey certain real property located in Tongass National Forest to Daniel J. Gross, Sr., and Douglas K. Gross, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 3151: A bill to provide for the abatement of noise and other adverse effects of idling train engines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROTH (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BREAU, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. MACK, Mr.

GRAHAM, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. KERREY, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 3152. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for distressed areas, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 3153. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to convey certain excess personal property of the Air Force to Roosevelt General Hospital, Portales, New Mexico; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3154. A bill to establish the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 3155. A bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Oskar Schindler and Varian Fry in recognition of their contributions to the Nation and humanity; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DODD, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. REID):

S. 3156. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to ensure the recovery of the declining biological diversity of the United States, to reaffirm and strengthen the commitment of the United States to protect wildlife, to safeguard the economic and ecological future of children of the United States, and to provide certainty to local governments, communities, and individuals in their planning and economic development efforts; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KERREY, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. Res. 364. A resolution commending Sydney, New South Wales, Australia for its successful conduct of the 2000 Summer Olympic Games and congratulating the United States Olympic Team for its outstanding accomplishments at those Olympic Games; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Res. 365. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding recent elections in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MCCONNELL:

S. Con. Res. 141. A concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of copies of the publication entitled "The United States Capitol" as a Senate document; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3150. A bill to convey certain real property located in Tongass National Forest to Daniel J. Gross, Sr., and Douglas K. Gross, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE HERITAGE LAND TRANSFER ACT OF 2000

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Heritage Land Transfer Act of 2000. This legislation, while inconsequential when compared to many of the issues we deal with in the U.S. Congress, is extremely important to two of my oldest constituents, Douglas and Daniel Gross. These two brothers along with the other members of the Gross family are amongst Alaska's earliest pioneers. These two brothers have spent over 80 years drawing their existence out of the harsh Southeastern Alaskan environment. Through all these years, they managed to raise their families and contributed to building the great State that I have the privilege of representing. I would also point out that Douglas and Daniel Gross served our Nation during World War II at its time of greatest need—now these two veterans need our help to right a wrong that has been vested upon them through no fault of their own.

"The Heritage Land Transfer Act of 2000" directs the Forest Service to convey 160 acres to Daniel and Douglas Gross. This granting of clear title would fix a problem that has plagued the family for the past 20 years. The need for this action arises from the fact that no records remain to substantiate the family's claim that they homesteaded on Greens Point in the 1930's. Family homesteading records were destroyed when the Gross home burned to the ground in 1935-1936 and to make matters worse, the Forest Service is unable to locate any documentation to substantiate the Gross family claim. With neither title nor documentation, Doug and Dan Gross are unable to produce any legal record of ownership to the land their parents homesteaded. The paper records, however, are the only things missing. The Forest Service willingly acknowledges that a large body of evidence exists that clearly establishes the fact that the family built a home on Greens Point in the 1930's, that they grew and sold vegetables from this farmstead, and that they were good neighbors to many people caught out in our famous Alaskan storms. While the family and the Forest Service have searched in vain for written records, there is one piece of physical evidence to substantiate the family claim. On September 11, 1989, Alaska State Senator Robin Taylor traveled to the Gross property on the Stikine River for the purpose of locating a witness tree which would provide objective proof to the Gross family claim of homestead. In a letter Senator Taylor sent to Richard Kohrt, Wrangell

District Ranger, Tongass National Forest he wrote "I was present when Mr. Bungy, United States Forest Service specialist, sawed and chopped open the large spruce tree which the Gross Brothers had identified from memory as being a witness tree. Mr. Bungy verified that the large blaze uncovered was of the exact age that coincided with the Gross claim. By counting the annual growth rings it coincided with the many affidavits and statements of witness about the Gross claim of homestead."

There is no question that the family settled on the Green Point property on the Stikine River in the 1930's. They raised all of their children on their property and were good friends to all who lived and worked throughout the region. I have in my possession many affidavits, each one testifying to the settlement of the Gross family along the Stikine River. I offer the following quotations typical of these testaments: "In the early 1930's I spent a lot of time up the Stikine River at the Gross Ranch. They had a large two story home and a huge garden . . ." "I stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gross in the middle thirties. Bessie Gross took care of my brother Gilbert and I while my mother and father were out fishing, they had a house and garden on the river which everyone knows as the Gross place even to this day . . ." "I stayed with Bessie Gross and Family during the late 1930's in their place up the river . . ." And another from Mr. Harry Sundberg, a gillnet fisherman, used to fish in "what was known locally as the Gross homestead." Mr. Sundberg goes on to say "While most people during that period did not file on the land they occupied, I distinctly recall that our conversations included the fact that they had applied for their application to own property similar to Captain Lee, who owned the property directly south of them on the mainland."

The Homestead Act requires residency for a minimum of 3 years. These affidavits, and many others, verify the Gross families life on this property since the early 1930's. In a letter from the Department of Agriculture to Senator STEVENS they write "Even though it's clear the Gross family homesteaded on the property, there is no evidence or record that they completed the process to obtain title." Another letter from the Department of Agriculture states "the Forest Service does not and has not refuted your claim that you and/or your family resided at Greens Point in the 1930's." An Alaska Magazine article written in 1984 references the "Gross place" along the Stikine River.

The Homestead Act authorized the transfer of 160 acre parcels of federal land to private owners. The Gross Homestead is 160.8 acres. A tree, both Daniel and Douglas Gross remember being used as a survey marker when they were boys, was examined in 1989 and found to have a flat face blazed into the wood approximately 50 years