

Elwha River dams as a first step toward removing or severely limiting the effectiveness of Columbia River system hydroelectric dams. Already, the Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating dam removal on the Snake River as a legitimate option. The Corps has even taken the unprecedented step of paying Pacific Northwest residents \$12 to fill out a totally biased survey in favor of dam removal to build support for this cause.

I will never support such efforts to cripple the world's most productive hydro system. As the source of the nation's lowest power rates, water for irrigating productive farmland in three states, and a cost effective transportation system that moves our agricultural products to market, these dams are truly the lifeblood of our economy in the Pacific Northwest.

While Columbia River dams have hurt salmon runs, that damage was felt primarily in the 1930's and 1940's. Since the last Columbia River dam was constructed we still had large and healthy salmon runs. The last decade's decline in Columbia River salmon runs cannot be honestly attributed solely to our hydroelectric facilities.

Nevertheless, we can and should do more for salmon especially by acting in a more coordinated way to restore this vital resource. But the costs associated with removing dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers will vastly exceed any potential benefit that might occur in terms of salmon restoration.

Rather than working cooperatively with local communities directly impacted by the Columbia-Snake Resource on a rational policy that balances the rivers' important uses, the Clinton-Gore Administration has chosen a combative policy. Its approach punishes people who make their livelihoods from this resource and who have made good faith efforts to reach out and work together.

Another example of the draconian actions federal agencies are using against ordinary people who depend on the Columbia Snake River System for their livelihoods is the National Marine Fisheries Service's recently announced Columbia Basin water policy. The NMFS approach seeks to discourage or even eliminate any new additional water withdrawals for municipal, industrial, or irrigation development within the Basin. The NMFS policy goes even further in challenging the legislative authority of states to regulate, manage, and allocate water rights. If adopted, the NMFS policy would effectively abrogate state authority to grant future water rights for such uses. By calling for a review of existing water withdrawals, the policy postures toward challenging existing state-granted water rights. The agency has completely ignored the efforts of local irrigators to work together on a plan that balances the rivers' competing uses. Moreover, the agency has taken this direction without Congressional approval.

Given the out-of-control nature of agencies like the Corps and NMFS to

go beyond their statutory authority to severely compromise the Columbia-Snake system as well as their eagerness to tear down a Columbia-Snake River dam, I would not be surprised to see this administration try to fulfill its dream without Congressional approval.

The people of my state are simply fed up with this top down approach and my bill attempts to do something about it. In addition to prohibiting the removal or breach of any dam on the Columbia or Snake Rivers, my bill prohibits any federal or state agency from taking the following actions without an act of Congress:

- (1) Impairing flood control activities on the Columbia-Snake system;
- (2) Reducing the power and energy generating capacity of federally owned and federally licensed projects to unaffordable levels;
- (3) Further restricting access to the Columbia or Snake River for irrigation and recreational use;
- (4) Impairing the river navigation system; and
- (5) Restricting state water rights.

I look forward to working with the Administration and my colleagues from the Pacific Northwest on building support for my proposal. If the Administration can not bring itself to support something very close to what's in the Columbia-Snake River section of this bill, we will know just how serious it is about dam removal in eastern Washington. I have made major concessions to bring myself to support removal of a dam even though I find the policy a dubious one, and if the administration is serious about preserving the effectiveness of the Columbia-Snake system it will support my proposal.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 10

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 10, a bill to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, and for other purposes.

S. 71

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 71, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 263

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 263, a bill to prohibit the import, export, sale, purchase, possession, transportation, acquisition, and receipt of bear viscera or products that contain or claim to contain bear viscera, and for other purposes.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Virginia

(Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to encourage States to enact a Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights, to provide standards and protection for the conduct of internal police investigations, and for other purposes.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to prohibit the public carrying of a handgun, with appropriate exceptions for law enforcement officials and others.

S. 1029

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1029, a bill to provide loan forgiveness for individuals who earn a degree in early childhood education, and enter and remain employed in the early child care profession, to provide loan cancellation for certain child care providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of private activity bonds which may be issued in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

S. 1427

At the request of Mr. FORD, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1427, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to preserve lowpower television stations that provide community broadcasting, and for other purposes.

S. 1473

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1473, a bill to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to enhance Federal enforcement of hate crimes, and for other purposes.

S. 1604

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1604, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the restriction on payment for certain hospital discharges to post-acute care imposed by section 4407 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1606, a bill to fully implement the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and to provide a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture.

S. 1673

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1673, a bill to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 1680

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify that licensed pharmacists are not subject to the surety bond requirements under the medicare program.

S. 1682

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1682, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal joint and several liability of spouses on joint returns of Federal income tax, and for other purposes.

S. 1722

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1722, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs with respect to women's health research and prevention activities at the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

S. 1723

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1723, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of the United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers.

S. 1724

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1724, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the information reporting requirement relating to the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credits imposed on educational institutions and certain other trades and businesses.

S. 1754

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1754, a bill to amend the Public Health

Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize health professions and minority and disadvantaged health professions and disadvantaged health education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1808

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1808, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and part 7 of subtitle B of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish standards for the health quality improvement of children in managed care plans and other health plans.

S. 1864

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1864, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude clinical social worker services from coverage under the medicare skilled nursing facility prospective payment system.

S. 1868

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1868, a bill to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted for their faith worldwide; to authorize United States actions in response to religious persecution worldwide; to establish an Ambassador at Large on International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious Persecution, and a Special Adviser on International Religious Freedom within the National Security Council; and for other purposes.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1890, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

S. 1891

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1891, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 30, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Republic of China should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 77

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 77, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal government should acknowledge the importance of at-home parents and should not discriminate against families who forego a second income in order for a mother or father to be at home with their children.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 82

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 82, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning the worldwide trafficking of persons, that has a disproportionate impact on women and girls, and is condemned by the international community as a violation of fundamental human rights.

SENATE RESOLUTION 139

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 139, a resolution to designate April 24, 1998, as "National Child Care Professional's Day," and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 188

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 188, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Israeli membership in a United Nations regional group.

SENATE RESOLUTION 201

At the request of Mr. KEMPTHORNE, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 201, a resolution to commemorate and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

AMENDMENT NO. 2103

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2103 proposed to S. 1768, an original bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2175

At the request of Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from California (Mrs.

BOXER), and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2175 proposed to S.Con.Res. 86, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

AMENDMENT NO. 2178

At the request of Mr. BURNS the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), and the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2178 proposed to S.Con.Res. 86, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

AMENDMENT NO. 2193

At the request of Mrs. BOXER her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2193 proposed to S.Con.Res. 86, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

AMENDMENT NO. 2195

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2195 proposed to S.Con.Res. 86, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

AMENDMENT NO. 2202

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2202 intended to be proposed to S.Con.Res. 86, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

AMENDMENT NO. 2205

At the request of Mr. DURBIN the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2205 proposed to

S.Con.Res. 86, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

AMENDMENT NO. 2209

At the request of Mr. THURMOND his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2209 proposed to S.Con.Res. 86, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

At the request of Mr. ROTH the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2209 proposed to S.Con.Res. 86, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 2210

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2210 proposed to S.Con.Res. 86, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

AMENDMENT NO. 2211

At the request of Mr. ENZI his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2211 proposed to S.Con.Res. 86, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET

TORRICELLI (AND JEFFORDS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2212

Mr. LAUTENBERG, (for Mr. TORRICELLI, for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 86) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998; as follows:

On page 53, after line 22, add the following:

SEC. 3 . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION.

It is the sense of the Senate that the budget levels in this resolution assume that—

(1) preserving Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefields is an integral part of preserving our Nation's history;

(2) the Secretary of the Interior should give special priority to the preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battle-

fields, by making funds available for the conduct of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Historic Preservation Study as authorized by section 603 of Public Law 104-333 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5 note); and

(3) the Secretary of the Interior should give special priority to the preservation of Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefields by allocating funds in the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the purchase of battlefield sites the integrity of which is threatened by urban or suburban development.

BOND (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT
NO. 2213

Mr. BOND (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. D'AMATO, and Mr. GRASSLEY) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 86, supra; as follows:

"SEC. 317. SENSE OF THE SENATE TO MAINTAIN FULL FUNDING FOR THE SECTION 202 ELDERLY HOUSING PROGRAM.

"(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following—

"(1) The Section 202 Elderly Housing program is the most important housing program for elderly, low-income Americans, providing both affordable low-income housing and supportive services designed to meet the special needs of the elderly.

"(2) Since 1959, the Section 202 Elderly Housing program has funded some 5,400 elderly housing projects with over 330,000 housing units, with the current average tenant in Section 202 housing being a frail, older woman in her seventies, living alone with an income of less than \$10,000 per year.

"(3) The combination of affordable housing and supportive services under the Section 202 Elderly Housing program is critical to promoting independent living, self-sufficiency, and dignity for the elderly while delaying more costly institutional care.

"(4) There are over 1.4 million elderly Americans currently identified as having "worst case housing needs" and in need of affordable housing.

"(5) There are 33 million Americans aged 65 and over, some 13 percent of all Americans. The number of elderly Americans is anticipated to grow to over 69 million by the year 2030, which would be some 20 percent of all Americans, and continue to increase to almost 80 million by 2050.

"(6) The President's Budget Request for fiscal year 1999 proposes reducing funding for the Section 202 Elderly Housing program from the fiscal year 1998 level of \$645,000,000 to \$109,000,000 in fiscal year 1999. This represents a reduction of over 83 percent in funding, which will result in reducing the construction of Section 202 housing units from some 6,000 units in fiscal year 1998 to only 1,500 units in fiscal year 1999.

"(7) The full funding of the Section 202 Elderly Housing program as an independent federal housing program is an investment in our elderly citizens as well as our Nation.

"(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the Section 202 Elderly Housing program, as provided under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended, shall be funded in fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 at not less than the fiscal year 1998 funding level of \$645,000,000."

KERREY AMENDMENTS NOS. 2214—
2215

Mr. KERREY proposed two amendments to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 86, supra; as follows: