

land in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

The amendment (No. 4056) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (S. 1466), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

(The bill will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

The bill (H.R. 4481), Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004, was read the third time and passed.

The bill (H.R. 2400), To amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam was read the third time and passed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2556) to establish a National Commission on the Quincentennial of the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon.

The amendment (No. 4057) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in Today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (S. 2556), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

(The bill will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1433) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont.

The bill (S. 1433) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1433

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Upper Connecticut River Partnership Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the upper Connecticut River watershed in the States of New Hampshire and Vermont is a scenic region of historic villages located in a working landscape of farms, forests, and the mountainous headwaters and broad fertile floodplains of New England's longest river, the Connecticut River;

(2) the River provides outstanding fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and hydropower generation for the New England region;

(3) the upper Connecticut River watershed has been recognized by Congress as part of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, established by the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd note; Public Law 102-212);

(4) the demonstrated interest in stewardship of the River by the citizens living in the watershed led to the Presidential designation of the River as 1 of 14 American Heritage Rivers on July 30, 1998;

(5) the River is home to the bistate Connecticut River Scenic Byway, which will foster heritage tourism in the region;

(6) each of the legislatures of the States of Vermont and New Hampshire has established a commission for the Connecticut River watershed, and the 2 commissions, known col-

lectively as the "Connecticut River Joint Commissions"—

(A) have worked together since 1989; and
(B) serve as the focal point for cooperation between Federal agencies, States, communities, and citizens;

(7) in 1997, as directed by the legislatures, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, with the substantial involvement of 5 bistate local river subcommittees appointed to represent riverfront towns, produced the 6-volume Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan, to be used as a blueprint in educating agencies, communities, and the public in how to be good neighbors to a great river;

(8) this year, by Joint Legislative Resolution, the legislatures have requested that Congress provide for continuation of cooperative partnerships and support for the Connecticut River Joint Commissions from the New England Federal Partners for Natural Resources, a consortium of Federal agencies, in carrying out recommendations of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan;

(9) this Act effectuates certain recommendations of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan that are most appropriately directed by the States through the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, with assistance from the National Park Service and United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

(10) where implementation of those recommendations involves partnership with local communities and organizations, support for the partnership should be provided by the Secretary.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to authorize the Secretary to provide to the States of New Hampshire and Vermont (including communities in those States), through the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, technical and financial assistance for management of the River.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) STATE.—The term "State" means—

(A) the State of New Hampshire; or
(B) the State of Vermont.

SEC. 4. CONNECTICUT RIVER GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a Connecticut River Grants and Technical Assistance Program to provide grants and technical assistance to State and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector to carry out projects for the conservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic, cultural, recreational, and natural resources in the Connecticut River watershed.

(b) CRITERIA.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Connecticut River Joint Commissions, shall develop criteria for determining the eligibility of applicants for, and reviewing and prioritizing applications for, grants or technical assistance under the program.

(c) COST-SHARING.—

(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a grant project under subsection (a) shall not exceed 75 percent.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share of the cost of a project may be provided in the form of in-kind contributions of services or materials.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$1,000,000 for each fiscal year.

WORLD YEAR OF PHYSICS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 742, S. Con. Res. 121.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 121) supporting the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 121) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

S. CON. RES. 121

Whereas throughout history, physics has contributed to knowledge, civilization, and culture around the world;

Whereas physics research has been and continues to be a driving force for scientific, technological, and economic development;

Whereas many emerging fields in science and technology, such as nanoscience, information technology, and biotechnology, are substantially based on, and derive many tools from, fundamental discoveries in physics and physics applications;

Whereas physics will continue to play a vital role in addressing many 21st-century challenges relating to sustainable development, including environmental conservation, clean sources of energy, public health, and security;

Whereas Albert Einstein is a widely recognized scientific figure who contributed enormously to the development of physics, beginning in 1905 with Einstein's groundbreaking papers on the photoelectric effect, the size of molecules, Brownian motion, and the theory of relativity that led to Einstein's most famous equation, $E = mc^2$;

Whereas 2005 will be the 100th anniversary of the publication of those groundbreaking papers;

Whereas the General Assembly of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics unanimously approved the proposition designating 2005 as the World Year of Physics; and

Whereas the Department of Energy is the leading source of Federal support for academic physics research, accounting for a majority of Federal funding for physics: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics, as designated by the General Assembly of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the World Year of Physics as a special occasion for giving impetus to—

(A) education and research in physics; and
(B) the public's understanding of physics;

(3) calls on the Secretary of Energy to lead and coordinate Federal activities to commemorate the World Year of Physics;

(4) encourages the Secretary, all science-related organizations, the private sector, and the media to highlight and give enhanced recognition to—

(A) the role of physics in social, cultural, and economic development; and

(B) the positive impact and contributions of physics to society; and

(5) encourages the Secretary and all people involved in physics education and research to take additional steps (including strengthening existing and emerging fields of physics research and promoting the understanding of physics) to ensure that—

(A) support for physics continues; and

(B) physics studies at all levels continue to attract an adequate number of students.

HIBBEN CENTER ACT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (S. 643) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

S. 643

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 643) entitled “An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the University of New Mexico, to construct and occupy a portion of the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico, and for other purposes”, do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Hibben Center Act”.

SEC. 2. LEASE AGREEMENT.

(a) *AUTHORIZATION*.—The Secretary of the Interior may enter into an agreement with the University of New Mexico to lease space in the Hibben Center for Archaeological Research at the University of New Mexico for research on, and curation of, the archaeological research collections of the National Park Service relating to the Chaco Culture National Historical Park and Aztec Ruins National Monument.

(b) *TERM; RENT*.—The lease shall provide for a term not exceeding 40 years and a nominal annual lease payment.

(c) *IMPROVEMENTS*.—The lease shall permit the Secretary to make improvements and install furnishings and fixtures related to the use and curation of the collections.

SEC. 3. GRANT.

Upon execution of the lease, the Secretary may contribute to the University of New Mexico:

(1) up to 37 percent of the cost of construction of the Hibben Center, not to exceed \$1,750,000; and

(2) the cost of improvements, not to exceed \$2,488,000.

SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.

The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the University of New Mexico, Federal agencies, and Indian tribes for the curation of and conduct of research on artifacts, and to encourage collaborative management of the Chacoan archaeological artifacts associated with northwestern New Mexico.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AND ERADICATION ACT OF 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (S. 144) to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

S. 144

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 144) entitled “An Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land”, do pass with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL AND ERADICATION.

The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new subtitle:

“Subtitle E—Noxious Weed Control and Eradication

“SEC. 451. SHORT TITLE.

“This subtitle may be cited as the ‘Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act of 2004’.

“SEC. 452. DEFINITIONS.

“In this subtitle:

“(1) *INDIAN TRIBE*.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’ has the meaning given that term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

“(2) *WEED MANAGEMENT ENTITY*.—The term ‘weed management entity’ means an entity that—

“(A) is recognized by the State in which it is established;

“(B) is established for the purpose of or has demonstrable expertise and significant experience in controlling or eradicating noxious weeds and increasing public knowledge and education concerning the need to control or eradicate noxious weeds;

“(C) may be multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary in nature;

“(D) may include representatives from Federal, State, local, or, where applicable, Indian Tribe governments, private organizations, individuals, and State-recognized conservation districts or State-recognized weed management districts; and

“(E) has existing authority to perform land management activities on Federal land if the proposed project or activity is on Federal lands.

“(3) *FEDERAL LANDS*.—The term ‘Federal lands’ means those lands owned and managed by the United States Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management.

“SEC. 453. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.

“(a) *IN GENERAL*.—The Secretary shall establish a program to provide financial and technical assistance to control or eradicate noxious weeds.

“(b) *GRANTS*.—Subject to the availability of appropriations under section 457(a), the Secretary shall make grants under section 454 to weed management entities for the control or eradication of noxious weeds.

“(c) *AGREEMENTS*.—Subject to the availability of appropriations under section 457(b), the Secretary shall enter into agreements under section 455 with weed management entities to provide financial and technical assistance for the control or eradication of noxious weeds.

“SEC. 454. GRANTS TO WEED MANAGEMENT ENTITIES.

“(a) *CONSULTATION AND CONSENT*.—In carrying out a grant under this subtitle, the weed management entity and the Secretary shall—

“(1) if the activities funded under the grant will take place on Federal land, consult with the heads of the Federal agencies having jurisdiction over the land; or

“(2) obtain the written consent of the non-Federal landowner.

“(b) *GRANT CONSIDERATIONS*.—In determining the amount of a grant to a weed management entity, the Secretary shall consider—

“(1) the severity or potential severity of the noxious weed problem;

“(2) the extent to which the Federal funds will be used to leverage non-Federal funds to address the noxious weed problem;

“(3) the extent to which the weed management entity has made progress in addressing the noxious weeds problem; and

“(4) other factors that the Secretary determines to be relevant.

“(c) *USE OF GRANT FUNDS; COST SHARES*.—

“(1) *USE OF GRANTS*.—A weed management entity that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall use the grant funds to carry out a project authorized by subsection (d) for the control or eradication of a noxious weed.

“(2) *COST SHARES*.—

“(A) *FEDERAL COST SHARE*.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out an authorized project under this section exclusively on non-Federal land shall not exceed 50 percent.

“(B) *FORM OF NON-FEDERAL COST SHARE*.—The non-Federal share of the cost of carrying out an authorized project under this section may be provided in cash or in kind.

“(d) *AUTHORIZED PROJECTS*.—Projects funded by grants under this section include the following:

“(1) Education, inventories and mapping, management, monitoring, methods development, and other capacity building activities, including the payment of the cost of personnel and equipment that promote control or eradication of noxious weeds.

“(2) Other activities to control or eradicate noxious weeds or promote control or eradication of noxious weeds.

“(e) *APPLICATION*.—To be eligible to receive assistance under this section, a weed management entity shall prepare and submit to the Secretary an application containing such information as the Secretary shall by regulation require.

“(f) *SELECTION OF PROJECTS*.—Projects funded under this section shall be selected by the Secretary on a competitive basis, taking into consideration the following:

“(1) The severity of the noxious weed problem or potential problem addressed by the project.

“(2) The likelihood that the project will prevent or resolve the problem, or increase knowledge about resolving similar problems.

“(3) The extent to which the Federal funds will leverage non-Federal funds to address the noxious weed problem addressed by the project.

“(4) The extent to which the program will improve the overall capacity of the United States to address noxious weed control and management.

“(5) The extent to which the weed management entity has made progress in addressing noxious weed problems.

“(6) The extent to which the project will provide a comprehensive approach to the control or eradication of noxious weeds.

“(7) The extent to which the project will reduce the total population of noxious weeds.

“(8) The extent to which the project promotes cooperation and participation between States that have common interests in controlling and eradicating noxious weeds.

“(9) Other factors that the Secretary determines to be relevant.

“(g) *REGIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL INVOLVEMENT*.—In determining which projects receive