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

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 302), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 140, S. 655.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 655) to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which had been reported from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment.

(Strike the part shown in black brackets and insert the part shown in italic.)

S. 655

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

SECTION 1. NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION; ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES; FEDERAL FUNDING.

[(a) AUTHORITY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES; STRIKING TWO-YEAR LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL.—Section 399G(h)(2)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280e-11(h)(2)(A)) is amended by striking the second sentence and inserting the following: “In the case of an individual, such Director may accept the services provided under the preceding sentence by the individual until such time as the private funding for such individual ends.”.]

[(b) FEDERAL FUNDING.—Section 399G(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280e-11(i)) is amended—

[(1) in paragraph (2)—

[(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “\$500,000”, and inserting “\$1,500,000”; and

[(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “not more than \$500,000” and inserting “not less than \$500,000, and not more than \$1,500,000”; and

[(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may provide facilities, utilities, and support services to the Foundation if it is determined by the Director to be advantageous to the programs of such Centers.”.]

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(b) REPORTS.—Section 399G(h)(7) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280e-11(h)(7)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, including an accounting of the use of amounts provided for under subsection (i)” before the period; and

(2) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) The Foundation shall make copies of each report submitted under subparagraph (A) available—

“(i) for public inspection, and shall upon request provide a copy of the report to any individual for a charge not to exceed the cost of providing the copy; and

“(ii) to the appropriate committees of Congress.”.

(c) FEDERAL FUNDING.—Section 399G(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280e-11(i)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “\$500,000”, and inserting “\$1,250,000”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “not more than \$500,000” and inserting “not less than \$500,000, and not more than \$1,250,000”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may provide facilities, utilities, and support services to the Foundation if it is determined by the Director to be advantageous to the programs of such Centers.”.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 655), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND IN NEW MEXICO

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture be discharged from further consideration of S. 447 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 447) to authorize the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of New Mexico.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 447) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 447

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 “Jornada Experimental Range Transfer Act of 2005”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park Board.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO CHIHUAHUAN DESERT NATURE PARK BOARD.

(a) CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary may convey to the Board, by quitclaim deed, for no consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the land described in subsection (b).

(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of land referred to in subsection (a) consists of not more than 1000 acres of land selected by the Secretary—

(1) that is located in the Jornada Experimental Range in the State of New Mexico; and

(2) that is subject to an easement granted by the Agricultural Research Service to the Board.

(c) CONDITIONS.—The conveyance of land under subsection (a) shall be subject to—

(1) the condition that the Board pay—

(A) the cost of any surveys of the land; and

(B) any other costs relating to the conveyance;

(2) any rights-of-way to the land reserved by the Secretary;

(3) a covenant or restriction in the deed to the land described in subsection (b) requiring that—

(A) the land may be used only for educational purposes;

(B) if the land is no longer used for the purposes described in subparagraph (A), the land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, revert to the United States; and

(C) if the land is determined by the Secretary to be environmentally contaminated under subsection (d)(2)(A), the Board shall remediate the contamination; and

(4) any other terms and conditions that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(d) REVERSION.—If the land conveyed under subsection (a) is no longer used for the purposes described in subsection (c)(3)(A)—

(1) the land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, revert to the United States; and

(2) if the Secretary chooses to have the land revert to the United States, the Secretary shall—

(A) determine whether the land is environmentally contaminated, including contamination from hazardous wastes, hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, petroleum, or petroleum by-products; and

(B) if the Secretary determines that the land is environmentally contaminated, the Board or any other person responsible for the contamination shall remediate the contamination.

PERMITTING WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS TO RE-COMPETE FOR SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1517, which was introduced earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1517) to permit Women's Business Centers to re-compete for sustainability grants.

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

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today in support of this bill that would provide critical funding that is needed to preserve the operations of existing Women's Business Centers that currently serve women entrepreneurs in almost every State and territory.

Women-owned businesses breathe new life into our economy, grow at twice the rate of all firms, and create jobs with pace-setting results. With 10.6 million women-owned businesses across the Nation, employing more than 19 million Americans, and generating nearly \$2.5 trillion in revenue—indeed, they are nothing short of an economic powerhouse!

Part of our job is to make sure that Government programs continue to help small and women-owned businesses. We can't afford to ignore, or reduce, the extraordinary contributions America's business women are making to our economy, our society, and our future.

The Small Business Administration's Women's Business Center has been a tremendous resource to women-owned businesses across the Nation. Since the program was introduced through the Small Business Ownership Act of 1988, and made permanent in 1997, Congress has agreed seven times that this program is critical for women business owners. In fact, the program's unique training and counseling helped clients generate more than \$235 million in revenue and create or retain over 6,500 jobs in 2003. This program clearly has a record of success, fostering job growth and providing American small businesses with the opportunity to thrive.

If we look at the centers that are achieving the greatest impact, it is the established centers. The results of their outreach and one-on-one assistance has made it possible for the Small Business Administration to achieve its goals as it measures the success of the products and programs offered by these centers.

However, 11 of our longest standing Women's Business Centers located in California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin now face the possibility of closing their doors. The Federal Government has invested 10 years helping to establish these centers which, in turn, have helped women-owned businesses start and existing businesses grow.

In accordance with outdated legislation, the SBA plans to award 92 competitive grants to regular and sustainable women's business centers in September with the fiscal year 2005 appropriations. However, our 11 longest standing centers will not be eligible to compete for these grants. This was not the intent of the Senate. Last Congress, the Senate agreed to transform the women's business center program into a 3-year competitive grant program which is reflected in my bill, S. 1375, The Small Business Administration's 50th Anniversary Reauthorization Act of 2003. While the House failed to pass their version of the bill, limited

provisions of the bill were included in the fiscal year 2005 Omnibus package. However, the women's business center provisions, among others, failed to make the omnibus bill and this program now operates under outdated legislation.

This emergency legislation temporarily solves this problem and preserves our investment by simply making the women's sustainability grant funding available for these 11 existing centers only during fiscal year 2005. While we must fix the funding problem in the long-run, we also face a crisis today. With this legislation, existing centers that have been established for the longest period of time would be able to operate without disruption in funding and could continue the programs and services they currently offer. Moreover, this provision does not require any additional appropriations but only reallocates current funds.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I take great pride in the fact that my own State of Maine leads the way for women-owned businesses. Today, there are more than 63,000 women-owned firms in Maine, employing over 75,000 Mainers and generating more than \$9 billion in sales. We must all be committed to multiplying that story of success in every State in America.

It is our duty to ensure that Americans have the necessary resources to start, grow and develop a business. I am committed to resolving the temporary funding crisis through this bill and I am committed to working with my colleagues to ensure the long-term viability of the program for today's women entrepreneurs and those of tomorrow.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1517) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1517

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

SECTION 1. WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS.

Section 29(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(k)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5) PRIOR RECIPIENTS.—Notwithstanding subsection (1)(1), any recipient of a grant under subsection (1) whose 5-year project ended in fiscal year 2004, is eligible to apply to receive the funds for grants to continue Women's Business Centers in sustainability status for fiscal year 2005, made available by Public Law 108-447 (118 Stat. 2911).”

RECOGNIZING THE GREATEST GENERATION HOME COMING WEEKEND

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 216, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 216) expressing gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who served in World War II, commending the acts of heroism displayed by those servicemembers, and recognizing the “Greatest Generation Homecoming Weekend” to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 216) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 216

Whereas World War II began on September 1, 1939, when Nazi Germany invaded Poland without a declaration of war and then moved, following the surrender of Poland, to invade and occupy Denmark, Norway, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Belgium;

Whereas following the premeditated invasion by Japan on the United States at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, the United States declared war on Japan and entered World War II on the side of freedom and democracy;

Whereas when the fate of the free world was in jeopardy as a direct result of the desire of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime for world conquest, the servicemembers of the United States Armed Forces known as the “Greatest Generation” assumed the task of freeing the world of Nazism, fascism, and tyranny;

Whereas more than 16,000,000 Americans served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II, and millions more supported the war effort at home;

Whereas more than 400,000 brave Americans made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II in the name of freedom and in defense of the ideals that the people of the United States hold dear;

Whereas units of the United States Army, such as the 1st Infantry Division known as the “Big Red One”, the 3rd Infantry Division known as the “Rock of the Marne”, the 10th Armored Division known as the “Tiger Division”, and the “Flying Tigers” of the 14th Air Force, valiantly fought to defeat the oppression and tyranny of the Axis Powers;

Whereas the great tragedy of World War II was the defining event of the 20th century, when the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces fought for the common defense of the United States and for the broader causes of peace and freedom from tyranny throughout the world; and

Whereas the members of the United States Armed Forces, including the “Greatest Generation” of World War II, made sacrifices and displayed bravery and heroism in the name of freedom and democracy throughout the world; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses appreciation to the members of the United States Armed Forces who served during World War II, for—