

Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Appropriations Bill

Statement on Signing S. 1140 Into Law. August 29, 1980

I have today signed into law S. 1140, a bill authorizing 1981 appropriations of \$2,250,000 to the Department of Commerce to carry out title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. Title III of that act authorizes the Secretary of Commerce, upon obtaining the President's approval, to designate marine sanctuaries for preservation or restoration of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes waters that have conservation, recreational, ecological, or esthetic value.

In approving this legislation, I reaffirm my commitment to environmental protection and, in particular, to the protection of the ocean and the living marine resources in those areas deserving special status as protected marine sanctuaries.

Nevertheless, I am signing S. 1140 reluctantly, as I have serious reservations about the constitutionality of its legislative veto provision. Section 2, which purports to confer authority on Congress to disapprove—by concurrent resolutions not to be presented to the President—certain designations of marine sanctuaries, violates the presentation clauses of the Constitution, Art. I, Section 7, cls. 2 and 3, and violates the separation of powers doctrine by interfering with the discretion of the executive branch in the administration of an ongoing program. Pursuant to my message to Congress dated July 21, 1978, I will treat the legislative veto provision as a "report-and-wait" provision. If Congress adopts a resolution under its authority, the resolution will be given serious consideration but, under my

reading of the Constitution, will not be considered binding.

NOTE: As enacted, S. 1140 is Public Law 96-332, approved August 29.

Working Mothers' Day, 1980

Proclamation 4786. August 29, 1980

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

In greater numbers than ever before, American mothers are taking on important job responsibilities outside the home. In workplaces across our Nation and in every occupation, more than 16 million employed mothers are contributing their valuable skills to the labor force. In fact, more than half of all the mothers in this country have taken on jobs outside the home, and it is estimated that by 1990, 75% of all two-parent families will have both parents in the work force.

On the job and in the home, working mothers are making a vital contribution to the national economy and to the strength of the American family. Working mothers do not shed homemaking and parental responsibilities; they merely add the demands of a job to those of wife and mother. As we recognize the hard work and dedication of these women, we also acknowledge the many special problems they confront in meeting their dual responsibilities. We have an obligation to reinforce and support them in their endeavors.

To give special recognition to working mothers for fulfilling their exceptional responsibilities in the home and in the world of commerce, the House of Repre-