

they are going to make breakfast food out of it. They take that kernel of wheat and put it into a plant and they puff it up. They make puffed wheat. They put it in a box and send it to a store and somebody buys the puffed wheat. They are making money off it. The people who move it, the people who puff it and crisp it, and the people who sell it in a store make money. Everyone makes money except the people who produced it. The family farmers don't make money from their harvests. They are going broke. What kind of a system is that?

Speaking of disconnections in the system, let's look further at our food system. We have a system that doesn't make sense. As farmers go broke we have circumstances where halfway around the world today, we hear that old women are climbing trees in Sudan trying to find leaves to eat because they are on the abyss of starvation. Millions are starving.

At the very same time an old woman is climbing a tree to get leaves to eat in Sudan, a farmer is loading a 2-ton truck to take to the country elevator, and when they get there, the elevator operator says, "We're sorry, this wheat isn't worth anything; the market has collapsed. This wheat doesn't have value." What kind of a disconnection is that? In the same world, halfway around the globe, people are starving and those who produce the best food-stuffs in the world are told it doesn't have value. There is something wrong with that picture as well.

My hope is that in the coming 4 or 5 weeks, Republicans and Democrats will understand that it is our responsibility as a country to say to that this most important sector, the agriculture sector, matters. We need to especially tell our family farmers that they matter and that we are going to make a difference by passing a price support mechanism of some type that gives them a chance to survive.

Let me add one final piece to this.

In addition to saying that price supports will be available when prices collapse and we want family farmers to survive, this Congress also ought to do something to help family farmers survive by saying we will correct the problems in the trade agreements that we have negotiated over recent years that have been to the detriment of family farmers.

Almost no one wants to hear my recitation of the trade problems because they have heard it so often.

We send negotiators to go to negotiate with Canada, and we have an \$11 billion trade deficit with Canada. They finish the negotiations, bring the treaty back to Congress, Congress passes the treaty, and the trade deficit doubles. They send negotiators to go negotiate with Mexico. That is done. They send it to Congress, and Congress approves it—not with my vote—and a surplus turns into a big deficit. They send negotiators to go out and negotiate a GATT agreement. The same thing: Record trade deficits.

Mr. President, there is something wrong.

Mr. President, there is something dreadfully wrong when our family farmers and other producers in this country—but especially family farmers—are told: "You compete in the open market. It is a global economy. You go compete." And our negotiators somehow fail to suit up. I don't think it should be necessary for our negotiators to wear a jersey reminding them for whom they are negotiating. But, somehow they should be reminded. Maybe we ought to have our negotiators wear a jersey like they wear in the Olympics that says "USA" just so they understand whom they represent. Maybe the next time they bring a trade treaty back to the U.S. Senate they can bring one back that serves our economic interest. We need trade agreements that are not driven by foreign policy, but instead are guided by hard-nosed economic policy that represents our economic interests.

Now we are told that in the next week or so we are going to have fast-track trade authority brought to the floor of the Senate. Good luck. This fast track is going to do more of the same trade stuff that got us into this trouble. Not with my vote. I intend to stand here and object to every single thing that is asked and every single thing that is requested to get fast track to the floor of the Senate. I am only one person. I probably can't stop it. But I can sure slow it down some. I fully intend to do that.

I have something to say to those folks who are so all-fired anxious to bring fast-track trade authority back to the floor of the Senate based on the package already reported out of the Senate Finance Committee. If you are so anxious to talk about trade, why don't you figure out how to deal with the problems created in our previous trade agreements. Before you start trying to figure out how you send people over to do new trade treaties with other countries, fix a few of the problems. Fix the problems with Canada. Tell our farmers why a flood of Canadian grain can come across in this direction, and a pickup truck with a few kernels gets stopped at the Canadian border, and they have to sweep the few kernels off because you can't take a few kernels of wheat into Canada. Tell our farmers how that is free trade. It is not. Fix those trade agreements before you come to us talking about more fast-track trade agreements.

I just want to say this to the majority leader and others. If you think this place is going to move quickly, trying to bring fast track to the floor of the Senate is a sure fire way of slowing down the proceedings of the Senate. I guarantee it. Fast track will not solve the farm crisis. It is the farm crisis that has to be our priority in the remaining few weeks of this session.

I hope very much that we can agree on a bipartisan basis on the need and the urgency to address the farm crisis.

I hope that we can do that on a bipartisan basis. Farmers don't get up in the morning or go to bed at night as Republicans or Democrats. They don't care with respect to their long-term economic survival whether it is a Republican or a Democratic plan. They care about whether it is a plan that works. They need a plan that says to them that we care about them and their future.

I hope that all of us who come from farm country and who represent rural America can join together and decide to do something meaningful, something real, and something that really does help family farmers before we adjourn this 105th Congress.

I wanted to make those comments because in the next week or so I expect there will be amendments offered once again on the floor of the Senate dealing with farm price supports that need to be passed. I will also be involved in the Appropriations Committee in conference with the House to move forward with the \$500 million indemnification program which Senator CONRAD and I and others authored and that we have already passed through the Senate. And we may be working on other issues as well, including the trade issue that I just described.

Mr. President, let me thank the Senator from Washington for allowing me to make some interim comments. I noticed I wasn't interrupted. I guess that means no one showed up to offer an amendment on his Interior bill.

Let me also say that I am a member of the Appropriations Committee and a member of the subcommittee. I very much respect his leadership. I think he does an excellent job with this piece of legislation. I say that because tomorrow I intend to offer an amendment that I hope he will perhaps accept. But I thank him again for allowing me the time to interrupt the legislation on the floor.

Mr. President, I yield the floor. I make a point of order that a quorum is not present.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll to determine the presence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENTS NOS. 3543 THROUGH 3553, EN BLOC

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I send a group of amendments to the desk and ask that they be considered en bloc.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON], for himself and others, proposes amendments numbered 3543 through 3553, en bloc.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendments be dispensed with.

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

The amendments are as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3543

(Purpose: Strikes Section 333 of the Senate bill and inserts in lieu thereof a modification to Section 343 of Public Law 105-83, concerning fees charged for recreation residence fees charged on the Sawtooth National Forest)

On page 134, strike lines 21-25, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 333. In the second proviso of section 343 of Public Law 105-83, delete "1999" and insert "2000" in lieu thereof.

AMENDMENT NO. 3544

(Purpose: To subject certain reserved mineral interests to the Mineral Leasing Act)

On page 74, after line 20, add the following:

SEC. . LEASING OF CERTAIN RESERVED MINERAL INTERESTS.

(a) APPLICATION OF MINERAL LEASING ACT.—Notwithstanding section 4 of Public Law 88-608 (78 Stat. 988), the Federal reserved mineral interests in land conveyed under that Act by United States land patents No. 49-71-0059 and No. 49-71-0065 shall be subject to the Act of February 25, 1920 (commonly known as the "Mineral Leasing Act") (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

(b) ENTRY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A person that acquires a lease under the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) for the interests referred to in subsection (a) may exercise the right of entry that is reserved to the United States and persons authorized by the United States in the patents conveying the land described in subsection (a) by occupying so much of the surface the land as may be required for purposes reasonably incident to the exploration for, and extraction and removal of, the leased minerals.

(2) CONDITION.—A person that exercises a right of entry under paragraph (1), shall, before commencing occupancy—

(A) secure the written consent or waiver of the patentee; or

(B) post a bond or other financial guarantee with the Secretary of the Interior in an amount sufficient to ensure—

(i) the completion of reclamation pursuant to the requirements of the Secretary under the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.); and

(ii) the payment to the surface owner for—

(I) any damage to a crop or tangible improvement of the surface owner that results from activity under the mineral lease; and

(II) any permanent loss of income to the surface owner due to loss or impairment of grazing use or of other uses of the land by the surface owner at the time of commencement of activity under the mineral lease.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—In the case of the land conveyed by United States patent No. 49-71-0065, this section takes effect January 1, 1997.

AMENDMENT NO. 3545

(Purpose: To make technical corrections to Sec. 332 of the bill regarding the removal of economically viable commercial wood products prior to initiating burning activities)

On page 134, line 16, insert between the words "burning" and "until" the following: "on lands classified in the national forest land management plan as timber base"

On page 134, line 18, insert between the words "remove" and "all" the following: "from the proposed burn area."

On page 134, line 19, delete the words "from the proposed burn area." and insert the words "that would otherwise be consumed by fire."

AMENDMENT NO. 3546

(Purpose: To make technical corrections to Sec. 328 of the bill regarding authority for the Forest Service to independently acquire a general ledger system)

On page 131, line 12, insert between the words "a" and "system" the following word: "ledger"

On page 131, line 13, delete the word "information".

On page 131, line 19, insert after the word "Appropriations" the following: "and authorizing committees."

AMENDMENT NO. 3547

(Purpose: To make technical correction to Sec. 339 of the bill regarding a prohibition on timber purchaser road credits)

On page 145, strike lines 22 and 23, and insert the following in lieu thereof: "roads constructed by the timber purchaser, caused by variations in quantities, changes or modifications subsequent to the sale of timber made in accordance with applicable timber sale contract provisions, then".

And on page 147, line 24, strike the words "appraised value" and insert the following in lieu thereof: "estimated cost".

And on page 148, strike lines 15 through 22 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"thereafter" upon the earlier of—

"(A) April 1, 1999; or

"(B) the date that is the later of—

"(i) the effective date of regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture to implement this section; and

"(ii) the date on which new timber sale contract provisions designed to implement this section, that have been published for public comment, are approved by the Secretary."

And on page 149, line 3, strike the comma after the word "date" and insert the following in lieu thereof: "shall remain in effect, and".

AMENDMENT NO. 3548

(Purpose: Clarifies how the Forest Service is to conduct public involvement related to management of fixed climbing anchors in wilderness areas)

On page 134, line 8, delete Sec. 331, lines 8-14, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

SEC. 331. The Forest Service shall rescind its decision prohibiting the use of fixed anchors for rock climbing in wilderness areas of any National Forest. No decision to prohibit the use of such anchors in the National Forests shall be implemented until the Forest Service conducts a rulemaking to develop a national policy on the proper management of fixed climbing anchors.

AMENDMENT NO. 3549

Beginning on page 41 of the bill, line 21, following "That", strike all the language through page 42 line 5 and insert the following: "notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall not be required to provide a quarterly statement of performance for any Indian trust account that has not had activity for at least eighteen months and has a balance of \$1.00 or less: Provided further, That the Secretary shall issue an annual account statement and maintain a record of any such accounts and shall permit the balance in each such account to be withdrawn upon the express written request of the account holder."

AMENDMENT NO. 3550

On page 16, line 13, strike "the report accompanying this bill:" and insert in lieu thereof "Senate Report 105-56:".

AMENDMENT NO. 3551

On page 32 of S. 2237, line 22, strike "funds." and insert the following: "funds: *Provided further*, That the sixth proviso under Operation of Indian Programs in Public Law 102-154, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, (105 Stat. 1004), is hereby amended to read as follows: '*Provided further*, That until such time as legislation is enacted to the contrary, no funds shall be used to take land into trust within the boundaries of the original Cherokee territory in Oklahoma without consultation with the Cherokee Nation.'"

AMENDMENT NO. 3552

(Purpose: Modifies Section 125 to correct and clarify legal description of land to be conveyed to the town Pahrump, Nevada)

On page 62, strike lines 6 through 13 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

Beginning on line 5, following the words "without consideration" insert: ", subject to the requirements of 43 U.S.C. 869, all right title and interest of the land subject to all valid existing rights in the public lands located south and west of Highway 160 within Sections 32 and 33, T. 20 S., R. 54 E., Mount Diablo Meridian."

AMENDMENT NO. 3553

(Purpose: Adds requirements in Forest Service administrative provisions for charging indirect expenses to permanent and trust funds)

Strike line 25 on page 88 and lines 1 through 4 of page 89. Insert the following in lieu thereof:

"House of Representatives and Senate;

"(1) Proposed definitions for use with the fiscal year 2000 budget for overhead, national commitments, indirect expenses, and any other category for use of funds which are expended at any units that are not directly related to the accomplishment of specific work on the ground;

"(2) A recommendation of the amount of funds, in accordance with definitions under (1), which are appropriate to be charged to the Reforestation, Knutson-Vandenberg, Brush Disposal, Cooperative Work-Other, and the Salvage Sale funds; and

"(3) A plan to incrementally adjust expenditures under (2) to this recommended level no later than September 30, 2001:

"*Provided further*, That the Forest Service".

On page 89, strike line 18 and insert the following in lieu thereof: "budget allocation. Changes to funding levels, for appropriated funds, permanent funds and trust funds, and".

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that as and when these amendments are adopted, they be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, should a Senator desire to do so.

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

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, these are primarily a set of rather small and technical amendments. The first one, for Senator CRAIG, strikes section 333 regarding recreation residence fees and modifies section 343 of last year's bill on that subject. It is more modest than the section 333 that it strikes.

The second amendment by the distinguished occupant of the Chair subjects certain reserved mineral interests to the Mineral Leasing Act.

The next set of amendments, all of which carry my name, are a technical fix to section 332 on prescribed burning

operations; a technical amendment to section 328 on the authority given to the Forest Service to acquire independently a general ledger system; a technical change to section 339 on the prohibition of the use of timber purchaser road credits; a technical change to section 331 on Forest Service regulations on the use of fixed climbing anchors; a technical change on the financial statements from the Office of Special Trustee, this at the administration's request; a technical correction on reprogramming procedures; an amendment to the BIA language relating to other tribes taking land into trust from within the boundaries of the original Cherokee territory; a proposal by Senator REID on the BLM modifying section 125 to correct and clarify the legal description of lands to be conveyed; and one of my own relating to the Forest Service, a technical correction regarding accounting for indirect expenses.

As I said, Mr. President, these tend to perfect sections that are included in the bill and under my unanimous consent request will be subject to further amendment if any Member desires to do so just as if they were a part of the original bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendments en bloc.

The amendments (Nos. 3543 through 3553) were agreed to en bloc.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Walter Dunn, a fellow working in Senator BINGAMAN's office, be accorded privilege of the floor during the pendency of S. 2237.

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

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendments were agreed to en bloc and move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. GORTON. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll to determine the presence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The clerk will continue to call the roll.

The bill clerk continued with the call of the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I renew my request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH of Oregon). Is there objection? Hearing none, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I have no intention of offering an amendment at this time. As I understand it, we are

waiting for Senator MCCAIN to come to the floor to offer an amendment on campaign finance reform. I hope we could have that debate sometime this afternoon.

I hate to see time pass without having the opportunity to talk about the array of issues that are pending before this body. Obviously, campaign finance reform is a matter of great concern to many Senators on both sides of the aisle, and I know Senator MCCAIN and Senator FEINGOLD have indicated their desire to offer an amendment, as I understand it, this afternoon. Senator LOTT, now, has expressed a desire to have a vote on campaign finance reform at some point this week. Given Senator LOTT's pessimism about its chances for passage, I assume that he believes that he has the necessary votes to defeat the amendment, or to defeat a move to bring cloture on the amendment this week.

I will tell you, it will not be the last vote we have on campaign finance reform, because we will offer it again and again. Whether it is Senator FEINGOLD and Senator MCCAIN or others, I think it important that we ultimately have a vote on the issue itself.

While we wait on that particular vote and that debate, which I hope will take place sometime soon, I call attention also to the other amendments we wish to offer.

We will be offering an amendment on the Patients' Bill of Rights. We believe it is essential that we have the opportunity to come to closure on that important issue as well. It has passed in the House, as has campaign finance reform. They are both now pending in the Senate. We have indicated a willingness to take up the Shays-Meehan bill as it exists, pass it, and send it on for signature.

We are not quite prepared to do the same on the Patients' Bill of Rights. We think we can improve on the House-passed bill, and having that debate is very important.

In addition to that, we will be offering a series of amendments, as we have noted in the past, on agriculture. I have just returned from South Dakota with a similar impression as others who have returned from their home States about how serious the situation is and how problematic it is becoming for an increasing number of our producers. We will offer an amendment to increase the loan rate. I hope on a bipartisan basis we can support that.

We will offer an amendment to provide storage payments to farmers so they are not forced to sell their grain now.

We will be offering an amendment to provide for loan deficiency payments for corn silage, something farmers are so desirous of having simply because they are forced to sell grain that is absolutely worthless right now. At least silage will give them an opportunity to feed their livestock.

We will be offering other amendments, because we don't believe there is any other choice.

Mr. President, one could make the argument that with all of this work to be done, we simply can't consider running the Senate in a business-as-usual fashion. We have to take into account the end of the session, the plethora of legislative needs that are out there, and the agenda that places before us.

So we will be offering a proposal. Our proposal is really pretty simple. Our proposal is that we approach the legislative schedule between now and the end of the session in two shifts; that we take the first shift to address the appropriations bills and some of the array of issues that the majority leader has considered scheduling. As I understand it, we will have a vote tomorrow on missile defense. We will have the bankruptcy bill and other bills.

But then we propose a second shift. Beginning early in the evening and going until whatever time it takes each night, we would dedicate the Senate to the needs that we haven't addressed and the array of issues that the majority leader says we don't have time for. We do have time for them if we make time. We do have time for them if we actually engage in what businesses do all the time. If they want to increase production, they go to a second shift.

The time has come for us to increase production. The time has come for us to recognize that we can't consider the Senate agenda in the remaining time that we have available in a business-as-usual fashion. We have yet to pass a budget. Unbelievable as it may be, regardless of what the law requires, our Republican leadership has renounced the law, has abdicated their responsibilities, and has concluded that they somehow can violate the requirements of the law and not pass a budget resolution. I am not sure how you do that. I am not sure of the legal implications of doing it. But if we are not going to address a budget resolution simply because, as the leadership has noted, we don't have time, then, again, our solution, our suggestion, is that we make time.

Let's consider a second shift. Let's consider working overtime. Let's consider doing what we must, as any business, as any manager, would do. With all the work that is before us, let us consider doing what we must and putting in the hours to resolve these issues and complete our work before the end of the session.

Mr. President, it is really not very complicated. If we work until a certain time as if we were going to adjourn, then move to the second shift and take up the second agenda, we can complete our work. As I understand it, things like this have been done before, and it is time we do it now. We have very few days left. Less than 6 weeks from now, the Senate is anticipating adjournment. We simply can't adjourn without having addressed and passed campaign finance reform. We can't adjourn without having addressed and passed a Patients' Bill of Rights. We simply can't

adjourn without having addressed and passed an array of tools to provide agriculture with the ability to survive.

All the issues I have mentioned, and many others, beg our consideration and demand our attention. I hope we can address them in a way that will accommodate the needs of both parties and caucuses and the expectations of the American people.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BENNETT. I ask unanimous consent that Jason McNamara, Catharine Cyr, Angela Ewell-Madison, Mike Heeb, and Amanda Lawrence of Senator BOB GRAHAM's staff have floor privileges for the duration of the consideration of the Interior appropriations bill.

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

Mr. BENNETT. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3554

(Purpose: To make an amendment to reform the financing of Federal elections)

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I have an amendment at the desk, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. THOMPSON, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. JEFFORDS, proposes an amendment numbered 3554.

Mr. MCCAIN. I ask unanimous consent reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. (The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I appreciate the cooperation of the majority leader in bringing this amendment up. I see my friend from Kentucky on the floor. I look forward to vigorous debate in the next couple of days. I know that the majority leader is going to file a cloture motion. I believe it is important that we bring this issue again before the Senate since the House of Representatives obviously acted on this issue.

I do want to point out that the majority leader has assured me we will

have 2 full days of debate on this, which will mean a cloture vote sometime late Thursday afternoon. I appreciate that. I hope that we will on this occasion prevail. I again look forward to a vigorous debate on this issue.

I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk to the pending campaign finance reform amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provision of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the pending campaign finance reform amendment.

Trent Lott, Connie Mack, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Thad Cochran, Wayne Allard, Rod Grams, Larry E. Craig, Kay Bailey Hutchison, James M. Inhofe, Richard S. Lugar, Mitch McConnell, Jeff Sessions, Rick Santorum, Don Nickles, Dan Coats, and Lauch Faircloth.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask consent that no further amendments be in order to the Interior appropriations bill prior to the cloture vote.

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

Mr. LOTT. I ask consent the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

Mr. LOTT. For the information of all Senators, this cloture vote will occur on Thursday, September 10. We will have a consultation as to exactly what time. I presume it will be late in the afternoon. All Members will be notified as to the exact time of this cloture vote as soon as the time becomes available.

I yield the floor.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I recognize that under the order established by the unanimous consent agreement of the majority leader there would be no further amendments to the Interior bill until after the McCain-Feingold bill has been dispensed with one way or the other.

However, I ask unanimous consent that that consent notwithstanding, there be an opportunity to discuss another amendment.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3555

(Purpose: To amend Section 343 regarding modifications to dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers)

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT], for Mr. GORTON, proposes an amendment numbered 3555.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

Beginning on page 152, line 7, strike all through line 3 on page 154 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"SEC. 343. Unless specifically authorized by Congress or with the consent of licensees for dams licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, a Federal or State agency shall not require, approve, authorize, fund or undertake any action that would remove or breach any dam on the Federal Columbia River Power System or any dam on the Columbia or Snake Rivers or their tributaries licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or diminish below present operational plans the Congressionally authorized uses of flood control, irrigation, navigation and electric power and energy generating capacity of any such dam."

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 3555) was agreed to.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I again ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the order regarding amendments that one additional amendment may be considered.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3556

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT], for Mr. GORTON, proposes an amendment numbered 3556.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

Strike Section 129 of Senate bill 2237 and add the following in the nature of a substitute:

Section 129. (a) In the event any tribe returns appropriations made available by this Act to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for distribution to other tribes, this action shall not diminish the Federal Government's trust responsibility to that tribe, or the government-to-government relationship between the United States and that tribe, or that tribe's ability to access future appropriations.

(b) The Bureau of Indian Affairs shall develop alternative methods to fund TPA base programs in future years. The alternatives shall consider tribal revenues and relative needs of tribes and tribal members. No later than April 1, 1999, the BIA shall submit a report to Congress containing its recommendations and other alternatives. The report shall also identify the methods proposed to be used by BIA to acquire data that is not currently available to BIA and any data gathering mechanisms that may be necessary to encourage tribal compliance. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purposes of developing recommendations, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is hereby authorized access to tribal revenue-related data held by any Federal agency, excluding information held by the Internal Revenue Service.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), tribal revenue shall include the sum of tribal net income, however derived, from any business venture owned, held, or operated, in whole or in part, by any tribal entity which is eligible to receive TPA on behalf of the members of any tribe, all amounts distributed as per capita payments which are not otherwise included in net income, and any income from fees, licenses or taxes collected by any tribe.

(d) The calculation of tribal revenues shall exclude payments made by the Federal Government in settlement of claims or judgments and income derived from lands, natural resources, funds, and assets held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior.

(e) In developing alternative TPA distribution methods, the Bureau of Indian Affairs will take into account the financial obligations of a tribe, such as budgeted health, education and public works service costs; its compliance, obligations and spending requirements under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; its compliance with the Single Audit Act; and its compact with its state.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 3556) was agreed to.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order to offer another amendment.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3557

(Purpose: To provide for the transfer of additional funds to the Energy Conservation account)

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] for Mr. GORTON proposes an amendment numbered 3557.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

Starting on page 91, line 23, strike all through the colon on page 92, line 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"For necessary expenses in carrying out energy conservation activities, \$678,701,000, to remain available until expended, including, notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$64,000,000, which shall be transferred to this account from amounts held in escrow under section 3002(d) of Public Law 95-509 (15 U.S.C. 4501(d)):"

At the end of Title III, add the following new section:

SEC. . Section 3003 of the Petroleum Overcharge Distribution and Restitution Act of 1986 (15 U.S.C. 4502) is amended by adding after subsection (d) the following new subsection:

"(e) Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section are repealed, and any rights that may have arisen are extinguished, on the date of the enactment of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999. After that date, the amount available for direct restitution to current and future refined petroleum product claimants under this Act is reduced by the amounts specified in title II of that Act as being derived from amounts held in escrow under section 3002(d). The Secretary shall assure that the amount remaining in escrow to satisfy refined petroleum product claims for direct restitution is allocated equitably among the claimants."

On page 2, line 13, strike "\$600,096,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$603,396,000";

On page 5, line 20, strike "\$15,650,000" and insert "\$16,650,000";

On page 11, line 1, strike "\$624,019,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$631,019,000";

On page 12, line 21, strike "\$48,734,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$50,059,000";

On page 13, line 8, strike "\$62,120,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$63,370,000";

On page 17, line 12, strike "\$1,288,903,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$1,298,903,000";

On page 17, line 25, strike "\$48,800,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$50,800,000";

On page 18, line 25, strike "\$210,116,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$217,166,000";

On page 19, line 3, insert the following after the "": "Provided further, That "\$500,000 may be derived from the Historic Preservation Fund for the Hecksher Museum:"

On page 19, line 17, strike "\$88,100,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$90,075,000";

On page 22, line 10, strike "\$772,115,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$773,115,000";

On page 22, line 18, strike "\$154,581,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$155,581,000";

On page 30, line 2, strike "\$1,544,695,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$1,555,295,000";

On page 30, line 21, strike "\$50,588,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$52,788,000";

On page 75, line 6, strike "\$212,927,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$214,127,000";

On page 75, line 13, strike "\$165,091,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$168,091,000";

On page 77, line 5, strike "\$353,840,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$358,840,000";

On page 96, line 25, strike "\$1,888,602,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$1,893,602,000";

On page 98, line 16, strike "\$170,190,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$175,190,000".

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, this amendment provides funding for a wide array of programs throughout the Interior bill, predominantly to meet requirements such as fixed cost increases in maintenance, the \$60 million offsets derived from excess funds held in escrow pursuant to the Petroleum Overcharge Distribution and Restitution Act. These funds are in excess of the funds projected to be required to pay any restitution pursuant to the act.

I ask unanimous consent that a more detailed description of the amendment be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

The Amendment provides for the following:

Additional \$2.3 million for fixed costs increases in the Bureau of Land Management. Funding at this level will provide approximately 75% of the agency's requested uncontrollables. The agency will continue to be expected to find efficiencies to offset the remainder of the request.

Additional \$1 million for wilderness management in the Bureau of Land Management, which increases this activity to the FY 98 level (\$300,000 below Administration request). Funds will address routine wilderness management responsibilities.

Additional \$5 million for fixed costs increases in the Fish and Wildlife Service. Funding at this level will provide approximately 50% of the agency's requested uncontrollables. The agency will continue to be expected to find efficiencies to offset the remainder of the request.

Additional \$10 million for Park Service maintenance.

Additional \$3 million for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to address the probate backlog for Individual Indian Money accounts. Consistent with BIA's strategic goal to address the title backlog, which is the subject of several lawsuits. The cost of dealing with the total backlog is estimated at over \$12 million, according to most recent figures, available only after President's budget was released. The additional funds over FY98 funding of \$573,000 will hire temporary staff, provide overtime to existing staff and provide funds to self-governance tribes to research about 300 backlogged estates of about 1,300 total. This funding will fully meet Administration request and is \$2 million over the House mark.

Additional \$2.2 million for support related to the Cobell v. Lujan litigation. The elimination of backlogs is a component of the Trust Management Improvement Project overseen by the Office of the Special Trustee.

Additional \$3.5 million for BIA law enforcement for Law Enforcement in Indian Country initiative.

Additional \$1.7 million for Bureau of Indian Affairs environmental cleanup. The EPA is threatening BIA with fines related to remediation of underground storage tanks. In addition, BIA is trying to perform an environmental audit related to tanks and open dumps.

Additional \$2 million for Stewardship Incentives Program in the Forest Service to equal the Administration request. Reflects strong interest in this program by numerous senators. Will improve the overall survivability of the program in light of the House action to provide no funding.

Additional \$1 million for Forest Legacy program in the Forest Service to equal Administration request. Reflects strong interest in this program by numerous senators. The additional funds will further support efforts to obtain management easements for especially sensitive properties of significant national interest.

Additional \$4 million for Forest Service road maintenance, reflecting Committee's commitment to address the severely deteriorating Forest Service infrastructure by increasing the amount of roads being maintained to planned standards. This will be of significant value in reducing erosion and damage which is harmful to watersheds within the national forests and adjacent lands.

Additional \$5 million for Indian Health Service contract support. The Administration flat-lined Contract Support at \$168 million, and the House and Senate figures are already above that level, with House at \$195 million and Senate at \$170 million. However, reality is that shortfall is estimated to be upwards of \$90 million in total (\$33 million for FY98 alone). The additional funding would still be short of House amount but is better than Administration request.

Additional \$500,000 each for the Wheeling National Heritage Area, the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, and the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area in the Park Service, National Recreation and Preservation account.

Additional \$1 million for the heating and cooling system at the U.S. Geological Survey Leetown Science Center.

Additional \$500,000 for land acquisition at the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

Additional \$1,000,000 for the Forest Service for a multi-state cooperative noxious weeds research program.

Additional \$1 million for BLM land acquisition at the Santa Rosa Mountains National Scenic Area.

Additional \$1 million for construction of a visitor center at the White River National Wildlife Refuge.

Additional \$1,975,000 for land acquisition at Cumberland Island National Seashore.

Additional \$200,000 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a job placement assistance program operated by the United Sioux Tribes Development Corporation.

Additional \$1 million for the Forest Service construction account for the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry.

Additional \$325,000 for reconstruction at the North Attleboro National Fish Hatchery.

Additional \$750,000 for land acquisition at the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge.

Additional \$500,000 for the recently authorized National Underground Railroad program in the Park Service.

Additional \$1 million for the Fish and Wildlife Service for the Clark County, NV Habitat Conservation Plan.

Additional \$1 million for demonstration of modular fuel cells at no more than ten Department of Energy facilities.

Additional \$200,000 for Spartina grass research by the Forest Service.

Additional \$500,000 for the Park Service Hecksher museum renovation.

Additional \$2.25 million for the Park Service for the construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitors Center.

Additional \$1 million for the Park Service for construction at the Black Archives & Research Center at Florida A&M University.

Additional \$1 million for the Fish and Wildlife Service for habitat restoration in the Black River, a tributary to the Coosa River.

Additional \$3.3 million for rehabilitation of the Acadia National Park water and sewer system.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that this amendment be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 3557) was agreed to.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I thank the managers of this bill for their hard work in putting forth annual legislation which provides federal funding for all of the agencies within the Department of the Interior, the Indian Health Service and several forestry programs. Many of the programs funded within this bill are vital to the preservation of our National Parks and to protect our precious natural resources.

I regret that I must again come forward this year to object to the \$351.8 in additional spending above the budget request included in this bill and its accompanying report. This is an improvement over last year's FY 98 Interior appropriations bill, which contained \$584.6 million in pork-barrel spending. However, \$351.8 million is still an unacceptable amount of money to spend on low-priority, unrequested, wasteful projects. In short, Congress must curb its appetite for such unbridled spending. The multitude of unrequested earmarks buried in this proposal will undoubtedly further burden the American taxpayers. I ask unanimous consent that this list of objectionable provisions be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the list was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

OBJECTIONABLE PROVISIONS IN THE FY '90 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS BILL

BILL LANGUAGE

An earmark of \$2,082,000 to Alaska to assess the mineral potential of public lands.

An earmark for unspecified funds to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge for maintenance of a herd of long-horned cattle.

An earmark of \$2,000,000 to unspecified communities in southern California for planning associated with the National Communities Conservation Planning program.

An earmark of \$1,000,000 to Ohio for acquisition of the Howard Farm near Metzger Marsh.

An earmark of \$550,000 to New York for repair and rehabilitation of the Susan B. Anthony House in New York State.

An earmark of \$2,000,000 to Virginia City Historic District for construction, improvements and repair/replacement of physical facilities.

An additional \$97,921,000 above the budget request for the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project.

An earmark of \$350,000 to Alaska for equipment support and training for southern region fireland protection.

The Committee states 80% of unspecified funds appropriated to the Forest Service in the "National Forest System" and "Reconstruction and Construction" accounts be allocated to the state of Washington, directly to the WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife for projects on National Forest land.

The Committee directs unspecified funds to be available for payments to counties within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area in Washington State.

The Committee requires compliance with all "Buy America" provisions.

The Committee stipulates that the Forest Service and the Federal Highway Administration earmark \$15,000,000 for the State of Utah for construction of the Trappers Loop connector road for preparation of the 2002 winter Olympics.

The Committee directs the Secretary to acquire the Elwha Project and Glines Canyon Project in the State of Washington for a purchase price of \$29,500,000.

REPORT LANGUAGE

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: LAND AND WATER RESOURCES

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT: MANAGEMENT OF LAND AND RESOURCES

The Committee requests an additional \$500,000 for Alaska minerals programs for the minerals at risk program which includes funding for data base, depository, and storage facilities and additional funds for development of a single graphical claims information system for both Federal and State claims.

The Committee provides an additional \$500,000 for an airborne geophysical survey and geologic mapping of Federal lands in southeast Alaska to be conducted in consultation with the State of Alaska.

The Committee requests an additional \$1,798,000 for Alaska conveyance.

The Committee has recommended \$750,000 for the cadastral survey program to support the Montana cadastral mapping project.

CONSTRUCTION

An earmark of \$1,000,000 for the planning and construction of facilities to service the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

An earmark of \$2,000,000 for construction at Pompeys Pillar in Montana.

An earmark of \$1,022,000 for construction of Coldfoot multi agency facility in Alaska.

FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Committee requests an additional \$900,000 for the National Conservation Training Center located in West Virginia.

An earmark of \$400,000 for Alabama sturgeon conservation efforts.

An earmark of \$560,000 for Iron City, UT, habitat conservation plan.

The Committee requests an additional \$100,000 for the Middle Rio Grande Bosque Consortium.

The Committee requests an additional \$500,000 for Partners for Fish and Wildlife to research Washington salmon enhancement.

An earmark of \$500,000 for Hawaii Endangerment Species Act community conservation programs.

The Committee requests \$1,250,000 for Washington State regional fisheries enhancement groups, including the Long Live the Kings and Hood Canal salmon enhancement groups. Of this amount, \$750,000 is allocated to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in the form of a block grant to support the continued volunteer efforts of the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Program. Also included is \$300,000 for Long Live the Kings salmon recovery efforts and \$200,000 for Hood Canal salmon recovery efforts.

The Committee recommends \$950,000 for the Reno biodiversity initiative.

The Committee requests an additional \$200,000 for the development of an environmental assessment and supporting management plan for the proposed Darby Prairie National Wildlife Refuge in Ohio.

An earmark of \$404,000 to study the decline of sea otters in the Aleutian chain and possible role of contaminants; a clinic to educate and test the uses of steel shot by hunters in western Alaska in order to encourage the use of steel shot in lieu of lead shot; and a Yukon River Salmon Treaty educational campaign to inform better Yukon River residents of the treaty requirements and to aid their communication with the Yukon River panel and other agencies.

An earmark of \$358,000 for Ouray National Fish Hatchery in Utah.

An earmark for \$30,000 for the Alaska region ballast water initiative to monitor the introduction of new species in Prince William Sound from tankers originating from outside Alaska.

An earmark for \$90,000 for the Alaska Nanuq Commission.

An earmark of \$161,000 for the Eskimo Walrus Commission.

An earmark for \$1,000,000 for the State of Alaska for initiative with Russia involving cooperative agreement on wildlife and habitat for shared migratory species.

CONSTRUCTION

An earmark for \$2,760,000 for Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, AK.

An earmark of \$550,000 for Bear River National Wildlife Refuge, UT.

An earmark of \$185,000 for Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge, OK.

An earmark of \$700,000 for Discovery Center, Kansas City, MO.

An earmark of \$250,000 for Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge, HI.

An earmark of \$500,000 for Montana State University, Montana: wildlife disease biocontainment facility.

An earmark of \$2,000,000 for Mississquoi National Wildlife Refuge, VT.

An earmark of \$250,000 for Silvia O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge, NH.

An earmark of \$1,200,000 for Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge, IA.

An earmark of \$70,000 for White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery, WV.

LAND ACQUISITION

The Committee recommends an increase of \$1,620,000 above the budget request, and earmarks the entire \$62 million appropriation for various locality specific projects.

COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND

The Committee recommends an increase of \$17,000,000 above the budget request to the State of Washington for salmon and steelhead recovery efforts related to the Endangered Species Act requirements.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

An earmark for \$280,000 for a partnership with the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council for national and regional planning and development of educational resources, and \$320,000 for technical assistance and interpretive planning.

NATIONAL RECREATION AND PRESERVATION

An earmark of \$750,000 for Alaska Native Cultural Center.

An earmark of \$100,000 for the Aleutian World War II National Historic Area.

An earmark of \$1,000,000 for Mandan On-a-Slant Village.

An earmark of \$500,000 for Sewall-Belmont House.

An earmark of \$400,000 for Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

An earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Wheeling National Heritage Area.

An earmark of \$100,000 for the Women's Rights National Historic Trail.

An earmark of \$500,000 for Ravenna Creek restoration.

An earmark of \$250,000 to continue the Lake Champion Program.

An earmark of \$150,000 for ongoing support of the Vermont/New Hampshire Joint River Commissions.

An earmark of \$100,000 to Essex National Heritage Area.

An earmark of \$100,000 to Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor.

An earmark of \$100,000 to the Steel Industry American Heritage Area.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONSTRUCTION

An earmark for \$1,000,000 for Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, RI-MA.

An earmark for \$1,200,000 for C&O Canal National Historic Park, MD to relocate visitor center.

An earmark of \$300,000 for Central High School, AR for planning and development.

An earmark of \$200,000 for the Charleston School District, AR for interpretive exhibits.

An earmark of \$1,570,000 for Chickasaw National Recreation Area, OK for the Point campground.

An earmark of \$2,300,000 for Congaree Swamp National Monument, SC for construction of an access road.

An earmark of \$507,000 for Edison National Historic Site, NJ for rehabilitation.

An earmark of \$200,000 for Fort Sumter National Monument, SC for rehabilitation.

An earmark of \$1,300,000 to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, WV for stabilization of structures and flood recovery.

An earmark of \$3,000,000 for Hispanic Cultural Center, NM.

An earmark of \$1,000,000 to Hovenweep National Monument, UT for design and construction of a visitor-administrative facility.

An earmark of \$3,000,000 to Katmai National Park and Preserve, AK for visitor use facilities.

An earmark of \$10,000,000 to the National Constitution Center, PA for design, engineering and construction.

An earmark of \$411,000 to New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail, NJ for exhibits.

An earmark of \$575,000 for the New River Gorge National River, WV for rehabilitation, day labor, and parkway support.

An earmark of \$550,000 to Quinault Visitor Center, North Fork Recreation Area in Olympic National Park, WA.

An earmark of \$2,000,000 for planning and design, removal of Elwha Dam in Olympic National Park, WA.

An earmark of \$390,000 for San Antonio Missions National Historical Park for preservation of historic buildings.

An earmark of \$2,400,000 for Seward interagency to complete design and initiate construction.

An earmark of \$1,120,000 for Sitka National Historic Site, AK to rehabilitate priest's quarters and old school house.

An earmark of \$2,000,000 for Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island, NY-NJ for rehabilitation.

An earmark of \$968,000 for Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, MO to restore and stabilize main house and related structures.

An earmark of \$1,500,000 to for Vicksburg National Military Park, MS to rehabilitate monuments and facilities.

The Committee understands \$19,200,000 will be allocated from the Federal Lands Highway Program for construction of Natchez Trace Parkway in MS.

An earmark of \$100,000 for Bear Paw National Battlefield for preliminary design of visitor facilities.

An earmark of \$100,000 for Golden Gate National Recreation Area to evaluate the feasibility and desirability of preserving and interpreting sites.

ENERGY AND MINERALS

SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS AND RESEARCH

The Committee recommends \$1,000,000 for coal availability studies earmarked for WV,

OH, PA, KY, IL, IN, WY, CO, UT, NM, and MT.

An earmark of \$1,250,000 to continue coastal erosion studies in SC and GA.

An earmark of \$2,000,000 to continue the minerals-at-risk program in Alaska.

An additional \$100,000 for Salton Sea research.

An additional \$1,000,000 for clean water and watershed restoration includes funds for research in risk health in the Chesapeake Bay.

An earmark of \$1,000,000 for incinerator replacement at the USGS National Wildlife Health Center, located in Madison, HI.

An earmark of \$3,422,000 to meet uncontrollable costs at the USGS National Wildlife Health Center, located in Madison, WI.

ROYALTY AND OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

An earmark of \$600,000 for the Mississippi Marine Minerals Resource Center program to support exploration and sustainable development of seabed minerals.

An earmark of \$900,000 for the Offshore Technology Resource Center, a partnership between the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University to study the technical, safety and environmental challenges of offshore drilling.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS

An earmark of \$1,500,000 to raise base funding of small and needy tribes in Alaska.

An additional \$500,000 for the United Tribes Technical College (UTTC).

GENERAL PROVISIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

An earmark of \$350,000 for equipment support and training to the primary manager of the southern region of fireland management protection in Alaska prior to expenditure of any funds otherwise reimbursable for such support and training.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH

An earmark for \$300,000 for Renewable Resource Institute, University of Washington study.

An earmark for \$300,000 for the Fairbanks lab.

An earmark for \$600,000 for a forest conditions study by the Renewable Resource Institute at the University of Washington.

An earmark for \$600,000 for a landscape management project to be conducted by Forest Service visualization experts located at the University of Washington Center for Streamside Studies, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, the Pacific Northwest Research Station of the Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY

An additional \$150,000 for the Vermont forest monitoring cooperative.

An earmark of \$90,000 to assist the Vermont fire task force in working with rural communities to install dry hydrants for providing reliable source of water.

An earmark of \$500,000 for the Hawaii forests and communities initiative to support efforts to develop Hawaii forest products and provide assistance to displaced workers.

An earmark of \$3,500,000 to the Northeast-Midwest rural development through forestry program.

An earmark of \$200,000 to the northeastern area to retain current level funding to assist the Hardwoods Training Center in Princeton, WV.

An earmark of \$200,000 to assist the Skamania County for preparation costs related to exchange of the Wind River Nursery land.

An earmark of \$600,000 for economic assistance in southeast Alaska pertaining to restoration of the Sheldon Jackson College.

An earmark of \$2,000,000 to the borough of Ketchikan to participate in a cooperative study of determine feasibility and dynamics for the manufacture of veneer products from southeast Alaska.

An earmark of \$1,950,000 for erosion control in the Paseo del Canon Drainage Channel in Taos, NM.

An earmark of \$2,500,000 for the Forest Service, State and private forestry, to assume lead responsibility for implementing a restructuring of the Hardwoods Technology Center in Princeton, WV.

An earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Pacific Northwest assistance base program.

An earmark of \$3,000,000 for Gray's Harbor, WA to assist in restoration of infrastructure facilities and to assure continued operation of the local forest products industry.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

An earmark of \$500,000 for the White Mountain National Forest in Maine and New Hampshire from the funds recommended for revision of its land management plan.

An additional \$64,000 is provided for old growth habitat mapping and terrestrial ecosystem classification and inventory on the Monongahela National Forest.

An earmark of \$550,000 for the State of Alaska to cooperate in the monitoring of the Forest Service's implementation and management of the Tongass land management plan, and to assure compliance with its requirements.

An additional \$142,000 for the Monongahela National Forest for wildlife and fisheries habitat management.

An earmark of \$500,000 to address noxious weed issues on the Okanogan and Colville National Forests.

An earmark of \$400,000 to assist ranchers in NM at constructing water and fence improvements required by recent settlements negotiated by the Forest Service concerning livestock grazing.

An earmark of \$714,000 for administration of timber removal from lands involved in the Gallatin II land exchange.

An earmark of \$2,000,000 for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison, and White River National Forest aspen program.

An earmark of \$181,000 for specific watershed restoration projects on the Monongahela National Forest.

An earmark of \$100,000 for a watershed improvement needs inventory on the Clearwater National Forest.

An earmark of \$465,000 for counterdrug operations on the Daniel Boone National Forest.

An earmark of \$500,000 to establish, equip, house, and train a native American fire preparedness and suppression cadre to be located on the Black Hills National Forest.

RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION

An earmark of \$8,000,000 for construction of a forestry research facility at Auburn University.

An earmark of \$4,000,000 for construction of the Franklin County Lake Dam on the Homochitto National Forest.

An earmark of \$1,300,000 for construction of recreation facilities in Utah for the 2002 winter Olympics.

An earmark of \$125,000 for installation of additional water and electrical facilities at individual horse campsites at the Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area.

An earmark of \$320,000 for replacement of toilet facilities in the Ouachita National Forest.

An earmark of \$20,000 for construction of a boat launch facility at Bead Lake on the Colville National Forest.

An earmark of \$200,000 for reconstruction of a water system at the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area.

An earmark of \$475,000 for reconstruction at the Fletcher View Campground in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area.

An earmark of \$854,000 to facilitate access to blowdown timber at the Routt National Forest.

An earmark of \$68,000 for vegetation management work along the Talimena Scenic Byway in Oklahoma.

An earmark of \$720,000 for watershed improvements associated with soil and road erosion on the Monongahela National Forest.

An earmark of \$750,000 for construction of the Taft Tunnel Bicycle Trail.

An earmark of \$275,000 for trailhead relocation on the Routt National Forest associated with significant storm damage.

An earmark of \$183,000 to complete construction of the Tahoe Rim Trail and Trailhead.

An earmark of \$270,000 for construction of the Harriman Trail in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

An earmark of \$500,000 for the Continental Divide Trail.

An earmark of \$76,000 for construction of foot bridges on the Cedar Lake Trail of the Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area.

An earmark of \$2,600,000 for construction of trails in the vicinity of Ketchikan, AK.

LAND ACQUISITION

The Committee recommends an additional \$10,965,000 for this account, and earmarks the entire account \$67.022 million for various locality-specific projects.

FOSSIL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Committee directs no less than \$250,000 to promote research on computational tools used by the Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys to determine the viability of coal bed methane as a fuel source in rural Alaska.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

An earmark of \$5,612,000 for the first-year costs associated with the Alaska Federal Health Care Partnership's 4-year project to develop an Alaskawide telemedicine network to provide access to health services and health education information in remote areas of Alaska.

An additional \$12,000 for Alaska immunization program.

INDIAN HEALTH FACILITIES

An earmark of \$13,900,000 to continue construction of the Hopi Health Center in Polacca, AZ.

Committee directs the Indian Health Service not to use any funds provided to close the IHS facility providing emergency services in Wagner, SD.

OTHER RELATED AGENCIES

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION: SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Earmark for \$150,000 for additional costs that will result from implementation of the Panama Canal Treaty at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.

Earmark for \$8,000,000 for expenses associated with equipping and staffing the NMAI Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, MD.

Total Earmarks: \$351,804,000.

Mr. MCCAIN. Many of the programs within this proposal are meritorious and do deserve funding. However, should American taxpayers foot the bill for rural and economic development programs solely benefitting the State of Alaska? My colleagues have generously included unrequested funding for \$1,000,000 to study mineral re-

sources-at-risk in Alaska under the Bureau of Land Management's budget, as well as including \$2,000,000 for the same minerals-at-risk program in Alaska under the U.S. Geological Survey budget. The earmarks do not stop there as \$3,000,000 is directed to build visitor use facilities in the Katami National Park and Preserve. The panel has also afforded the borough of Ketchikan \$2,000,000 to participate in a cooperative study to determine the feasibility of manufacturing veneer products from southeast Alaska.

Certainly the home state of the Committee's esteemed Chairman is not the only beneficiary of pork-barrel spending. My colleagues have seen to it that the State of Utah will have the funds to build an access road to venues for the winter Olympic Games in 2002. Calling it a "necessity" in their report, the Committee funnels \$15,000,000 toward the completion of Trapper's Loop Road. In addition, Utah is also slated to receive \$1,300,000 to build recreation facilities for the 2002 Games. What is even more egregious is that these funds are directed to be transferred to Utah before the remaining funding can be dispersed to states for other projects.

This bill is weighed down by dozens of other wasteful projects which clearly have skirted the public review process, and in many cases do not serve the greater national interest. For example, why must we expend \$500,000 of taxpayer dollars on noxious weed issues for the Okanogan and Colville national forests? Or to replace toilet facilities at a price of \$320,000 in the Ouachita National Forest? While the American people are proud of their national heritage and history, is it fair to ask them to pay \$10,000,000 for a new National Constitution Center in Pennsylvania?

Mr. President, I do not enjoy coming forth each year for every appropriation bill to decry wasteful spending, but I believe the American taxpayers deserve to know where their hard earned dollars will be spent. Sadly, this bill continues the practice of loading up important spending measures with unnecessary and wasteful pork-barrel projects. I hope that we can restore the faith of the American people in our federal government by honoring our responsibility to them by applying judicious deliberation to our budget process.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWNBACK). Without objection, it is so ordered.

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Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I had noted earlier today that I hoped we