

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move the Senate concur in the House amendment.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. BURNS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

ADDITION OF LANDS TO THE FORT RALEIGH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Energy Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5497, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to add lands to the Fort Raleigh National Historic site, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; that it be read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table. I further ask unanimous consent that any statements thereon appear at the appropriate place in the Record as though read.

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

The bill (H.R. 5497) was passed.

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN USES OF LANDS WITHIN THE COLONIAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK IN VIRGINIA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Energy Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4107, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to permit the certain uses of lands within the Colonial National Historic park in Virginia, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; that it be read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table. I further ask unanimous consent that any statements thereon appear at the appropriate place in the Record as though read.

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

The bill (H.R. 4107) was passed.

FLORIDA KEYS MARINE SANCTUARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5909, regarding the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary, just received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5909) to establish the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes.

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

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

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, today I rise in support of H.R. 5909 which designates the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary. Earlier this year, the Commerce Committee considered similar legislation, S. 2247, introduced by Senator GRAHAM. The committee reported S. 2788 which included the designation of the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary. H.R. 5909 builds upon the provisions of S. 2247 to provide the designation of the Florida Keys as a marine sanctuary, and contains language which has been worked out between the House and the Senate.

This legislation represents the culmination of a year's efforts to establish a marine sanctuary in order to protect the valuable marine resources in the Florida Keys. Title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act [MPRSA] authorizes the Secretary to designate appropriate areas of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes waters as national marine sanctuaries. To date, eight national marine sanctuaries have been designated. A review of the potential designation of the Florida Keys as a sanctuary site was initiated in response to the 1988 amendments to title III of the MPRSA. The initial results of NOAA's site studies have supported designation of this sanctuary. In March, Senator GRAHAM of Florida, introduced S. 2247, a bill to establish the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary. The legislation was introduced in response to three successive freighter groundings in 1989 which destroyed over 5,000 square meters of reef in the Keys. Since 1980, there have been 196 reported groundings of small and mid-size vessels which significantly damaged the Florida reef. The designation of the Florida Keys as a marine sanctuary will enable NOAA to take necessary measures to prevent this destruction of the coral reefs.

I also wish to comment on the water quality protection program that this legislation provides for the sanctuary. H.R. 5909 will ensure that all appropriate Federal agencies and the State of Florida shall work together to develop and implement a water quality protection program that meets the purpose for which the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary is designated. However, I want to point out that under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, the Secretary of Commerce is ultimately responsible for regulating all activities within the sanctuary.

Mr. President, I wish to commend my colleague, Senator GRAHAM of Florida, for his efforts to preserve one of the Nation's most precious re-

sources, the Florida Keys reefs. As a result of his foresight and commitment, we have an opportunity to support legislation that will establish the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary so that this last living reef system on the North American Continent will be preserved for all to enjoy.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate is considering today a legislative proposal to establish a Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. I would like to take this opportunity to provide my colleagues with a little background on the bill.

Last year, Congressman DANTE FASCELL of Florida introduced legislation in the House to establish a keys-wide marine sanctuary in response to three highly publicized vessel groundings. The groundings caused irreparable damage to thousands of square meters of coral reef.

However, Congressman FASCELL and I both recognized that these grounds are only a small part of the problem. Daily, this coral reef is exposed to various forms of abuse and misuse, often unintentional.

Tourists on the water often anchor on the reef or bump up against the reef, unaware that both actions cause serious damage. Even a small scrape from a diver rubbing or standing on the reef can cause irreversible damage.

Studies indicate that the water quality of this marine ecosystem is also rapidly deteriorating, thus causing further harm to the coral reef.

In seeking an appropriate avenue for protecting the Keys marine resources from vessel groundings and other harmful activities, the National Marine Sanctuary Program managed by the Department of Commerce emerged as the entity best equipped to balance environmental, commercial, and recreational interests in the Keys.

I have been impressed with the work they have done in operating the already designated sanctuary areas in Looe Key and Key Largo.

Both the House Merchant Marine Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee held public hearings on this proposal. Congressman FASCELL and I corresponded and talked with numerous groups and individuals having an interest in the Keys area.

The result of these hearings and discussions was a call for a keys-wide education, research, and enforcement plan to see that the entire coral reef tract is protected without jeopardizing legitimate commercial and recreational activities.

Mr. President, before we move to final passage on this measure, I would like to address a provision in H.R. 5909 which was not in the original bill on this subject considered by the Senate Commerce Committee.

H.R. 5909 establishes an Advisory Council to advise the Secretary of

Commerce in the development of the comprehensive management plan. This council would continue to operate in an advisory capacity during promulgation and administration of regulations required by this act.

I would like to ask the distinguished chairman of the Commerce Committee what role he sees for this Advisory Council.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Ultimately, responsibility for management decisions that will fulfill the statutory aims and authorities of the sanctuary must rest with the Department of Commerce through NOAA, together with the other Federal, State, and local agencies with jurisdiction in the area. This provision will allow NOAA and sanctuary managers the benefit of the considered views of an interested and balanced advisory body, as well as the general public and other concerned groups.

Mr. GRAHAM. I agree that the Council is designed to be advisory in nature and should be, as you suggested, balanced in its membership and dedicated to the purposes of this legislation.

I also understand that the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which ensures that uniform standards and procedures apply to the formation and operations of advisory committees, will be applicable to the council established in H.R. 5909.

Mr. HOLLINGS. That is correct.

Mr. GRAHAM. I thank the distinguished chairman for this clarification and for his diligence in securing favorable action on this legislation.

Mr. CHAFEE. I am pleased at the cooperation between the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works. One issue of particular importance in this legislation provides for the development of a water quality plan for the waters of the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary, a sanctuary which is to be established by this legislation. This new initiative is to be developed by the EPA and the Governor, with funding for the program provided to the EPA. We have agreed that this water quality planning provision is appropriately the jurisdiction of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

Mr. HOLLINGS. The water quality planning provision of the Florida Keys Program will be an important addition to the protection provided to this vital area as a result of its designation as a marine sanctuary. While the other provisions of the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary Program are the jurisdiction of the Commerce Committee, the authority for development of a water quality plan is the sole jurisdiction of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

I am pleased that our committees have cooperated in the development of

this important provision. The provision which we have agreed to will be an important step toward coordination of the activities of NOAA and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

The bill (H.R. 5909) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. BURNS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

MARITIME WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Energy Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5264, the Maritime Wildlife Refuge, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5264) to authorize modification of the boundaries of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

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

The bill (H.R. 5264) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. BURNS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

LAND EXCHANGE IN GEORGIA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2419, authorizing a land exchange in Georgia, and that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration; that the bill be read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

So the bill (H.R. 2419) was passed.

YEAR 2000 HEALTH OBJECTIVES PLANNING ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on S. 2056.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 2056) entitled "An Act to amend Title XIX of the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to States to establish and implement State health objectives plans, and for other purposes," do pass with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Year 2000 Health Objectives Planning Act".

SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR STATE PLANS REGARDING HEALTH OBJECTIVES FOR YEAR 2000.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control, shall make grants to the States for the purpose of assisting each State receiving such a grant with the development of a State plan for improving the health status of the population of the State.

(b) STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT REGARDING YEAR 2000 HEALTH OBJECTIVES.—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary may not make a grant under subsection (a) unless the State involved agrees, subject to paragraph (2), that in carrying out the purpose described in such subsection the State will conduct a statewide assessment to determine the extent to which the health status of the population of the State does not meet the objectives established by the Secretary for the health status of the population of the United States for the year 2000.

(2) DESIGNATION OF REQUIRED DETERMINATIONS REGARDING OBJECTIVES.—

(A) *The Secretary may not make a grant under subsection (a) unless the State involved agrees that the statewide assessment under paragraph (1) will be conducted with respect to each of the year 2000 objectives designated under subparagraph (B).*

(B) *For purposes of subparagraph (A), the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and in consultation with the States, shall designate the year 2000 objectives with respect to which the statewide assessments under paragraph (1) are required to be conducted.*

(C) *Subject to compliance with subparagraph (A), a statewide assessment under paragraph (1) may be conducted by a State with respect to year 2000 objectives that are not designated under subparagraph (B).*

(c) *PLAN FOR MEETING OBJECTIVES.*—The Secretary may not make a grant under subsection (a) unless the State involved agrees that—

(1) *in the case of each year 2000 objective that the statewide assessment under subsection (b)(1) indicates is not met, the State plan developed under subsection (a) will specify the activities that should be carried out in order to meet or exceed the objective;*

(2) *with respect to such activities, the plan will make recommendations for the State and for political subdivisions of the State, including recommendations for establishing or modifying public health and health financing programs, for funding levels of such programs, for maintaining sufficient numbers of appropriate personnel, for collecting appropriate data, and for coordinating the public health activities of the State and such subdivisions; and*

(3) *not later than April 1, 1992, the State will submit to the Secretary a copy of the*