

policies projected under the budget meet the policies approved by the Congress in accordance with subsection (a) of this section. In any case in which such budget so represented recommends a course which fails to meet the policies so established, the President shall specifically set forth the reason or reasons for requesting the Congress to approve the lesser program or policies presented. Amounts appropriated to carry out the policies approved in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall be expended in accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, Public Law 93-344.

(c) The Secretary, during budget preparation for fiscal year 1979, and annually thereafter, shall prepare a report which evaluates the program's effectiveness in attaining the purposes of this Act. The report, prepared in concise summary form with appropriate detailed appendices, shall contain pertinent data from the current resource appraisal required to be prepared by section 4 of this Act, shall set forth the progress in implementing the program required to be developed by section 5 of this Act, and shall contain appropriate measurements of pertinent costs and benefits. The evaluation shall assess the balance between economic factors and environmental quality factors. The report shall also indicate plans for implementing action and recommendations for new legislation where warranted.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 7. As used in this Act—

(1) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(2) The term "land, water, and related resources" means those resources which come within the scope of the programs administered and participated in by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Soil Conservation Service.

(3) The term "land and water conservation program" means a framework for attaining the purposes of this Act.

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 8. There are authorized to be appropriated such funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 9. The provisions of this Act shall take effect on October 1, 1976.

The amendment was agreed to.

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

RELIEF OF POSTMASTERS

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 737.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be stated by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6512) for the relief of certain postmasters charged with postal deficiencies.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

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

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, there is an amendment at the desk which I will offer, and I call it up at this time on behalf of Mr. MUSKIE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment will be stated when it is available.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that further

consideration of the bill be postponed for the moment.

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

(Later in the day the following proceedings occurred:)

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar Order No. 737, which request has been cleared on both sides of the aisle.

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

The clerk will state it.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Calendar No. 737, H.R. 6512, an Act for the relief of certain Postmasters charged with postal deficiencies.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, there is an amendment at the desk by Mr. MUSKIE. I understand it has been cleared on both sides of the aisle.

On behalf of Mr. MUSKIE, I call up that amendment and ask that it be stated by the clerk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the amendment.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD) on behalf of Mr. MUSKIE, and Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSTON, and Mr. HATFIELD, proposes an amendment:

At the end thereof add the following new section:

SEC. 3. (a) Section 8332 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(1) An individual who is entitled to an annuity upon separation from service as a Congressional employee may be allowed credit for service as an employee of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Democratic National Congressional Committee, or the Republican National Congressional Committee if such employee makes the deposit provided for in section 8334(c) of this title with respect to Congressional employees for such service. The period of service which may be credited under this subsection by any individual shall not exceed 10 years."

(b) The amendment made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 1976, and shall apply to individuals who are entitled to annuities upon separation from service as Congressional employees on or after October 1, 1976.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment of the Senator from Maine.

The amendment was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is open to further amendment. If there be no further amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment of the amendment and the third reading of the bill.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time. The bill was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Shall the bill pass?

So the bill (H.R. 6512), as amended, was passed.

The title was amended so as to read:

"For the relief of certain postmasters charged with postal deficiencies, and to amend title 5 of the United States Code to allow Congressional employees to credit certain service for purposes of the civil service retirement system."

EXTENSION OF THE MARINE PROTECTION, RESEARCH, AND SANCTUARIES ACT

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the action taken on S. 3147, a bill to extend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act for 2 years, be reconsidered; that the third reading be rescinded; that an amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as adopted; that the bill be considered as read a third time and passed; and that a motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The amendment is as follows:

That section 111 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1420) is amended—

(1) by striking out "and" immediately after "fiscal year 1976," and

(2) by adding immediately after "September 30, 1976," the following: "and not to exceed \$4,800,000 for fiscal year 1977."

SEC. 2. Section 112 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1421) is amended—

"(1) by striking out "Administrator shall" and inserting in lieu thereof "Administrator, the Secretary, and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall each individually";

"(2) by striking out "June 30 of each year" and inserting in lieu thereof "March 1 of each year".

SEC. 3. The last sentence of section 204 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1444) is amended by inserting immediately before the period the following: ", and not to exceed \$5,600,000 for fiscal year 1977".

SEC. 4. Section 304 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1434) is amended—

(1) by striking out "and" immediately after "fiscal year 1976," and

(2) by adding immediately after "September 30, 1976" the following ", and not to exceed \$500,000 for fiscal year 1977".

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. The reason for this request is as follows: It appears that the bill as filed with the clerk was not the bill that was reported by the Committee on Commerce. This error was not caught, even though the committee report had the correct version of the bill. As a result, the wrong bill was passed, and it is for the purpose of correcting this matter that I have presented the request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the unanimous-consent request of the Senator from West Virginia? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. I thank the distinguished Senator for his courtesy in yielding.

Mr. McCLURE. The Senator from West Virginia is welcome.

THE ANTITRUST IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 1976

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill (H.R. 8532) to amend the Clayton Act to permit State attorneys general to bring certain antitrust actions, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCLURE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Margo Carlisle, of my staff, have the privilege of the floor during all stages of the pending measure.

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

Mr. McCLURE. Mr. President, the