

bill H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 137, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

**SEC. 3. COMPETITIVE SOURCING STUDIES.**

None of the funds made available by this Act shall be used to initiate any competitive sourcing studies after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SA 1732.** Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. . ACQUISITION OF LAND IN NYE COUNTY, NEVADA.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may acquire by donation all right, title, and interest in and to the parcel of land (including improvements to the land) described in subsection (b).

(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in subsection (a) is the parcel of land in Nye County, Nevada—

- (1) consisting of not more than 15 acres;
- (2) comprising a portion of Tract 37 located north of the center line of Nevada State Highway 374; and
- (3) located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 22, T. 12 S., R. 46 E., Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

(c) USE OF LAND.—The parcel of land acquired under subsection (a) shall be used by the Secretary of the Interior for the development, operation, and maintenance of administrative and visitor facilities for Death Valley National Park.

**SA 1733.** Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 137, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

**SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.**

Section 705(b) of the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002 (116 Stat. 2015) is amended by striking “parcels of land” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting the following: “parcel of land identified as ‘Tract C’ on the map and the approximately 10 acres of land in Clark County, Nevada, described as follows: in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 28, T. 20 S., R. 60 E., Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.”

**SA 1734.** Mr. DASCHLE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 88, beginning on line 17, strike “\$2,546,524,000” and all that follows through “Provided” on line 20, and insert the following: “\$2,838,524,000, together with payments received during the fiscal year pursuant to section 231(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 238(b)) for services furnished by the Indian Health Service, of which \$2,329,414,000 shall be available for clinical services: *Provided*, That section 13031(j)(3) of the Consolidated Omnibus Bud-

et Reconciliation Act of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 55c(j)(3)) is amended by striking ‘September 30, 2003’ and inserting ‘September 30, 2004’: *Provided further*”.

**SA 1735.** Mr. HOLLINGS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

The limitations on Federal expenditures or financial assistance in section 3504 of title 16 and the limitations on flood insurance coverage in section 4028(a) of title 42 shall not apply to lots 15, 16, 25 and 29 within the Jeremy Cay Subdivision on Edisto Island, South Carolina, and depicted on the map entitled John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Edisto Complex M09/M09P and dated January 24, 2003.

**SA 1736.** Mr. HOLLINGS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 137, between lines 23 and 24 insert the following:

**SEC. 3. CONGAREE SWAMP NATIONAL MONUMENT BOUNDARY REVISION.**

The first section of Public Law 94-545 (90 Stat. 2517; 102 Stat. 2607) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking the last sentence; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire by donation, by purchase from a willing seller with donated or appropriated funds, by transfer, or by exchange, land or an interest in land described in paragraph (2) for inclusion in the monument.

“(2) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in paragraph (1) is the approximately 4,576 acres of land adjacent to the Monument, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Congaree National Park Boundary Map’, numbered 178/80015, and dated August 2003.

“(3) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map referred to in paragraph (2) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

“(4) BOUNDARY REVISION.—On acquisition of the land or an interest in land under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall revise the boundary of the monument to reflect the acquisition.

“(5) ADMINISTRATION.—Any land acquired by the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall be administered by the Secretary as part of the monument.

“(6) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section—

“(A) affects the use of private land adjacent to the monument;

“(B) preempts the authority of the State with respect to the regulation of hunting, fishing, boating, and wildlife management on private land or water outside the boundaries of the monument; or

“(C) negatively affects the economic development of the areas surrounding the monument.

“(d) ACREAGE LIMITATION.—The total acreage of the monument shall not exceed 26,776 acres.”

**SA 1737.** Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed

by him to the bill H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 137, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

**SEC. 3. LAKE TAHOE RESTORATION PROJECTS.**

Section 4(e)(3)(A) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2346; 116 Stat. 2007) is amended—

(1) in clause (v), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating clause (vi) as clause (vii); and

(3) by inserting after clause (v) the following:

“(vi) environmental restoration projects under sections 6 and 7 of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (114 Stat. 2354) and environmental improvement payments under section 2(g) of Public Law 96-586 (94 Stat. 3382), in an amount equal to the cumulative amounts authorized to be appropriated for such projects under those Acts and in accordance with a revision to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 Implementation Agreement to implement this section, which shall include a mechanism to ensure appropriate stakeholders from the States of California and Nevada participate in the process to recommend projects for funding; and”.

**SA 1738.** Mr. MCCONNELL (For Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN)) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 225, commemorating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria; as follows:

In the ninth whereas clause of the preamble, strike “2003, Bulgaria was invited to join” and insert “2002, Bulgaria was invited to accession talks with”.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 10 a.m. on digital media—consumer privacy technology mandates.

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

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. on the nominations of Gwendolyn Brown to be Chief Financial Officer of NASA, Karan Bhatia to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Charles Snelling to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on Wednesday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. to consider pending calendar business:

Agenda Item 1: The nomination of Suede Kelly to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Agenda Item 2: Nomination of Rick Dearborn to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Department of Energy.

Agenda Item 3: S.J. Res. 16—Joint resolution to approve the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia”, and the “Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands”, and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal year ending on or before September 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

In addition, the Committee may turn to any other measures that are ready for consideration.

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

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet in open Executive Session during the session on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 10 a.m., to consider a Chairman's Mark entitled, Extension of Highway Trust Fund Provisions, and S. 1548, Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit Act of 2003 (VEETC) (as modified by the Chairman's Mark); and, a Chairman's Mark entitled, National Employee Saving and Trust Equity Guarantee Act; and H.R. 743, The Social Security Program Protection Act of 2003.

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

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on U.S. Energy Security: West Africa & Latin America.

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

## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing titled “U.S. Postal Service: What Can Be Done to Ensure Its Future Viability?”

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

## COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 420, a bill to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

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

## COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office building room 226 on “Judicial Nominations.”

*Witness List:*

Panel I: Senators.

Panel II: David W. McKeague to United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Panel III: Margaret Catharine Rogers to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida; Roger W. Titus to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland; George W. Miller to be Judge for the United States Court of Federal Claims.

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

## COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 2 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office building room 226 on “Combating Gang Violence in America: Examining Effective Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Strategies.”

*Witness List:*

Panel I: The Honorable Patrick Fitzgerald, United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, IL; The Honorable Debra W. Yang, United States Attorney, Central District of California, Los Angeles, CA; The Honorable Christopher J. Christie, United States Attorney, District of New Jersey, Newark, NJ; Special Agent Grant Ashley, Assistant Director, FBI, Criminal Investigative Division, Washington, DC.

Panel II: The Honorable Robert P. McCulloch, President, National District Attorney Association, Alexandria, VA; Mr. Wes McBride, President, California Gang Investigators Association, Huntington Beach, CA; The Honorable Eddie J. Jordan, Jr., District Attorney, District of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA.

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

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BURNS. I ask unanimous consent Larissa Sommer and Ron Hooper of my

staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of debate on the fiscal year 2004 Interior and Related Agencies Act.

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

COMMEMORATING DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES AND BULGARIA

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further action on S. Res. 225 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 225) commemorating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the amendment to the preamble be agreed to, and the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; further, that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and any statements regarding this matter appear in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 1738) was agreed to, as follows:

## AMENDMENT NO. 1738

(Purpose: To make a technical correction)

In the ninth whereas clause of the preamble, strike “2003, Bulgaria was invited to join” and insert “2002, Bulgaria was invited to accession talks with”.

The resolution (S. Res. 225) was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, reads as follows:

## S. RES. 225

Whereas the United States established diplomatic relations with the Republic of Bulgaria on September 19, 1903;

Whereas the United States acknowledges the courage of the Bulgarian people in deciding to pursue a free, democratic, and independent Bulgaria and the steadfast perseverance of the Bulgarian people in building a society based on democratic values, the rule of law, respect for human rights, and a free market economy;

Whereas the Bulgarian people, including Bulgarian civil and religious leaders, bravely protected 50,000 Bulgarian Jews from deportation and extermination during the Holocaust;

Whereas Bulgaria has supported stability in the Balkans by rendering support to Operation Allied Force and Operation Joint Guardian led by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and by providing peacekeeping troops to the Stabilisation Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to the Kosovo Force in Kosovo;

Whereas Bulgaria was among the very first countries to denounce terrorism and pledge active support to the United States in the fight against terrorism following the events of September 11, 2001;

Whereas Bulgaria provided overflight and basing rights at the town of Burgas for Operation Enduring Freedom and Bulgaria deployed a military unit to Afghanistan as