

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President. I am introducing today the Transportation Extension Act of 2003 which will extend the expiring Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century an additional 5 months. Senators, JEFFORDS, BOND, WARNER, VOINOVICH, CRAPO, CHAFEE, CORNYN, MURKOWSKI, THOMAS, and ALLARD join me as original cosponsors on this short-term extension.

As my colleagues may be aware, we are now 7 days from the expiration of TEA-21. Despite the best efforts of Senator BOND and myself, we have been unable to secure the necessary floor time for consideration of a comprehensive 6-year bill.

This bill provide 5 months worth of the \$35.5 billion allowed under the Budget Resolution and a corresponding amount of obligation limitation. This is a significant, 7-percent increase in highway funding over 2003, which will translate into over 100,000 new jobs.

Of course, the best thing we can do to create economic opportunity is enact a comprehensive, 6-year reauthorization. As we all know, highway bills are jobs bills. A highway bill drafted at \$255 billion over 6 years as proposed by the Environment and Public Works Committee will create about two million new American jobs. This combined with the tax cuts signed by President Bush is the best stimulus the economy can receive.

Let me be very clear that my preference is that we would be completing a 6-year comprehensive bill, not working on a five-month extension, but reality is that the funding needed to do a comprehensive 6-year bill at \$255 billion has not yet been identified. Because of that, I believe the best outcome for the long term program is to do a 5-month extension and continue to work on a comprehensive 6-year bill.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I wish to make some brief remarks about the extension of the Transportation Equity Act, often referred to as TEA-21.

Chairman INHOFE and I, along with subcommittee Chairman BOND and ranking member HARRY REID, have been working together on drafting a comprehensive, bipartisan 6-year transportation reauthorization bill. Unfortunately, that reauthorization effort will not be completed before TEA-21 expires on September 30.

Thus, as with the previous reauthorization of ISTEPA by TEA-21, we will need to do a short extension of TEA-21. In the interest of time, and to avoid any concerns about potential disruptions, we have used major portions of the same short-extension language used for ISTEPA in 1997 for this extension.

It is important that I clarify some aspects of this short extension with the chairman of the committee, Senator INHOFE.

The purpose of this short extension is to continue the Federal surface transportation programs and transportation investment patterns. For that reason,

we have provided considerable short-term spending flexibility to the States.

However, in a longer term extension, if any were needed, we should be consistent with Congressional goals set forth in TEA-21. Thus, I want to ensure that if there is a need for another extension we more closely adhere to the flexibility provisions set forth in TEA-21. This would require, for example, changes to the text used in this short-term extension regarding section 133(d).

In a short-term extension there is little risk that investment patterns would be altered in a manner inconsistent with TEA-21 and thus the proposed language is acceptable for the short term.

Senator INHOFE do you agree with my understanding that the bipartisan extension we have proposed works well in the short term but would require some modification to its flexibility provisions if it were to apply for a longer period of time? In addition, will you agree to work with me to make changes to the language if we have to do another extension to address the concerns I have raised?

Mr. INHOFE. Yes, I will work with the Senator on his concerns if we have to do a longer term extension.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 70—SUPPORTING NATIONAL FUNERAL SERVICE EDUCATION WEEK

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 70

Whereas the death of a family member, friend, or loved one is a devastating emotional event;

Whereas people must have all of the information necessary to make informed funeral service choices and to maintain total trust in their funeral service provider;

Whereas memorialization and celebration of life are the fabric of the modern funeral service;

Whereas the memorialization of a loved one is important to grieving families and is beneficial to the healing process;

Whereas families have traditionally looked to funeral directors and morticians for consolation, strength, and guidance in the planning and implementation of meaningful funeral ceremonies; and

Whereas national funeral service organizations have designated the week of September 21 through 27, 2003, as National Funeral Service Education Week, a week which reflects the efforts of funeral directors to meet the needs of families who want a meaningful service that celebrates the lives of their loved ones: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress supports efforts to establish National Funeral Service Education Week as a week during which funeral service professionals and consumer advocates work together to provide consumers with timely and detailed information about choices in the planning of a mean-

ingful funeral and the selection of funeral goods and services.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today my colleague Senator DEWINE and I are submitting a concurrent resolution to support the consumer education efforts of the National Funeral Directors Association during National Funeral Services Education Week, September 21 through 27, 2003.

When we are called upon to make funeral arrangements it is often at an emotional time when making important funeral-related decisions are confusing and difficult. In order to help remove confusion and concerns about funeral service planning, the National Funeral Directors Association is beginning a nationwide consumer education effort the week of September 21. The theme of the educational effort is "For a Life Worth Celebrating" which reflects funeral directors efforts to meet the needs of families who want a meaningful service that celebrates their loved one's life.

This important week will provide consumers an opportunity to ask questions, obtain information about how to make informed funeral-related decisions. Funeral directors across the country will hold special community events including "open houses" and events in local malls, schools or community centers.

I would encourage the public to participate in these activities so they can become informed consumers and I urge the Congress to support this educational effort.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1740. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and 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.

SA 1741. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2691, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1742. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2691, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1743. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2691, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1744. Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2691, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1745. Mr. VOINOVICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2691, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1746. Mr. VOINOVICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2691, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1747. Mr. VOINOVICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2691, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1748. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2691, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1740. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and 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. . None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act, hereafter enacted, may be used to permit the use of the National Mall for a special event, unless the permit expressly prohibits the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising. The Secretary may allow for recognition of sponsors of special events, provided that the size and form of the recognition shall be consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the Mall and any lettering or design identifying the sponsor shall be no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. In approving special events, the Secretary shall ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that public use of, and access to the Mall is not restricted. For purposes of this section, the term "special event" shall have the meaning given to it by section 7.96(g)(1)(ii) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.

SA 1741. Mr. BINGAMAN 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:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . (a) The Secretary of Agriculture may request up to \$250 million in a fiscal year from the Secretary of the Treasury to cover fire suppression costs that exceed the amount of funding available to the Forest Service for fire suppression in a fiscal year.

(b) Upon such request, the Secretary of the Treasury shall make such sums available to the Secretary of Agriculture, without further appropriation.

(c) Upon amounts being appropriated by Congress to reimburse funds transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to this section, such amounts shall be deposited in the Treasury.

SA 1742. Mr. LEAHY 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:

After Section 334, insert the following:

SEC. 335. (a) IN GENERAL.—The boundaries of the Green Mountain National Forest are modified to include all parcels of land depicted on the forest maps entitled "Green Mountain Expansion Area Map I" and "Green Mountain Expansion Area Map II", each dated February 20, 2002, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Washington, District of Columbia.

(b) MANAGEMENT.—Federally owned land delineated on the maps acquired for National Forest purposes shall continue to be managed in accordance with the laws (including

regulations) applicable to the National Forest System.

(c) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.—For the purposes of section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460-9), the boundaries of the Green Mountain National Forest, as adjusted by this Act, shall be considered to be the boundaries of the national forest as of January 1, 1965.

SA 1743. Mr. LEAHY 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:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

Funds appropriated for the Green Mountain National Forest previously or in this report may be used for the acquisition of lands in the Blueberry Lake area.

SA 1744. Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) 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 23, line 13, after "expended," insert the following: "of which \$4,000,000 shall be available for the rehabilitation of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio, and".

SA 1745. Mr. VOINOVICH 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 85, line 4, after "expended" insert the following: "of which \$5,300,000 shall be available for the Metal Casting Industry of the Future program".

SA 1746. Mr. VOINOVICH 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 22, line 9, after "2005" insert the following: "of which \$1,000,000 shall be available to the Dayton/Montgomery Port Authority for the restoration and development of buildings in the West Third St. National Historic District in Dayton, Ohio".

SA 1747. Mr. VOINOVICH 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 . PROHIBITION OF USE OF FUNDS FOR INDIAN GAMING IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of the In-

terior to allow any Indian tribe to conduct gaming in the State of Ohio.

SA 1748. Mr. BINGAMAN 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 27, line 24, after "Units" insert the following: "and of which \$950,000 shall be available for a United States-Mexico binational groundwater study of transborder aquifers".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the following hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2003 at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 524, to expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862, and for other purposes; S. 1313, to establish the Congaree Swamp National Park in the State of South Carolina, and other purposes; S. 1472, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for the construction of a statue of Harry S. Truman at Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri; and S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historic Park, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Tom Lillie at (202) 224-5161 or Pete Lucero at (202) 224-6293.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

(On Tuesday, September 16, 2003, the Senate passed H.R. 2754, as follows:)

H.R. 2754

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2754) entitled "An Act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes," do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September