

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be composed of 15 members, of whom—

(A) 3 shall be appointed by the President;

(B) 3 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(C) 3 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(D) 3 shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; and

(E) 3 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(2) PERSONS ELIGIBLE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The members of the Commission shall be individuals who have knowledge or expertise, whether by experience or training, in matters to be studied by the Commission. The members may be from the public or private sector, and may include Federal, State, local, or employees, members of academia, nonprofit organizations, or industry, or other interested individuals.

(B) DIVERSITY.—It is the intent of Congress that persons appointed to the Commission under paragraph (1) be persons who represent diverse economic, professional, and cultural backgrounds.

(3) CONSULTATION AND APPOINTMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, minority leader of the House of Representatives, majority leader of the Senate, and minority leader of the Senate shall consult among themselves before appointing the members of the Commission in order to achieve, to the maximum extent practicable, fair and equitable representation of various points of view with respect to the matters to be studied by the Commission.

(B) COMPLETION OF APPOINTMENTS; VACANCIES.—The President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, minority leader of the House of Representatives, majority leader of the Senate, and minority leader of the Senate shall conduct the consultation under subparagraph (3) and make their respective appointments not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(4) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall not affect the powers of the Commission and shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

(c) MEETINGS.—

(1) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which all members of the Commission have been appointed, the Commission shall hold its first meeting.

(2) SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.—After the initial meeting, the Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.

(d) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number of members may hold hearings.

(e) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The Commission shall select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among its members.

SEC. 4. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Not later than 1 year after the initial meeting of the Commission, the Commission, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior and other appropriate Federal, State, and local public and private entities, shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Interior a report that—

(1) identifies sites of historical significance to the women's movement; and

(2) recommends actions, under the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) and other law, to rehabilitate and preserve the sites and provide to the public interpretive and educational materials and activities at the sites.

SEC. 5. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and

places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Commission considers advisable to carry out its duties of this Act.

(b) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The Commission may secure directly from any Federal department or agency such information as the Commission considers necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. At the request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the head of such department or agency shall furnish such information to the Commission.

SEC. 6. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.

(a) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—A member of the Commission who is not otherwise an officer or employee of the Federal Government shall be compensated at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for a position at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel time) during which the member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the Commission. A member of the Commission who is otherwise an officer or employee of the United States shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for services as an officer or employee of the United States.

(b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of service for the Commission.

(c) STAFF.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chairperson of the Commission may, without regard to the civil service laws (including regulations), appoint and terminate an executive director and such other additional personnel as may be necessary to enable the Commission to perform its duties. The employment and termination of an executive director shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the Commission.

(2) COMPENSATION.—The executive director shall be compensated at a rate not to exceed the rate payable for a position at level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5, United States Code. The Chairperson may fix the compensation of other personnel without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating to classification of positions and General Schedule pay rates, except that the rate of pay for such personnel may not exceed the rate payable for a position at level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of that title.

(3) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any Federal Government employee, with the approval of the head of the appropriate Federal agency, may be detailed to the Commission without reimbursement, and the detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status, benefits, or privilege.

(d) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.—The Chairperson of the Commission may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for a position at level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of that title.

SEC. 7. FUNDING.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

(b) DONATIONS.—The Commission may accept donations from non-Federal sources to defray the costs of the operations of the Commission.

SEC. 8. TERMINATION.

The Commission shall terminate on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the Commission submits to the Secretary of the Interior the report under section 4(b).

SEC. 9. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.

Not later than 2 years and not later than 5 years after the date on which the Commission submits to the Secretary of the Interior the report under section 4, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to Congress a report describing the actions that have been taken to preserve the sites identified in the Commission report as being of historical significance.

GATEWAY VISITOR CENTER AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

The bill (S. 2309) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement for the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2309

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 "Gateway Visitor Center Authorization Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) in 1997, the National Park Service completed a general management plan for Independence National Historical Park that establishes goals and priorities for the future of the park;

(2) the plan calls for the revitalization of Independence Mall and recommends as a critical component of the revitalization the development of a new visitor center;

(3) such a visitor center would replace the existing park visitor center and serve as an orientation center for visitors to the park and to city and regional attractions;

(4) after completing of the general management plan, the National Park Service completed a design project and master plan for Independence Mall that includes the Gateway Visitor Center;

(5) plans for the Gateway Visitor Center call for the center to be developed and managed, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior, by a nonprofit organization that represents the various public and civic interests of the Philadelphia metropolitan area; and

(6) the Gateway Visitor Center Corporation, a nonprofit organization, has been established to raise funds for and cooperate in a program to design, develop, construct, and operate the proposed Gateway Visitor Center.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Gateway Visitor Center Corporation to construct and operate a regional visitor center on Independence Mall in cooperation with the Secretary.

SEC. 3. GATEWAY VISITOR CENTER.

The Act of June 28, 1948 (16 U.S.C. 407m et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 8. REGIONAL GATEWAY VISITOR CENTER.

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) CENTER.—The term 'Center' means the Gateway Visitor Center authorized by subsection (b).

"(2) CORPORATION.—The term 'Corporation' means Gateway Visitor Center Corporation, a nonprofit organization.

"(b) AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior may enter into an agreement under appropriate terms and conditions with the Corporation to facilitate the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center on Independence Mall.

"(c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—The agreement under subsection (b) shall—

"(1) authorize the Corporation—

"(A) to operate the Center in cooperation with the Secretary and provide at the Center information, interpretation, facilities, and services to visitors of Independence National Historical Park, its surrounding historic sites, the city of Philadelphia, and the region, in order to assist in the enjoyment of the historic, cultural, educational, and recreational resources of the Philadelphia metropolitan area; and

"(B) to engage in activities appropriate for operation of a regional visitor center, which may include selling food, charging fees, conducting events, and selling merchandise and tickets to visitors to the Center; and

"(2) authorize the Secretary to undertake at the Center activities relating to the management of Independence National Historical Park, including provision of appropriate visitor information and interpretive facilities and programs related to the park.

"(d) REVENUES.—Revenues from the operation of the Center's facilities and services shall be used to pay for expenses of operation.

"(e) PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION.—Nothing in this section authorizes the Secretary or the Corporation to take any action in derogation of the preservation and protection of the values and resources of Independence National Historical Park."

DANTE FASCELL BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTER DESIGNATION ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2468) to designate the Biscayne National Park visitor center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center at Biscayne National Park, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment, as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 2468

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 "Dante Fascell Biscayne National Park Visitor Center Designation Act".

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE DANTE FASCELL VISITOR CENTER AT BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Biscayne National Park visitor center, located on the shore of Biscayne Bay on Convoy Point, Florida, is designated as the "Dante Fascell Visitor Center at Biscayne National Park".] *Center.*"

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other document of the United States to the Biscayne National Park visitor center shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Dante Fascell Visitor Center at Biscayne National Park".] *Center.*"

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I am pleased today to support, along with my colleague, Senator MACK, legisla-

tion to honor former Congressman Dante Fascell by naming the Biscayne National Park Visitors Center after the ex-Congressman of Florida. I had the pleasure to begin my political career as an intern in Congressman Fascell's office and am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with one of Florida's greatest representatives.

Congressman Fascell's long history of public service began in the Florida House of Representatives after his service in World War II. He was elected to the Eighty-fourth Congress and spent the following thirty-six years in office. During this time Congressman Fascell was influential in both foreign and domestic policy.

While in Congress, Dante Fascell influenced U.S. foreign policy by co-authoring the War Powers act and chairing the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Arms Control, International Security and Science. In 1969, Congressman Fascell led House action to establish the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This legislation was the first step in efforts to develop economically healthy communities and affordable opportunities for numerous families throughout the nation. He was also a devout supporter of both law enforcement and education on narcotics abuse.

During his years in Congress, Dante Fascell was an outstanding environmental activist and improved the quality of Florida's natural habitats and wildlife. He battled to protect South Florida's national parks and led the successful effort to establish the national marine sanctuary in the Florida Keys during the 101st Congress.

The Biscayne National Park visitor center introduces local, national and international visitors to the resources of the Biscayne National Park at Convoy Point, Florida. Its museum features exhibits simulating the park's four main ecosystems: the mangrove forest, Biscayne Bay, the Florida Keys, and the coral reef. The naming of this visitor center will serve as a lasting tribute to Congressman Fascell's persistent efforts to protect the environment for future generations.

I ask for your support today for our bill which will pay tribute to the service of the former Florida Congressman, Dante Fascell.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2468), as amended, was considered read the third time and passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to designate the Biscayne National Park Visitor Center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center."

CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The bill (H.R. 2411) to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, was

considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

FOLSOM DAM, CALIFORNIA

The bill (H.R. 4079) to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

IDAHO ADMISSION ACT AMENDMENTS

The bill (H.R. 4166) to amend the Idaho Admission Act regarding the sale or lease of school land, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 744 AND S. 2117

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration en bloc of the following bills: Calendar No. 613, S. 744 and Calendar No. 621, S. 2117.

I further ask unanimous consent that amendment No. 3786 to S. 744 and amendment No. 3787 to S. 2117 be agreed to, en bloc.

I finally ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments be agreed to; that the bills then be read a third time and passed, as amended; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to these measures appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

FALL RIVER WATER USERS DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM ACT OF 1998

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 744) to authorize the construction of the Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Fall River Water Users District, a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments, as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 744

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 "Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System Act of 1997".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) there are insufficient water supplies of reasonable quality available to the members of the Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System located in Fall River County, South Dakota, and the water supplies that