

consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

(2) not to exceed \$834 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of the committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

**SEC. 3. EXPENSES AND AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.**

(a) EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), expenses of the committee under this resolution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the committee.

(2) VOUCHERS NOT REQUIRED.—Vouchers shall not be required for—

(A) the disbursement of salaries of employees paid at an annual rate;

(B) the payment of telecommunications provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper;

(C) the payment of stationery supplies purchased through the Keeper of the Stationery;

(D) payments to the Postmaster of the Senate;

(E) the payment of metered charges on copying equipment provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper;

(F) the payment of Senate Recording and Photographic Services; or

(G) the payment of franked and mass mail costs by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper.

(b) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—There are authorized to be paid from the appropriations account for “Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations” of the Senate such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions related to the compensation of employees of the committee—

(1) for the period March 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019;

(2) for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; and

(3) for the period October 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 107. Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted an amendment 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.

SA 108. Mr. Kaine (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 47, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 109. Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 47, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

**TEXT OF AMENDMENTS**

**SA 107.** Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted an amendment 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 title VI, add the following:

**SEC. 6004. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA AND NATIONAL CANALWAY AMENDMENTS.**

(a) RIVERS OF STEEL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 409(a) of the Omnibus Parks

and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4256; 129 Stat. 2551) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$17,000,000” and inserting “\$20,000,000”.

(b) ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 508(a) of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4260; 129 Stat. 2551) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$17,000,000” and inserting “\$20,000,000”.

(c) OHIO & ERIE NATIONAL HERITAGE CANALWAY.—Section 810(a) of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-333; 110 Stat. 4275; 122 Stat. 826) is amended by striking the second sentence and inserting the following: “Not more than a total of \$20,000,000 may be appropriated for the canalway under this title.”.

**SA 108.** Mr. Kaine (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment 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 part I of subtitle C of title I, add the following:

**SEC. 12. ADDITIONS TO ROUGH MOUNTAIN AND RICH HOLE WILDERNESSES.**

Section 1 of Public Law 100-326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(21) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Certain land in the George Washington National Forest comprising approximately 1,000 acres, as generally depicted as the ‘Rough Mountain Addition’ on the map entitled ‘GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST – South half – Alternative I – Selected Alternative Management Prescriptions – Land and Resources Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement’ and dated March 4, 2014, which is incorporated in the Rough Mountain Wilderness Area designated by paragraph (1).

“(22) RICH HOLE ADDITION.—

“(A) DESIGNATION.—Certain land in the George Washington National Forest comprising approximately 4,600 acres, as generally depicted as the ‘Rich Hole Addition’ on the map entitled ‘GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST – South half – Alternative I – Selected Alternative Management Prescriptions – Land and Resources Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement’ and dated March 4, 2014, which shall be incorporated in the Rich Hole Wilderness Area designated by paragraph (2) on the earlier of—

“(i) the date on which the Secretary of Agriculture publishes in the Federal Register notice that the activities permitted under subparagraph (C) have been completed; and

“(ii) the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of the Natural Resources Management Act.

“(B) MANAGEMENT.—Except as provided in subparagraph (C), the Secretary shall manage the wilderness area designated under subparagraph (A) in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

“(C) WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—To enhance natural ecosystems within the Rich Hole Addition by implementing certain activities to improve water quality and aquatic passage, as described in the Forest Service document entitled ‘Decision Notice for the Lower Cowpasture Restoration and Management Project’ and dated December 2015, the Secretary of Agriculture may use motorized

equipment and mechanized transport in the Rich Hole Addition under subparagraph (A) until the date on which the Rich Hole Addition is incorporated into the Rich Hole Wilderness under that subparagraph.

“(ii) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out clause (i), the Secretary of Agriculture, to the maximum extent practicable, shall use the minimum tool or administrative practice necessary to carry out that clause with the least amount of adverse impact on wilderness character and resources.”.

**SA 109.** Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) submitted an amendment 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 D of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 83. CONVEYANCE OF THE OAKES TEST AREA OF THE GARRISON DIVERSION UNIT PROJECT, NORTH DAKOTA.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) AGREEMENT.—The term “Agreement” means a title transfer agreement between the United States and the District—

(A) to determine the legal, operational, institutional, and financial terms related to the conveyance of the Oakes Test Area as required under subsection (b); and

(B) to be entered into pursuant to the memorandum of agreement entitled ‘Memorandum of Agreement Between United States of America Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation and Dickey-Sargent Irrigation District for the Purpose of Defining Roles and Responsibilities for Actions Required to Prepare for Title Transfer of Certain Facilities, Land, and Appurtenances at the Garrison Diversion Unit Project Oakes Test Area’, dated December 18, 2018, and numbered 19AG620033.

(2) DISTRICT.—The term “District” means the Dickey-Sargent Irrigation District.

(3) OAKES TEST AREA.—The term “Oakes Test Area” means the facilities, land, and appurtenances of the approximately 5,000-acre prototype irrigation test area authorized as part of the Garrison Diversion Unit Project in the James River Basin, as described in the Agreement.

(b) CONVEYANCE TO DISTRICT.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the District all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the Oakes Test Area, consistent with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

(c) LIABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date of conveyance to the District of the Oakes Test Area under this section, the United States shall not be held liable by any court for damages of any kind arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the Oakes Test Area, except for damages caused by acts of negligence committed by the United States or by an employee or agent of the United States prior to the date of conveyance.

(2) APPLICABLE LAW.—Nothing in this section increases the liability of the United States beyond the liability provided in chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code (commonly known as the “Federal Tort Claims Act”), on the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) BENEFITS.—After the conveyance of the Oakes Test Area to the District under this section—

(1) the Oakes Test Area shall not be considered to be a part of a Federal reclamation project; and

(2) the District shall not be eligible to receive any benefits with respect to any facility comprising that Oakes Test Area, other than benefits that would be available to a similarly situated person with respect to a facility that is not part of a Federal reclamation project.

(e) COMMUNICATION.—If the Secretary has not completed the conveyance required under subsection (b) by the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a letter with sufficient detail that—

(1) explains the reasons the conveyance has not been completed; and

(2) specifies the date by which the conveyance will be completed.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator RON WYDEN, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, dated February 5, 2019.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I have 9 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the United States Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program."

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the United States Central Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program."

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the outlook for energy and minerals markets in the 116th Congress."

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting entitled "Organizational business meeting to

consider committee rules, subcommittee assignments, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee."

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a business meeting and the following nominations: Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Administrator, and Peter C. Wright, of Michigan, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, both of the Environmental Protection Agency, Nicole R. Nason, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, John Fleming, of Louisiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, John L. Ryder, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct an organizational business meeting and the following nominations: Michael Faulkender, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Michael J. Desmond, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel, both of the Department of the Treasury, Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "How Primary Care Affects Health Care Cost and Outcomes."

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Neomi J. Rao, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and Aditya Bamzai, of Virginia, and Travis LeBlanc, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

#### AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ESCORT COMMITTEE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Pre-

siding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

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

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 340

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 340) to promote competition in the market for drugs and biological products by facilitating the timely entry of lower-cost generic and biosimilar versions of those drugs and biological products.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will receive a second reading on the next legislative day.

#### NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION'S FEDERAL CHARTER AMENDMENTS ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 439 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 439) to amend the charter of the Future Farmers of America, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

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

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. McCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 439) was passed.

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.