

intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 47, to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title II, add the following:

SEC. 24. MODIFICATIONS TO THE PRESERVE AMERICA PROGRAM.

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

(1) to strengthen economic development across the United States by supporting cultural heritage tourism and historic preservation activities through the Preserve America Program; and

(2) to encourage the Director of the National Park Service to partner with gateway communities (including Native American communities and National Heritage Areas) to leverage local cultural and historic heritage tourism assets.

(b) PRESERVE AMERICA GRANT PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 31102 of title 54, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subsection (d)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and the Secretary of Commerce” after “Council”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) ADVISORY ROLE OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.—The Secretary of Commerce shall advise the program with respect to job creation, economic growth, and tourism policy and promotion.”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For any fiscal year for which funds are not made available to provide grants under this section, to the extent practicable, the program shall, in lieu of the grants, provide technical assistance to the eligible entities described in subsection (a) for projects that meet the eligibility requirements described in subsection (b), as identified on the list of projects prepared by the Secretary in accordance with subsection (d).

“(2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may take into account the availability of staff resources at the Department of the Interior, the Council, and the Department of Commerce for purposes of determining the number of projects that are provided technical assistance under this subsection.

“(3) FORM.—The form of technical assistance under paragraph (1) may include technical assistance provided by—

“(A) the Director, with respect to—

“(i) best practices in visitor services;

“(ii) the conduct of research, inventories, and surveys;

“(iii) the documentation of historic resources; and

“(iv) the interpretation and promotion of cultural and heritage assets;

“(B) the Council, with respect to historic preservation initiatives and best practices in stewardship; and

“(C) the Secretary of Commerce, with respect to economic development and job creation resources.”.

(2) PROGRAM METRICS.—Chapter 3111 of title 54, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by redesignating section 31105 as section 31106; and

(B) by inserting after section 31104 the following:

“§ 31105. Reports

“(a) METRICS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Natural Resources Management Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Council and the Secretary of Commerce, shall develop specific metrics to measure the effectiveness of the program, including—

“(1) the economic impact of the program on local communities (including Native American communities and National Heritage Areas); and

“(2) the effect of the program on efforts to preserve heritage resources.

“(b) GRANTEE REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date on which a grantee receives a grant or technical assistance under this chapter, the grantee shall submit to the Secretary a report that—

“(1) describes the outcome of the project that was provided a grant or technical assistance under this chapter; and

“(2) based on the metrics developed under subsection (a), assesses—

“(A) the accomplishments of the project; and

“(B) the impact of the project on the community in which the project was carried out.

“(c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit an annual report to the appropriate committees of Congress that includes data provided by grantees to demonstrate the economic impact of the program.”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 3111 of title 54, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 31105 and inserting the following:

“31105. Reports.

“31106. Authorization of appropriations.”.

(c) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS WITH GATEWAY COMMUNITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subdivision 1 of division B of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“CHAPTER 3092—PARTNERSHIPS WITH GATEWAY COMMUNITIES

“Sec.

“309201. Definitions.

“309202. Partnerships with gateway communities.

“309203. Report.

“309204. Authorization of appropriations.

“§ 309201. Definitions

“In this chapter:

“(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.—The term ‘appropriate congressional committee’ means—

“(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

“(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate;

“(C) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

“(D) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives;

“(E) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

“(F) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

“(2) GATEWAY COMMUNITY.—The term ‘gateway community’ means a community adjacent to a unit of the System, including a Native American community or a National Heritage Area.

“(3) HERITAGE TOURISM.—The term ‘heritage tourism’ has the meaning given the term in section 31101.

“§ 309202. Partnerships with gateway communities

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, offer to enter into partnerships with gateway communities to leverage heritage tourism assets to strengthen local economies and create jobs in the gateway communities with the goal of establishing a standardized framework for partnerships throughout the System, including through—

“(1) providing financial assistance to gateway communities to support outreach and promotional efforts;

“(2) providing technical assistance to gateway communities based on Service best prac-

tices in tourism development and visitor management, such as—

“(A) inventorying tourism resources in the gateway community;

“(B) identifying historic heritage and cultural resources;

“(C) engaging collaborative partners and stakeholders;

“(D) designing community outreach and participation strategies;

“(E) developing concept plans for trails, parks, historic resources, and natural areas;

“(F) developing sustainable tourism development frameworks for community planning; and

“(G) encouraging regional strategies for tourism development and promotion; and

“(3) assisting gateway communities in accessing additional Federal resources available to strengthen tourism assets and support economic development.

“(b) OBTAINING FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary, in consultation with stakeholders of System units, shall establish a process through which States, units of local government, and Tribal governments may apply for designation as a gateway community to become eligible for financial and technical assistance made available under this section.

“(c) METRICS.—The Secretary, in consultation with gateway communities, shall develop metrics to measure the impact of the financial and technical assistance provided to gateway communities under this section.

“§ 309203. Report

“Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that—

“(1) describes the efforts of the Secretary to partner with gateway communities under this chapter;

“(2) analyzes the results of the financial and technical assistance using the metrics developed under section 309202(c); and

“(3) identifies—

“(A) the next steps that should be taken to improve partnerships with gateway communities; and

“(B) any actions that the Secretary will take to improve the partnerships.

“§ 309204. Authorization of appropriations

“There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this chapter.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters for title 54, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to chapter 3091 the following:

“3092. Partnerships with gateway communities 309201”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I have 8 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 BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled

“Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and committee budget resolutions.”

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct an executive hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION,

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Winning the Race to G and the Next Era of Technology Innovation in the United States”.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct an organizational hearing.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting and hearing entitled “Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee.”

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, to conduct a hearing entitled “Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and committee budget resolutions.”

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Financial Security in Retirement: Innovation and Best Practices to Promote Savings.”

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE-
MENT—READING OF WASHING-
TON’S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington’s Farewell Address take place on Monday, February

25, 2019, at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of February 6, 2019, appoints the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) to read Washington’s Farewell Address on Monday, February 25, 2019.

The Chair announces on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW).

The Chair, in accordance with Public Law 93-618, as amended by Public Law 100-418, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, appoints the following Members of the Finance Committee as congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to international conferences, meetings and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements: the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW).

The Chair announces, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100-458, sec. 114(b)(2)(c), the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term expiring 2020: the Honorable CHRISTOPHER A. COONS of Delaware vice Mike Moore of Mississippi.

SUPPORTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee be discharged from further consideration of, and the Senate now proceed to, S. Res. 33.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 33) supporting the contributions of Catholic schools.

There being no objection, the Committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I 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.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 33) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of January 28, 2019, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE
OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE
COUNSEL OF THE SENATE ON
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE OFFICE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 53, submitted earlier today.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 53) recognizing the staff of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the Senate on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Office.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I 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. 53) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12 noon, Thursday, February 7; 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; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 47, with all postcloture time on the motion to proceed expired.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:18 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, February 7, 2019, at 12 noon.