

(C) shall be available only to the extent provided in a subsequent appropriations Act.

(C) FUND.—There is established in the United States Treasury a fund, for the deposit of fees imposed under paragraph (2), to be used to pay for costs associated with maintaining loan limits established under this section.

(4) FHFA REPORT ON FEES.—The Federal Housing Finance Agency shall include in each annual report required by section 1601 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 related to the period described in paragraph (2)(B) a section that provides the basis for and an analysis of the premium loan fee charged in each year covered by the report.

(C) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS LOAN LIMIT EXTENSION.—Section 501 of the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-389; 122 Stat. 4175; 38 U.S.C. 3703 note) is amended, in the matter before paragraph (1), by striking "December 31, 2011" and inserting "December 31, 2013".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen 406 to conduct a hearing entitled, "A Review of the 2011 Floods and the Condition of the Nation's Flood Control Systems."

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax Reform Options: Incentives for Charitable Giving."

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Recession and Older Americans: Where Do We Go from Here" on October 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Ten Years After 9/11 and the Anthrax Attacks: Protecting Against Biological Threats."

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 17, 2011, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, One Year Later."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND MERCHANT MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Pipeline Safety since San Bruno and Other Recent Incidents."

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United

States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Luxembourg.

Thomas Charles Krajieski, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Susan Denise Page, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of South Sudan.

Adrienne S. O'Neal, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cape Verde.

Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mali.

Mark Francis Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Sweden.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Energy Subcommittee be discharged from further consideration of S. 925 and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills en bloc: Calendar No. 129, S. 270; Calendar No. 132, S. 292; Calendar No. 133, S. 333; Calendar No. 134, S. 334; Calendar No. 136, S. 404; Calendar No. 184, H.R. 489; Calendar No. 185, H.R. 470; Calendar No. 186, H.R. 765; and S. 925.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendments, where applicable, be agreed to, the bills, as amended, if amended, be read a third time and passed, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bills en bloc, as follows:

LA PINE LAND CONVEYANCE ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 270) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment.

(Insert the part printed in italic)

S. 270

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “La Pine Land Conveyance Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **CITY.**—The term “City” means the City of La Pine, Oregon.

(2) **COUNTY.**—The term “County” means the County of Deschutes, Oregon.

(3) **MAP.**—The term “map” means the map entitled “La Pine, Oregon Land Transfer” and dated December 11, 2009.

(4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCES OF LAND.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, subject to valid existing rights and the provisions of this Act, and notwithstanding the land use planning requirements of sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary shall convey to the City or County, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to each parcel of land described in subsection (b) for which the City or County has submitted to the Secretary a request for conveyance by the date that is not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) **DESCRIPTION OF LAND.**—The parcels of land referred to in subsection (a) consist of—

(1) the approximately 150 acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, Oregon, depicted on the map as “parcel A”, to be conveyed to the County, which is subject to a right-of-way retained by the Bureau of Land Management for a power substation and transmission line;

(2) the approximately 750 acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, Oregon, depicted on the map as “parcel B”, to be conveyed to the County; and

(3) the approximately 10 acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, Oregon, depicted on the map as “parcel C”, to be conveyed to the City.

(c) **AVAILABILITY OF MAP.**—The map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

(d) **USE OF CONVEYED LAND.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Consistent with the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), the land conveyed under subsection (a) shall be used for the following public purposes and associated uses:

(A) The parcel described in subsection (b)(1) shall be used for outdoor recreation, open space, or public parks, including a rodeo ground.

(B) The parcel described in subsection (b)(2) shall be used for a public sewer system.

(C) The parcel described in subsection (b)(3) shall be used for a public library, public park, or open space.

(2) **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions for the conveyances under subsection (a) as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(e) **ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**—The Secretary shall require the County to pay all survey costs and other administrative costs associated with the conveyances to the County under this Act.

(f) **REVERSION.**—If the land conveyed under subsection (a) ceases to be used for the public purpose for which the land was conveyed, the land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, revert to the United States.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

BERING STRAITS SETTLEMENT ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 292) to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment.

[Omit the part in bold faced brackets and insert the part printed in italic]

S. 292

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act”.

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to ratify the Salmon Lake Area Land Ownership Consolidation Agreement entered into by the United States, the State of Alaska, and the Bering Straits Native Corporation.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **AGREEMENT.**—The term “Agreement” means the document between the United States, the State, and the Bering Straits Native Corporation that—

(A) is entitled the “Salmon Lake Area Land Ownership Consolidation Agreement”;

(B) had an initial effective date of July 18, [2007, which was extended until January 1, 2011, by agreement of the parties to the Agreement effective January 1, 2009; and] 2007; and

(C) is on file with Department of the Interior, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

(2) **BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION.**—The term “Bering Straits Native Corporation” means an Alaskan Native Regional Corporation formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) for the Bering Straits region of the State.

(3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) **STATE.**—The term “State” means the State of Alaska.

SEC. 4. RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the provisions of this Act, Congress ratifies the Agreement.

(b) **EASEMENTS.**—The conveyance of land to the Bering Straits Native Corporation, as specified in the Agreement, shall include the reservation of the easements that—

(1) are identified in Appendix E to the Agreement; and

(2) were developed by the parties to the Agreement in accordance with section 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1616(b)).

(c) **CORRECTIONS.**—Beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, with the consent of the other parties to the

Agreement, may only make typographical or clerical corrections to the Agreement and any exhibits to the Agreement.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary shall carry out all actions required by the Agreement.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

LITTLE WOOD RIVER RANCH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT ACT

The bill (S. 333) to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 333

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT INVOLVING LITTLE WOOD RIVER RANCH.

Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 12063, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice and in accordance with the procedures of the Commission under that section—

(1) extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of project works to the end of the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(2) if the license for Project No. 12063 has been terminated, reinstate the license and extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence the construction of project works to the end of the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT ACT

The bill (S. 334) to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 334

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT INVOLVING AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR.

Notwithstanding the time period specified in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 12423, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice and in accordance with the procedures of the Commission under that section, reinstate the license and extend the