

Cape Krusenstern Archaeological District, Denali National Park, Gates of the Arctic National Park, and Katmai National Park on the Tentative List of areas nominated for full status; and

Whereas the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's Man and the Biosphere Programme has identified the Glacier Bay—Admiralty Island, Noatak, Denali, and Aleutian Islands Biosphere Reserves in Alaska; and

Whereas, under current law, the United States Secretary of the Interior can nominate world heritage sites, and the United States Secretary of State can nominate biosphere reserves, both without approval by the Congress; be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature recognizes and reaffirms the constitutional authority of the United States Congress as the elected representatives of the people over the federally owned land of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature objects to the nomination or designation of any site in Alaska as a world heritage site, biosphere reserve, or any other type of international designation without the prior consent of the Alaska State Legislature and affected local governments; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign legislation that will require approval by an Act of Congress before any area in the United States or its territories can be studied as a potential, or nominated to be a, world heritage site, biosphere reserve, or any other type of international designation.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Dirk Kempthorne, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Condoleezza Rice, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Steny Hoyer, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable John Boehner, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all members of the 110th United States Congress by electronic transmission.

POM-281. A joint resolution adopted by the Alaska State Legislature urging Coeur Alaska, Inc., to pursue all legal options to resolve the issues present in a court case it is involved with; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 19

Whereas the state is rich in natural resources and is dependent on the development of those resources for its well-being; and

Whereas the policy of the federal government expressed in 30 U.S.C. 21a is to foster and encourage private enterprise in the development of economically sound and stable domestic mining, minerals, metal, and mineral reclamation industries; and

Whereas the United States District Court for the District of Alaska found that the decision of the United States Army Corps of Engineers to allow the disposal of tailings from the proposed Kensington Mine into Lower Slate Lake is consistent with the requirements of the Clean Water Act; and

Whereas the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit stated in an order

issued in Southeast Alaska Conservation Council v. United States Army Corps of Engineers, Case No. 06-35679, that the court intends to reverse and vacate the Record of Decision authorizing the use of Lower Slate Lake as a disposal facility, and remand the case to the district court with instructions to enter summary judgment in favor of Southeast Alaska Conservation Council; be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature encourages Coeur Alaska, Inc., to pursue all legal options, including an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, to resolve the issues presented in Southeast Alaska Conservation Council v. United States Army Corps of Engineers, Case No. 06-35679, on behalf of itself and consistent with the state's efforts to enforce its rights as a state over its resources.

POM-282. A joint resolution adopted by the Alaska State Legislature urging Congress to defeat H.R. 39; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 21

Whereas H.R. 39, titled "To preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans," has been introduced in the United States House of Representatives; and

Whereas the oil industry, the state, and the United States Department of the Interior consider the Arctic coastal plain to have the highest potential for discovery of very large oil and gas accumulations on the continent of North America, estimated to be as much as 10,000,000,000 barrels of recoverable oil; and

Whereas oil and gas exploration and development of the Arctic coastal plain of the refuge and adjacent land could result in major discoveries that would reduce our nation's future need for imported oil, help balance the nation's trade deficit, and significantly increase the nation's security; and

Whereas, in 16 U.S.C. 3142 (sec. 1002 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)), the United States Congress reserved the right to permit further oil and gas exploration, development, and production within the coastal plain; and

Whereas enhancements in technology can be used in a manner that minimizes the area within the refuge that is used for exploration and development, while providing the nation with a needed supply of oil and gas; and

Whereas the oil industry is using innovative technology and environmental practices that are directly applicable to operating on the Arctic coastal plain and that enhance environmental protection beyond traditionally high standards; and

Whereas the state will strive to ensure the protection of the land, water, and wildlife resources during the exploration and development of the Arctic coastal plain; and

Whereas 8,900,000 of the 19,000,000 acres of the refuge have already been set aside as wilderness; be it

Resolved, That the Twenty-Fifth Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to defeat H.R. 39.

POM-283. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission expressing its support for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, California's 1,100 mile coastline, with its beautiful beaches, wild cliffs, abundant fish stocks and fragile environment is a national treasure and a valuable state re-

source, which is at the heart of a tourist industry that generates nearly five billion dollars in state and local taxes each year; and is central to the state's \$46 billion ocean economy; and

Whereas, the California State Lands Commission has jurisdiction over the state-owned tide and submerged lands below the mean high tide line out to three miles from the coast as well as the lands underlying California's bays and rivers; and

Whereas, the Commission is charged with managing these lands pursuant to the Public Trust Doctrine, a common law that requires these lands to be used for commerce, fishing, navigation, recreation and environmental protection; and

Whereas, protecting and improving the environmental integrity of the Pacific Ocean affects the public trust values of the lands under the Commission's jurisdiction and the utility of these lands to the public and the environment; and

Whereas, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) is an international treaty ratified by more than 150 countries; and

Whereas, UNCLOS secures a member country's sovereign rights over the waters and natural resources off its shores, while also obligating the member country to protect the marine environment within its territorial seas, along its continental shelf, and on the high seas; and

Whereas, specifically, UNCLOS's marine environmental protections address marine pollution, dumping, fisheries, living resources, mining, oil and gas exploration, and scientific research; and

Whereas, UNCLOS provides a general governance framework that establishes a means to address future marine environmental problems not specifically addressed in the convention; and

Whereas, the United States has not ratified UNCLOS despite the fact that there is strong bipartisan support for ratification; the treaty is supported by all major environmental groups, shipping and oil interests, and current and former political figures across the ideological spectrum; and

Whereas, if the United States ratifies UNCLOS, it could, among other things, enforce its environmental laws in its exclusive economic zone. Moreover, the United States will be in a position to lead in the future application and development of UNCLOS, and develop regional and international cooperation to protect and preserve the marine environment; and Therefore be it

Resolved by the California State Lands Commission, That it supports the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which would promote the United States' interest in the environmental health of the oceans, secure sovereign rights over extensive marine areas, and protect national security interests; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Commission's Executive Officer transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Governor of California, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mark R. Filip, of Illinois, to be Deputy Attorney General.

Ondray T. Harris, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

David W. Hagy, of Texas, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. CRAIG:

S. 2582. A bill for the relief of Sali Bregaj, Mjajtme Bregaj, and Nertila Bregaj-Swyer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2583. A bill to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2584. A bill to establish a program to evaluate HIV/AIDS programs in order to improve accountability, increase transparency, and ensure the delivery of evidence-based services; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 2585. A bill to provide for the enhancement of the suicide prevention programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2586. A bill to provide States with fiscal relief through a temporary increase in the Federal medical assistance percentage and direct payments to States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KYL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2587. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or 2 or more misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KYL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2588. A bill to require that funds awarded to States and political subdivisions for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program be distributed not later than 120 days after the last day of the annual application period; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 439. A resolution expressing the strong support of the Senate for the North

Atlantic Treaty Organization to enter into a Membership Action Plan with Georgia and Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 440. A resolution recognizing soil as an essential natural resource, and soils professionals as playing a critical role in managing our Nation's soil resources; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 413

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 994, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1199

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1199, a bill to strengthen the capacity of eligible institutions to provide instruction in nanotechnology.

S. 1328

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1328, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Govern-

ment of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to improve such Act.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to address the impact of globalization, to reauthorize trade adjustment assistance, to extend trade adjustment assistance to service workers, communities, firms, and farmers, and for other purposes.

S. 1881

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1881, a bill to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to restore the intent and protections of that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 1970

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1970, a bill to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2143

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2143, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to establish a program to improve the health and education of children through grants to expand school breakfast programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2303

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2303, a bill to amend section 435(o) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the definition of economic hardship.

S. 2438

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2438, a bill to repeal certain provisions of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

S. 2471

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