

H.R. 2361. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, Environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2361. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1098. A bill to prevent abuse of the special allowance subsidies under the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LOTT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration:

Report to accompany S. Res. 50, An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005, October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006, and October 1, 2006, through February 28, 2007 (Rept. No. 109-70).

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. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1096. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1097. A bill to amend title 4 of the United States Code to prohibit the double taxation of telecommuters and others who work from home; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1098. A bill to prevent abuse of the special allowance subsidies under the Federal Family Education Loan Program; read the first time.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 1099. A bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and greater fairness for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1100. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide capital gains treatment for certain self-created musical works; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 1101. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to address the needs of victims of child abuse and neglect, children in foster care, children in kinship care, and homeless children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1102. A bill to extend the aviation war risk insurance program for 3 years; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KYL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. FRIST):

S. 1103. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1104. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1105. A bill to amend title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding international and foreign language studies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1106. A bill to authorize the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1107. A bill to reauthorize the Head Start Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 152. A resolution welcoming His Excellency Hamid Karzai, the President of Afghanistan, and expressing support for a strong and enduring strategic partnership between the United States and Afghanistan; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Res. 153. A resolution expressing the support of Congress for the observation of the National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 pm local time on this and every Memorial Day to acknowledge the sacrifices made on the behalf of all Americans for the cause of liberty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Con. Res. 36. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning actions to support the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty on the occasion of the Seventh NPT Review Conference; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. Con. Res. 37. A concurrent resolution honoring the life of Sister Dorothy Stang; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 94

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 94, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 117

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 117, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 211 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 285

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 285, a bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 365

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 365, a bill to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the classification of a motorsports entertainment complex.

S. 515

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 515, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, and for other purposes.

S. 528

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 528, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide grants to States to conduct demonstration projects that are designed to enable medicaid-eligible individuals to receive support for appropriate and necessary long-term services in the settings of their choice.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 567, a bill to provide immunity for non-profit athletic organizations in lawsuits arising from claims of ordinary negligence relating to the passage, adoption, or failure to adopt rules of play for athletic competitions and practices.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

S. 601

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 601, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include combat pay in determining an allowable contribution to an individual retirement plan.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on emergency Med-

ical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) were added as cosponsors of S. 642, a bill to support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 671

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for certain fuel cell property.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 713, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 724, a bill to improve the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing

the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and title 5, United States Code, to provide entitlement to leave to eligible employees whose spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a member of the Armed Forces who is serving on active duty in support of a contingency operation or who is notified of an impending call or order to active duty in support of a contingency operation, and for other purposes.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

S. 884

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to conduct a study evaluating whether there are correlations between the commission of methamphetamine crimes and identify theft crimes.

S. 1022

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1022, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for an energy efficient appliance credit.

S. 1065

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend child care eligibility for children of members of the Armed Forces who die in the line of duty.

S. 1068

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1068, a bill to provide for higher education affordability, access, and opportunity.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum update for physicians' services for 2006 and 2007.

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, *supra*.

S. 1082

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as co-sponsors of S. 1084, a bill to eliminate child poverty, and for other purposes.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as co-sponsors of S. 1086, a bill to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses.

S. 1092

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1092, a bill to establish a program under which the Secretary of the Interior offers for lease certain land for oil shale development, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 18

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 18, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

AMENDMENT NO. 762

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 762 intended to be proposed to S. 1042, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1096. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, today, along with Senator LAUTENBERG, I am introducing legislation, the Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, to designate portions of the Musconetcong River in New Jersey as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. I am proud to be joining my New Jersey colleague, Representative SCOTT GARRETT, who has introduced this legislation in the House of Representatives, with the support of Congressmen ROBERT ANDREWS, MICHAEL FERGUSON, RODNEY FRELING-

HUYSEN, ROBERT MENENDEZ, FRANK PALLONE, DONALD PAYNE and JAMES SAXTON.

This is important legislation to help preserve and protect one of the most valuable natural resources in the State of New Jersey. The Musconetcong River is a 43 mile river that runs westward from Lake Musconetcong to the Delaware River. It provides many ecological, recreational and scenic benefits to the northwestern portion of our State. In addition, it is also home to a number of archeological sites and other historic areas, including one site in Warren County where scientists have discovered stone knives and other weapons dating back at least ten thousand years. Finally, it feeds aquifers that provide many residents in Hunterdon and Warren counties with quality drinking water.

Unfortunately, the beauty and value that the Musconetcong provides is at risk. The river faces pressures, for example, from the development that is occurring on or near its shores. This has caused water quality to deteriorate from increased levels of bacteria, silt and runoff from roadways. Further, many of the municipalities that lie along the river lack the financial resources to adequately protect the river for future generations.

The Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act would help state, county and local officials begin to address these concerns, working alongside environmental and public interest groups. By including this river in the Wild and Scenic River System, it would allow New Jersey to implement a management plan for the river that has the support of three counties and 13 municipalities. In addition it would make the river eligible for financial, planning, and technical assistance to help preserve and protect it. The goal is to encourage uses and development that is compatible with the river.

The Wild and Scenic River System already includes the Maurice and Great Egg Harbor Rivers in New Jersey as well as the lower and middle portions of the Delaware River.

I will work hard in the 109th Congress to see that the Musconetcong is added to this list. I hope my colleagues will support this legislation, and 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. 1096

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 “Musconetcong Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation and consultation with appropriate Federal, State, regional, and local agencies, is conducting a study of the eligibility and suitability of the Musconetcong River in the State of New Jersey for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

(2) the Musconetcong Wild and Scenic River Study Task Force, with assistance from the National Park Service, has prepared a river management plan for the study area entitled “Musconetcong River Management Plan” and dated April 2002 that establishes goals and actions to ensure long-term protection of the outstanding values of the river and compatible management of land and water resources associated with the Musconetcong River; and

(3) 13 municipalities and 3 counties along segments of the Musconetcong River that are eligible for designation have passed resolutions in which the municipalities and counties—

(A) express support for the Musconetcong River Management Plan;

(B) agree to take action to implement the goals of the management plan; and

(C) endorse designation of the Musconetcong River as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) ADDITIONAL RIVER SEGMENT.—The term “additional river segment” means the approximately 4.3-mile Musconetcong River segment designated as “C” in the management plan, from Hughesville Mill to the Delaware River Confluence.

(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “management plan” means the river management plan prepared by the Musconetcong River Management Committee, the National Park Service, the Heritage Conservancy, and the Musconetcong Watershed Association entitled “Musconetcong River Management Plan” and dated April 2002 that establishes goals and actions to—

(A) ensure long-term protection of the outstanding values of the river segments; and

(B) compatible management of land and water resources associated with the river segments.

(3) RIVER SEGMENT.—The term “river segment” means any segment of the Musconetcong River, New Jersey, designated as a scenic river or recreational river by section 3(a)(167) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (as added by section 4).

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF PORTIONS OF MUSCONETCONG RIVER, NEW JERSEY, AS SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL RIVERS.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(167) MUSCONETCONG RIVER, NEW JERSEY.—

“(A) DESIGNATION.—The 24.2 miles of river segments in New Jersey, consisting of—

“(i) the approximately 3.5-mile segment from Saxton Falls to the Route 46 bridge, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river; and

“(ii) the approximately 20.7-mile segment from the Kings Highway bridge to the railroad tunnels at Musconetcong Gorge, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a recreational river.

“(B) ADMINISTRATION.—Notwithstanding section 10(c), the river segments designated under subparagraph (A) shall not be administered as part of the National Park System.”

SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT.

(a) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage the river segments in accordance with the management plan.

(2) SATISFACTION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAN.—The management plan shall be considered to satisfy the requirements for a comprehensive management plan for the river segments under section 3(d) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(d)).