

S. 3051

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3051, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a working group to study regulatory and legislative improvements for the livestock, insect, and agricultural commodities transport industries, and for other purposes.

S. 3093

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3093, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to address the protective custody of alien children accompanied by parents, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2933

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2933 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5895, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2934

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2934 proposed to H.R. 5895, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2963

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2963 proposed to H.R. 5895, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3003

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3003 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5895, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3013

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Montana

(Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3013 proposed to H.R. 5895, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3034

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3034 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5895, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3049. Mr. UDALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3050. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. HELLER)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra.

SA 3051. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. DAINES, and Mr. TESTER)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra.

SA 3052. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. DAINES, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3053. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra.

SA 3054. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2978 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra.

SA 3055. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3056. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. TESTER)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra.

SA 3057. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. PAUL)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra.

SA 3058. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3059. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra.

SA 3060. Mr. BOOKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment

SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3061. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3062. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3063. Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SANDERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3064. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3065. Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3066. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra.

SA 3067. Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. DAINES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3068. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3049. Mr. UDALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I of division A, add the following:

SEC. 106. Section 10501 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (43 U.S.C. 407) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “For each of fiscal years 2020 through 2029” and inserting “For fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2034” and inserting “for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking “for any authorized use” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “for any use authorized under paragraph (2).”; and

(3) by striking subsection (f).

SA 3050. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. HELLER)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making

appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title II of division C, add the following:

SEC. 2 _____. The Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall conduct an investigation of all nursing homes of the Department of Veterans Affairs that had an overall one-star rating as within the two full calendar years prior to the year of enactment as determined by the rating system of the Department.

SA 3051. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. TESTER)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 85, line 18, insert “: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$2,383,000 shall remain available until expended for the Veterans History Project to continue digitization efforts of already collected materials, reach a greater number of veterans to record their stories, and promote public access to the Project” before the period at the end.

SA 3052. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. DAINES, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II of division C, add the following:

SEC. 2 _____. PUBLICATION OF QUALITY RATING FOR NURSING HOMES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF LOW-PERFORMING NURSING HOMES.

(a) **PUBLICATION OF QUALITY RATING FOR NURSING HOMES.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than annually thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress and the appropriate committees of Congress and publish in the Federal Register and on a publicly available Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs the rating assigned by the Department to each nursing home of the Department with respect to quality of care, including all internal metrics and criteria used in determining such rating.

(b) **INVESTIGATIONS OF LOW-PERFORMING NURSING HOMES.**—

(1) **INITIAL INVESTIGATION.**—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Head of the Office of the Medical Inspector of the Veterans Health Administration shall—

(A) conduct an investigation of all nursing homes of the Department of Veterans Affairs with an overall one-star rating (as determined by the rating system of the Department) according to the most recent review by the Department; and

(B) submit to Congress and the appropriate committees of Congress a report on corrective actions taken by the Department with respect to nursing homes described in subparagraph (A), including any results that support those corrective actions.

(2) **SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION.**—If a nursing home described in paragraph (1)(A) has an overall one-star rating (as determined by the rating system of the Department) according to the first subsequent review by the Department after the review described in such paragraph, the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall, not later than 30 days after such subsequent review—

(A) conduct an investigation of that nursing home; and

(B) submit to Congress and the appropriate committees of Congress a report that includes the findings of that investigation.

(c) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives.

SA 3053. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 79, line 22, insert “, and not more than \$5,000 that shall be used by the Architect of the Capitol to work with contractors to eliminate or reduce the use of plastic straws in facilities of the legislative branch that are under the care of the Architect of the Capitol” before “; for”.

SA 3054. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2978 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 2, line 12, of the amendment, strike the period at the end and insert “of which not less than \$100,000,000 shall be used for projects relating to deep-draft navigation.”.

SA 3055. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, after line 19, add the following:

SEC. 4. REDUCTION IN APPROPRIATIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total sums appropriated under divisions A, B, and C shall be reduced by 1 percent.

SA 3056. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. TESTER)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations

for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transfer funds made available for the following programs:

(1) The Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem program.

(2) The Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans program.

(3) The Supportive Services for Veteran Families program.

(4) The Department of Housing and Urban Development Department of Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (HUD-VASH) programs.

(5) The Health Care for Homeless Veterans program

SA 3057. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. PAUL)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 79, line 7, insert “: *Provided*, that the Director shall use not less than \$500,000 of the amount made available under this heading for (1) improving technical systems, processes, and models for the purpose of improving the transparency of estimates of budgetary effects to Members of Congress, employees of Members of Congress, and the public, and (2) to increase the availability of models, economic assumptions, and data for Members of Congress, employees of Members of Congress, and the public” before the period.

SA 3058. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III of division A, add the following:

SEC. 3 _____. All high-level radioactive waste at the Western New York Service Center in West Valley, New York, from the project carried out under the West Valley Demonstration Project Act (42 U.S.C. 2021a note; Public Law 96-368) shall be considered to have resulted from atomic energy defense activities—

(1) for purposes of section 8 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10107); but

(2) not for purposes of—

(A) section 3(a)(3) of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act (Public Law 102-579; 106 Stat. 4779); or

(B) section 213 of the Department of Energy National Security and Military Applications of Nuclear Energy Authorization Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-164; 93 Stat. 1265).

SA 3059. Mr. McCONNELL (for Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy

and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title III of division A, add the following:

SEC. 305. (a) Section 5 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 798) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “three” and inserting “4”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “Commission may extend the period of a preliminary permit once for not more than 2 additional years beyond the 3 years” and inserting the following: “Commission may—

“(1) extend the period of a preliminary permit once for not more than 4 additional years beyond the 4 years”;

(B) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) after the end of an extension period granted under paragraph (1), issue an additional permit to the permittee if the Commission determines that there are extraordinary circumstances that warrant the issuance of the additional permit.”.

(b) Section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) is amended in the second sentence by striking “once but not longer than two additional years” and inserting “for not more than 8 additional years.”.

(c) Any obligation of a licensee or exemptee for the payment of annual charges under section 10(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 803(e)) for a project that has not commenced construction as of the date of enactment of this Act shall commence not earlier than the latest of—

(1) the date by which the licensee or exemptee is required to commence construction; or

(2) the date of any extension of the deadline under paragraph (1).

SEC. 306. Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, after consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall—

(1) survey the exterior boundaries of the tract of Federal land within the project boundary of the Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2911) as generally depicted and labeled “Lost Creek” on the map entitled “Swan Lake Project Boundary—Lot 2” and dated February 1, 2016; and

(2) issue a patent to the State of Alaska for the tract described in paragraph (1) in accordance with—

(A) the survey authorized under paragraph (1);

(B) section 6(a) of the Act of July 7, 1958 (commonly known as the “Alaska Statehood Act”) (48 U.S.C. note prec. 21; Public Law 85-508); and

(C) section 24 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 818).

SEC. 307. (a) In this section:

(1) The term “Commission” means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

(2) The term “Terror Lake Hydroelectric Project” means the project identified in section 1325 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3212), and which is the Commission project numbered 2743.

(3) The term “Upper Hidden Basin Diversion Expansion” means the expansion of the Terror Lake Hydroelectric Project as generally described in exhibit E to the Upper Hidden Basin Grant Application dated July 2, 2014, and submitted to the Alaska Energy Authority Renewable Energy Fund Round VIII by Kodiak Electric Association, Inc.

(b) The licensee for the Terror Lake Hydroelectric Project may occupy not more than 20 acres of Federal land to construct, oper-

ate, and maintain the Upper Hidden Basin Diversion Expansion without further authorization of the Secretary of the Interior or under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.).

(c) The Upper Hidden Basin Diversion Expansion shall be subject to appropriate terms and conditions included in an amendment to a license issued by the Commission pursuant to the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 791a et seq.), including section 4(e) of that Act (16 U.S.C. 797(e)), following an environmental review by the Commission under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

SEC. 308. (a) In this section:

(1) The term “Commission” means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

(2) The term “license” means the license for the Commission project numbered 11393.

(3) The term “licensee” means the holder of the license.

(b) On the request of the licensee, the Commission shall issue an order continuing the stay of the license.

(c) On the request of the licensee, but not later than 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall—

(1) issue an order lifting the stay of the license under subsection (b); and

(2) make the effective date of the license the date on which the stay is lifted under paragraph (1).

(d)(1) Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Commission project numbered 11393, the Commission may, at the request of the licensee, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of, and the procedures of the Commission under, that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project for not more than 3 consecutive 2-year periods from the date of the expiration of the extension originally issued by the Commission.

(2)(A) If the period required for the commencement of construction of the project described in paragraph (1) has expired prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission may reinstate the license effective as of the date of the expiration of the license.

(B) If the Commission reinstates the license under subparagraph (A), the first extension authorized under paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date of that expiration.

(e) Nothing in this section prioritizes, or creates any advantage or disadvantage to, Commission project numbered 11393 under Federal law, including the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 791a et seq.) or the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), as compared to—

(1) any electric generating facility in existence on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(2) any electric generating facility that may be examined, proposed, or developed during the period of any stay or extension of the license under this section.

SEC. 309. (a) Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbers 12756, 12757, and 12758, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (referred to in this section as the “Commission”) may, at the request of the licensee for the applicable project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the procedures of the Commission under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the applicable project for up to

3 consecutive 2-year periods from the date of the expiration of the extension originally issued by the Commission.

(b) If the time period required for commencement of construction of a project described in subsection (a) has expired prior to the date of enactment of this Act—

(1) the Commission may reinstate the license for the applicable project effective as of the date of the expiration of the license; and

(2) the first extension authorized under subsection (a) shall take effect on that expiration.

SEC. 310. (a) Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 12478-003, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (referred to in this section as the “Commission”) may, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of, and the procedures of the Commission under, that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence construction of the project for not more than 3 consecutive 2-year periods from the date of the expiration of the extension originally issued by the Commission.

(b)(1) If the period required for the commencement of construction of the project described in subsection (a) has expired prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission may reinstate the license effective as of that date of expiration.

(2) If the Commission reinstates the license under paragraph (1), the first extension authorized under subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of that expiration.

SEC. 311. (a) Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 13287, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (referred to in this section as the “Commission”) may, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the procedures of the Commission under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence construction of the project for up to 4 consecutive 2-year periods after the required date of the commencement of construction described in Article 301 of the license.

(b)(1) If the period required for the commencement of construction of the project described in subsection (a) has expired prior to the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission may reinstate the license effective as of that date of expiration.

(2) If the Commission reinstates the license under paragraph (1), the first extension authorized under subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of that expiration.

SEC. 312. (a) Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 12642, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (referred to in this section as the “Commission”) may, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the procedures of the Commission under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project for up to 3 consecutive 2-year periods from the date of the expiration of the extension originally issued by the Commission.

(b) If the period required for commencement of construction of the project described in subsection (a) has expired prior to the date of enactment of this Act—

(1) the Commission may reinstate the license effective as of the date of the expiration of the license; and

(2) the first extension authorized under subsection (a) shall take effect on that expiration date.

SEC. 313. (a) Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission projects numbered 12737 and 12740, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (referred to in this section as the “Commission”) may, at the request of the licensee for the applicable project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of that section and the procedures of the Commission under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the applicable project for up to 3 consecutive 2-year periods from the date of the expiration of the extension originally issued by the Commission.

(b) If the period required for commencement of construction of a project described in subsection (a) has expired prior to the date of enactment of this Act—

(1) the Commission may reinstate the license for the applicable project effective as of the date of the expiration of the license; and

(2) the first extension authorized under subsection (a) shall take effect on that expiration date.

SEC. 314. (a) Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 12715 (referred to in this section as the “project”), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (referred to in this section as the “Commission”) may, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice, in accordance with the good faith, due diligence, and public interest requirements of, and the procedures of the Commission under, that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of the project for not more than 3 consecutive 2-year periods that begin on the date of the expiration of the extension originally issued by the Commission.

(b)(1) If the period required for the commencement of construction of the project has expired before the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission may reinstate the license effective as of the date of the expiration of the license.

(2) If the Commission reinstates the license under paragraph (1), the first extension authorized under subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of that expiration.

SA 3060. Mr. BOOKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 54, line 5, insert “\$10,300,000 shall be for activities related to the development of regulatory infrastructure for advanced nuclear technologies,” after “mission,”.

SA 3061. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. JOHNSON, and

Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I of division C, add the following:

SEC. _____. (a) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2019, the Secretary of Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report setting forth the results of a review, conducted by the Secretary for purposes of the report, of the analytical model used for strategic basing of KC-46 aircraft.

(b) PARTICULAR ELEMENT.—The report shall include such recommendations of the Secretary for the analytical model as the Secretary considers appropriate in order to ensure that the model addresses changes in refueling requirements associated with the conventional and nuclear missions of the Global Strike Command, and any other current or emerging missions of the Global Strike Command (including missions in support of counterterrorism activities), as a result of the 2018 National Defense Strategy and associated mobility capability requirements.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The requirement for a report under this section may not be construed as limiting the ability of the Air Force to make any future adjustment to the analytical model used for strategic basing of KC-46 aircraft or to any of the criteria in the analytical model.

SA 3062. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 7, strike line 6 and all that follows through page 22, line 23 and insert the following:
\$210,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020.

FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM

For expenses necessary to clean up contamination from sites in the United States resulting from work performed as part of the Nation's early atomic energy program, \$120,000,000, to remain available until expended.

FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

For expenses necessary to prepare for flood, hurricane, and other natural disasters and support emergency operations, repairs, and other activities in response to such disasters as authorized by law, \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended.

EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the supervision and general administration of the civil works program in the headquarters of the Corps of Engineers and the offices of the Division Engineers; and for costs of management and operation of the Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity, the Institute for Water Resources, the United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers Finance Center allocable to the civil works program, \$193,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020, of which

not to exceed \$5,000 may be used for official reception and representation purposes and only during the current fiscal year: *Provided*, That no part of any other appropriation provided in this title shall be available to fund the civil works activities of the Office of the Chief of Engineers or the civil works executive direction and management activities of the division offices: *Provided further*, That any Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies appropriation may be used to fund the supervision and general administration of emergency operations, repairs, and other activities in response to any flood, hurricane, or other natural disaster.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR CIVIL WORKS

For the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works as authorized by 10 U.S.C. 3016(b)(3), \$5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That not more than 75 percent of such amount may be obligated or expended until the Assistant Secretary submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a work plan that allocates at least 95 percent of the additional funding provided under each heading in this title, as designated under such heading in the report of the Committee on Appropriations accompanying this Act, to specific programs, projects, or activities.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 101.

(a) None of the funds provided in title I of this Act, or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities funded in title I of this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2019, shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds that:

(1) creates or initiates a new program, project, or activity;

(2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;

(3) increases funds or personnel for any program, project, or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted by this Act, unless prior approval is received from the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations;

(4) proposes to use funds directed for a specific activity for a different purpose, unless prior approval is received from the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations;

(5) augments or reduces existing programs, projects, or activities in excess of the amounts contained in paragraphs (6) through (10), unless prior approval is received from the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations;

(6) INVESTIGATIONS.—For a base level over \$100,000, reprogramming of 25 percent of the base amount up to a limit of \$150,000 per project, study or activity is allowed: *Provided*, That for a base level less than \$100,000, the reprogramming limit is \$25,000: *Provided further*, That up to \$25,000 may be reprogrammed into any continuing study or activity that did not receive an appropriation for existing obligations and concomitant administrative expenses;

(7) CONSTRUCTION.—For a base level over \$2,000,000, reprogramming of 15 percent of the base amount up to a limit of \$3,000,000 per project, study or activity is allowed: *Provided*, That for a base level less than \$2,000,000, the reprogramming limit is \$300,000: *Provided further*, That up to \$3,000,000 may be reprogrammed for settled contractor claims, changed conditions, or real estate deficiency judgments: *Provided further*, That up to \$300,000 may be reprogrammed into any

continuing study or activity that did not receive an appropriation for existing obligations and concomitant administrative expenses;

(8) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—Unlimited reprogramming authority is granted for the Corps to be able to respond to emergencies: *Provided*, That the Chief of Engineers shall notify the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations of these emergency actions as soon thereafter as practicable: *Provided further*, That for a base level over \$1,000,000, reprogramming of 15 percent of the base amount up to a limit of \$5,000,000 per project, study, or activity is allowed: *Provided further*, That for a base level less than \$1,000,000, the reprogramming limit is \$150,000: *Provided further*, That \$150,000 may be reprogrammed into any continuing study or activity that did not receive an appropriation;

(9) MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES.—The reprogramming guidelines in paragraphs (6), (7), and (8) shall apply to the Investigations, Construction, and Operation and Maintenance portions of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Account, respectively; and

(10) FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM.—Reprogramming of up to 15 percent of the base of the receiving project is permitted.

(b) DE MINIMUS REPROGRAMMINGS.—In no case should a reprogramming for less than \$50,000 be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

(c) CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM.—Subsection (a)(1) shall not apply to any project or activity funded under the continuing authorities program.

(d) Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations to establish the baseline for application of reprogramming and transfer authorities for the current fiscal year which shall include:

(1) A table for each appropriation with a separate column to display the President's budget request, adjustments made by Congress, adjustments due to enacted rescissions, if applicable, and the fiscal year enacted level; and

(2) A delineation in the table for each appropriation both by object class and program, project and activity as detailed in the budget appendix for the respective appropriations; and

(3) An identification of items of special congressional interest.

(e) The Secretary shall allocate funds made available in this Act solely in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the report of the Committee on Appropriations accompanying this Act, including the determination and designation of new starts.

(f) None of the funds made available in this title may be used to award or modify any contract that commits funds beyond the amounts appropriated for that program, project, or activity that remain unobligated, except that such amounts may include any funds that have been made available through reprogramming pursuant to this section.

SEC. 102. The Secretary of the Army may transfer to the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Fish and Wildlife Service may accept and expend, up to \$5,400,000 of funds provided in this title under the heading "Operation and Maintenance" to mitigate for fisheries lost due to Corps of Engineers projects.

SEC. 103. None of the funds in this Act shall be used for an open lake placement alternative for dredged material, after evaluating the least costly, environmentally acceptable manner for the disposal or management of dredged material originating from Lake Erie or tributaries thereto, unless it is approved

under a State water quality certification pursuant to section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1341): *Provided*, That until an open lake placement alternative for dredged material is approved under a State water quality certification, the Corps of Engineers shall continue upland placement of such dredged material consistent with the requirements of section 101 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2211).

SEC. 104. None of the funds made available in this title may be used for any acquisition of buoy chain that is not consistent with 48 CFR 225.7007, subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2).

SEC. 105. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to require a permit for the discharge of dredged or fill material under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) for the activities identified in subparagraphs (A) and (C) of section 404(f)(1) of the Act (33 U.S.C. 1344(f)(1)(A), (C)).

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT

For carrying out activities authorized by the Central Utah Project Completion Act, \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$898,000 shall be deposited into the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission: *Provided*, That of the amount provided under this heading, \$1,398,675 shall be available until September 30, 2020, for expenses necessary in carrying out related responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided further*, That for fiscal year 2019, of the amount made available to the Commission under this Act or any other Act, the Commission may use an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for administrative expenses.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

The following appropriations shall be expended to execute authorized functions of the Bureau of Reclamation:

WATER AND RELATED RESOURCES

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For management, development, and restoration of water and related natural resources and for related activities, including the operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of reclamation and other facilities, participation in fulfilling related Federal responsibilities to Native Americans, and related grants to, and cooperative and other agreements with, State and local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, and others, \$1,382,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$67,693,000 shall be available for transfer to the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund and \$5,551,000 shall be available for transfer to the Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund; of which such amounts as may be necessary may be advanced to the Colorado River Dam Fund: *Provided*, That such transfers may be increased or decreased within the overall appropriation under this heading: *Provided further*, That within available funds, \$250,000 shall be for grants and financial assistance for educational activities: *Provided further*, That of the total appropriated, the amount for program activities that can be financed by the Reclamation Fund or the Bureau of Reclamation special fee account established by 16 U.S.C. 6806 shall be derived from that Fund or account: *Provided further*, That funds contributed under 43 U.S.C. 395 are available until expended for the purposes for which the funds were contributed: *Provided further*, That funds advanced under 43 U.S.C. 397a shall be credited to this account and are

available until expended for the same purposes as the sums appropriated under this heading: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided herein, funds may be used for high-priority projects which shall be carried out by the Youth Conservation Corps, as authorized by 16 U.S.C. 1706.

CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT RESTORATION FUND

For carrying out the programs, projects, plans, habitat restoration, improvement, and acquisition provisions of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, \$62,008,000, to be derived from such sums as may be collected in the Central Valley Project Restoration Fund pursuant to sections 3407(d), 3404(c)(3), and 3405(f) of Public Law 102-575, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Bureau of Reclamation is directed to assess and collect the full amount of the additional mitigation and restoration payments authorized by section 3407(d) of Public Law 102-575: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available under this heading may be used for the acquisition or leasing of water for in-stream purposes if the water is already committed to in-stream purposes by a court adopted decree or order.

CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA RESTORATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For carrying out activities authorized by the Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act, consistent with plans to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which such amounts as may be necessary to carry out such activities may be transferred to appropriate accounts of other participating Federal agencies to carry out authorized purposes: *Provided*, That funds appropriated herein may be used for the Federal share of the costs of CALFED Program management: *Provided further*, That CALFED implementation shall be carried out in a balanced manner with clear performance measures demonstrating concurrent progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the Program.

POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

For expenses necessary for policy, administration, and related functions in the Office of the Commissioner, the Denver office, and offices in the five regions of the Bureau of Reclamation, to remain available until September 30, 2020, \$61,000,000, to be derived from the Reclamation Fund and be nonreimbursable as provided in 43 U.S.C. 377: *Provided*, That no part of any other appropriation in this Act shall be available for activities or functions budgeted as policy and administration expenses.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation shall be available for purchase of not to exceed five passenger motor vehicles, which are for replacement only.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

SEC. 201. (a) None of the funds provided in title II of this Act for Water and Related Resources, or provided by previous or subsequent appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities funded in title II of this Act for Water and Related Resources that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2019, shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds that—

(1) initiates or creates a new program, project, or activity;

(2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;

(3) increases funds for any program, project, or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted by this Act, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate;

(4) restarts or resumes any program, project or activity for which funds are not provided in this Act, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate;

(5) transfers funds in excess of the following limits, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate:

(A) 15 percent for any program, project or activity for which \$2,000,000 or more is available at the beginning of the fiscal year; or

(B) \$400,000 for any program, project or activity for which less than \$2,000,000 is available at the beginning of the fiscal year;

(6) transfers more than \$500,000 from either the Facilities Operation, Maintenance, and Rehabilitation category or the Resources Management and Development category to any program, project, or activity in the other category, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate; or

(7) transfers, where necessary to discharge legal obligations of the Bureau of Reclamation, more than \$5,000,000 to provide adequate funds for settled contractor claims, increased contractor earnings due to accelerated rates of operations, and real estate deficiency judgments, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(b) Subsection (a)(5) shall not apply to any transfer of funds within the Facilities Operation, Maintenance, and Rehabilitation category.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term transfer means any movement of funds into or out of a program, project, or activity.

(d) The Bureau of Reclamation shall submit reports on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing all the funds reprogrammed between programs, projects, activities, or categories of funding. The first quarterly report shall be submitted not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 202. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to determine the final point of discharge for the interceptor drain for the San Luis Unit until development by the Secretary of the Interior and the State of California of a plan, which shall conform to the water quality standards of the State of California as approved by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to minimize any detrimental effect of the San Luis drainage waters.

(b) The costs of the Kesterson Reservoir Cleanup Program and the costs of the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program shall be classified by the Secretary of the Interior as reimbursable or nonreimbursable and collected until fully repaid pursuant to the "Cleanup Program—Alternative Repayment Plan" and the "SJVDP—Alternative Repayment Plan" described in the report entitled "Repayment Report, Kesterson Reservoir Cleanup Program and San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program, February 1995", prepared by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. Any future obligations of funds by the United States relating to, or providing for, drainage service or drainage studies for the San Luis Unit shall be fully reimbursable by San Luis Unit beneficiaries of such service or studies pursuant to Federal reclamation law.

TITLE III

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENERGY PROGRAMS

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

For Department of Energy expenses including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment, and other expenses necessary for energy efficiency and renewable energy activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$2,312,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Pro-*

SA 3063. Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SANDERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division C, insert the following:

SEC. ____ COMPLETE THE VA MISSION FUNDING.

Section 251(b)(2) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(G) COMPLETE THE VA MISSION FUNDING.—(i) If, for fiscal years 2019 through 2021, appropriations for discretionary accounts are enacted that Congress designates as being for VA MISSION funding in statute, the adjustment for a fiscal year shall be the total of such appropriations for the fiscal year in discretionary accounts designated as being for VA MISSION funding, but not to exceed the total of—

"(I) for fiscal year 2019, \$1,600,000,000;

"(II) for fiscal year 2020, \$8,670,000,000; and

"(III) for fiscal year 2021, \$9,500,000,000.

"(ii) For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'VA MISSION funding' means activities funded by the following budget accounts—

"(I) Veterans Health Administration, Medical Services (036-0160-0-1-703)

"(II) Veterans Health Administration, Medical Community Care (036-0140-0-1-703)

"(III) any budget account that is established in the Treasury of the United States to implement the VA MISSION Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-182)."

SA 3064. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I of division A, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ (a) It is the sense of the Senate that in the case of the funds made available under the heading "CONSTRUCTION" that are in excess of the budget request submitted to Congress by the President and are for the continuation of construction of projects that principally include improvements to rainfall drainage systems that address flood damages, the funds should be equally distributed among all eligible projects.

(b) In this section, the term "eligible project" means a project—

(1) that principally includes improvements to rainfall drainage systems that address flood damages; and

(2) for which construction has begun or can continue.

SA 3065. Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 75, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

SEC. 121. (a) Congress finds that—

(1) the Joint Committee on Taxation serves as a critical resource to Members of Congress on tax policy and legislation, providing expertise and technical knowledge on a nonpartisan basis;

(2) the Joint Committee on Taxation and the Congressional Budget Office both provide revenue estimates of legislation, and thus compete for many of the same candidates; and

(3) the professional staff of economists with a doctoral degree, attorneys, and accountants of the Joint Committee on Taxation should be recognized for their expertise and placed on a level playing field with the employees of the Congressional Budget Office.

(b) It is the sense of the Senate that the Joint Committee on Taxation and the Congressional Budget Office should be treated the same for purposes of compensation and any other relevant matters pertaining to personnel and new employee recruitment.

SA 3066. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title I of division A, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ (a) Congress finds that—

(1) the restoration of the Everglades, as described in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan authorized by title VI of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-541; 114 Stat. 2680) (referred to in this section as the "Plan"), is the most ambitious environmental restoration program in history;

(2) the overarching objectives of the Plan are the restoration, preservation, and protection of the south Florida ecosystem, while providing for other water-related needs of the region, including water supply and flood protection;

(3) the Plan should continue to be implemented as authorized—

(A) to ensure—

(i) the protection of water quality in the south Florida ecosystem;

(ii) the reduction of the loss of fresh water from the south Florida ecosystem; and

(iii) the improvement of the environment of the south Florida ecosystem; and

(B) to achieve and maintain the benefits to the natural system and human environment described in the Plan; and

(4) the equal partnership between the Federal Government and the State of Florida remains essential to accomplishing the objectives of the Plan.

(b) It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the discharge of excess water by the Corps of Engineers from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee Estuary and the Indian River Lagoon represents a significant loss of fresh water from the South Florida ecosystem;

(2) the diversion of those Lake Okeechobee discharges to Plan projects or features like the Everglades Agricultural Area Storage Reservoir, designed to store and treat water prior to release into the Central Everglades, is an essential source of fresh water for meeting the objectives of the Plan; and

(3) the Plan authorizes a 50/50 Federal-State cost share for all aspects of congressionally authorized restoration projects, including water quality project features or components.

SA 3067. Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. ERNST, and Mr. DAINES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 32, line 4, strike “\$10,850,000,000” and insert “\$11,017,078,000”.

On page 33, line 20, strike “\$5,988,000,000” and insert “\$5,820,922,000”.

SA 3068. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title I of division A, add the following:

SEC. 1 _____. It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) ongoing construction of projects that principally benefit urban areas, including rainfall drainage systems that address flood damages, should receive consideration for additional funding;

(2) any additional funding described in paragraph (1) is in addition to the budget request submitted to Congress by the President; and

(3) the projects described in paragraph (1) should not be excluded from consideration for being inconsistent with the policy of the administration.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I have 2 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the ses-

sion of the Senate on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Gordon D. Sondland, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Ronald Gidwitz, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, Cherith Norman Chalet, of New Jersey, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, all of the Department of State.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 10 a.m., to conduct a business meeting and hearing on the following nominations: Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, David James Porter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Holly A. Brady, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Andrew Lynn Brasher, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, James Patrick Hanlon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, David Steven Morales, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Lance E. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, and Jane Nitze, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and John D. Jordan, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri, Department of Justice.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Andrew Hampton, an intern in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the day.

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

SUPPORTING GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate the House message to accompany S. 1091.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1091) entitled “An Act to establish a Federal Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.”, do pass with amendments.

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to concur in the House amendments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to concur.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF JUNE 18 THROUGH JUNE 22, 2018, AS NATIONAL GI BILL COMMEMORATION WEEK

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 551 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 551) expressing support for the designation of the week of June 18 through June 22, 2018, as National GI Bill Commemoration Week.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 551) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of June 19, 2018, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 3 p.m., Monday, June 25; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed. I further ask that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 5895 under the previous order. Finally, I ask that the cloture motion filed during today's session ripen following disposition of H.R. 5895.

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