

raise awareness of the unique roll this facility plays in the nation's natural, cultural and educational life. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many achievements of Wolf Trap.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 202

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

**SECTION 1. RENAMING.**

The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Wolf Trap Farm Park in Fairfax County, Virginia, and for other purposes", Public Law 89-671 (16 U.S.C. 284) is amended in the first section and in section 11(2) by striking "Wolf Trap Farm Park" and inserting "Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts". Any reference to such park in any law, regulation, map, document, paper, or other record of the United States shall be considered to be a reference to the "Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts".

**SEC. 2. USE OF NAME.**

The Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Wolf Trap Farm Park in Fairfax County, Virginia, and for other purposes", Public Law 89-671 (16 U.S.C. 284) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 14. Any reference to the park other than by the name 'Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts' shall be prohibited."

**SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.**

Any laws, rules, or regulations that are applicable solely to units of the National Park System that are designated as a "National Park" shall not apply to "Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts" nor to any other units designated as a "National Park for the Performing Arts".

**SEC. 4. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

Section 4(c)(3) of "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Wolf Trap Farm Park in Fairfax County, Virginia, and for other purposes", Public Law 89-671 (16 U.S.C. 284) is amended by striking "Funds" and inserting "funds".

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 201. A bill to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce the Federal Employee Protection Act of 2001. This bill will significantly strengthen existing laws protecting federal employees from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation in the workplace. It is an unfortunate fact that too many federal employees are subjected to such treatment with alarming regularity.

My bill will result in a more productive work environment by ensuring agencies enforce the laws intended to protect federal employees from harassment, discrimination and retaliation for whistleblowing.

The Federal Employee Protection Act contains three main provisions: No. 1, when agencies lose judgments or

make settlements in harassment, discrimination and whistleblower cases, the responsible Federal agency would pay any financial penalty out of its own budget, rather than out of a general Federal judgment fund; No. 2, Federal agencies are required to notify their employees about any applicable discrimination, harassment and whistleblower protection laws; and No. 3, each Federal agency is required to send an annual report to Congress and the Attorney General listing: the number of cases in which an agency was alleged to have violated any of the discrimination, harassment or whistleblower statutes; the disposition of each of these cases; the total of all monetary awards charged against the agency from these cases; and the number of agency employees disciplined for discrimination or harassment or retaliation. Additionally, the Federal Employee Protection Act requires each Federal agency to submit a one-time report to Congress and the Attorney General that includes the same information required for the annual reports going back for the last ten years. This report will provide a historical perspective to help evaluate current agency behavior.

Under current law, agencies are not accountable financially when they lose harassment, discrimination and retaliation cases because any financial penalties are paid out of a government-wide fund and not the agency's budget. I firmly believe that because there is no financial consequence to their actions, Federal agencies are essentially able to escape responsibility when they fail to comply with the law and are unresponsive to their employees' concerns.

Reports of Federal agencies being indifferent or hostile to complaints of sexual harassment and racial discrimination undermine the ability of the Federal Government to enforce civil rights laws and hamper efforts to recruit talented individuals for Federal employment. The Federal Government must set an example for the private sector by promoting a workplace that does not tolerate harassment or discrimination of any kind and that encourages employees to report illegal activity and mismanagement without fear of reprisal.

I believe the Federal Employee Protection Act of 2001 will give Federal employees the protections they need to perform their jobs effectively and will give the taxpayers a government with more accountability. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

**ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS**

S. 29

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr.

DASCHLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 29, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals.

S. 49

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 49, a bill to amend the wetlands regulatory program under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide credit for the low wetlands loss rate in Alaska and recognize the significant extent of wetlands conservation in Alaska, to protect Alaskan property owners, and to ease the burden on overly regulated Alaskan cities, boroughs, municipalities, and villages.

S. 88

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 88, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to ensure that all Americans gain timely and equitable access to the Internet over current and future generations of broadband capability.

S. 127

At the request of Mr. McCAIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 127, a bill to give American companies, American workers, and American ports the opportunity to compete in the United States cruise market.

S. 141

At the request of Mr. McCAIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 157

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 157, a bill to establish a program to help States expand the existing education system to include at least 1 year of early education preceding the year a child enters kindergarten.

S. 174

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the microloan program, and for other purposes.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) were added as cosponsors of S. 177, a bill to amend the provisions of title 19, United States Code, relating to the

manner in which pay policies and schedules and fringe benefit programs for postmasters are established.

S. 189

At the request of Mr. ENZI, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 189, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 189, *supra*.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND ENSURING A COMPETITIVE NORTH AMERICAN MARKET FOR SOFTWOOD LUMBER**

Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KYL, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. CON. RES. 4

Whereas since 1989 the United States and Canada have worked to reduce tariff and nontariff barriers to trade;

Whereas free trade has greatly benefited the United States and Canadian economies;

Whereas the United States and Canada have been engaged in an ongoing dispute over trade in softwood lumber for 19 years;

Whereas on May 29, 1996, the United States and Canada entered into an agreement to temporarily resolve the dispute by limiting Canadian exports of softwood lumber to the United States;

Whereas the United States-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement of 1996 does not promote open trade;

Whereas the scope of the United States-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement of 1996 has been expanded, leading to uncertainty for importers, distributors, retailers, and purchasers of softwood lumber products;

Whereas the availability of affordable housing is important to the American home-buyer;

Whereas lumber price volatility jeopardizes housing affordability; and

Whereas the United States-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement of 1996 will expire on April 1, 2001; Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) the United States-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement of 1996 should terminate on April 1, 2001, with no extension or additional quota agreement, and trade restrictions on lumber after the agreement expires should not be renegotiated;

(2) the President should continue to work with the Government of Canada to promote open and competitive trade between the United States and Canada on softwood lumber; and

(3) the President should consult with consumers of softwood lumber products in future discussions regarding the open trade of softwood lumber between the United States and Canada.

**NOTICE OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS**  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee

on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on January 30, 2001 in SH-216 at 9 a.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Report from the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture.

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, January 31, 2001 at 9:15 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business/organizational meeting to elect the chairman and vice chairman of the committee.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

**ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY 20 TO SUBMIT CRANSTON TRIBUTES**

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the order of January 5th with respect to the Cranston tributes be changed to reflect that Senators have until Tuesday, February 20, to submit tributes, and that the tributes then be printed as a Senate document.

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, appoints the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 107th Congress.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84 and Public Law 106-292, appoints the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) (reappointment).

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, reappoints the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

**ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2001**

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 30. I further ask consent that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin consideration of Governor Christine Todd Whitman to be administrator of the EPA as under the previous order.

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

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I ask further consent that on Tuesday the allotted time for Senator MURKOWSKI on the Whitman nomination be increased by 10 minutes and the time between 2:15 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. be equally divided between Senator GRAHAM of Florida and the majority leader or his designee.

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

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I also ask that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. to accommodate the weekly party conferences.

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

**PROGRAM**

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, tomorrow at 10 a.m., the Senate will immediately begin consideration of the Whitman nomination for Administrator of the EPA. Under the previous order, there will be up to 30 minutes for debate on the nomination. Following that debate, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Gale Norton to be Secretary of the Interior. There will be approximately 2 hours for closing debate on the Norton nomination, with votes scheduled to occur at 2:45 p.m.

As a reminder, the Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chao, was confirmed today by the Senate by unanimous consent. Therefore, there will be two consecutive votes beginning at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday. Following those votes, the Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of John Ashcroft to be Attorney General.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW**

Mr. MURKOWSKI. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:41 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 30, 2001, at 10 a.m.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 29, 2001:

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

ROBERT B. ZOELLICK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

ELAINE LAN CHAO, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE SECRETARY OF LABOR.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

JOHN ASHCROFT, OF MISSOURI, TO BE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

**CONFIRMATION**

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate January 29, 2001:

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

ELAINE LAN CHAO, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE SECRETARY OF LABOR.