

necessary to obtain the termination of obligations specified in the memorandum of water service agreement and the water service agreement between the Cabeza de Vaca Land and Cattle Company, LLC and the Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District, dated August 28, 1997. Prior to the sale, the Secretary shall determine that the sale is not detrimental to the protection of the resources of Great Sand Dunes National Monument, Great Sand Dunes National Park, and Great Sand Dunes National Preserve, and the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, and that appropriate measures to provide for such protection are included in the sale.

**SEC. 10. ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary shall establish an advisory council to be known as the "Great Sand Dunes National Park Advisory Council".

(b) **DUTIES.**—The Advisory Council shall advise the Secretary with respect to the preparation and implementation of a management plan for the national park and the preserve.

(c) **MEMBERS.**—The Advisory Council shall consist of 10 members to be appointed by the Secretary, as follows:

(1) one member of, or nominated by, the Alamosa County Commission.

(2) one member of, or nominated by, the Saguache County Commission.

(3) one member of, or nominated by, the Friends of the Dunes Organization.

(4) 4 members residing in, or within reasonable proximity to, the San Luis Valley and 3 of the general public, all of who have recognized backgrounds reflecting—

(A) the purposes for which the national park and the preserve are established; and

(B) the interests of persons that will be affected by the planning and management of the national park and the preserve.

(d) **APPLICABLE LAW.**—The Advisory Council shall function in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) and other applicable laws.

(e) **VACANCY.**—A vacancy on the Advisory Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(f) **CHAIRPERSON.**—The Advisory Council shall elect a chairperson and shall establish such rules and procedures as it deems necessary or desirable.

(g) **NO COMPENSATION.**—Members of the Advisory Council shall serve without compensation.

(h) **TERMINATION.**—The Advisory Council shall terminate upon the completion of the management plan for the national park and preserve.

**SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2547), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to provide for the establishment of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve and the Baca National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes."

**HERMANN MONUMENT AND HERMANN HEIGHTS PARK IN NEW ULM, MINNESOTA**

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution (H. Con. Res. 89) recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage.

The resolution (H. Con. Res. 89) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

H. CON. RES. 89

Whereas there are currently more than 57,900,000 individuals of German heritage residing in the United States, who comprise nearly 25 percent of the population of the United States and are therefore the largest ethnic group in the United States;

Whereas those of German heritage are not merely descendants of one political entity, but of all German speaking areas;

Whereas numerous Americans of German heritage have made countless contributions to American culture, arts, and industry, the American military, and American government;

Whereas there is no recognized tangible, national symbol dedicated to German Americans and their positive contributions to the United States;

Whereas the story of Hermann the Cheruscan parallels that of the American Founding Fathers, because he was a freedom fighter who united ancient German tribes in order to shed the yoke of Roman tyranny and preserve freedom for the territory of present-day Germany;

Whereas the Hermann Monument located in Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, was dedicated in 1897 in honor of the spirit of freedom and later dedicated to all German immigrants who settled in New Ulm and elsewhere in the United States; and

Whereas the Hermann Monument has been recognized as a site of special historical significance by the United States Government, by placement on the National Register of Historic Places: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, are recognized by the Congress to be a national symbol for the contributions of Americans of German heritage.*

**NATIONAL LABORATORIES PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999**

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1756) to enhance the ability of the National Laboratories to meet Department of Energy missions, and for other purposes, which had been reported by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic.

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

*This Act may be cited as the "National Laboratories Partnership Improvement Act of 2000".*

**SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

*For purposes of this Act—*

(1) the term "Department" means the Department of Energy;

(2) the term "departmental mission" means any of the functions vested in the Secretary of Energy by the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) or other law;

(3) the term "institution of higher education" has the meaning given such term in section 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a));

(4) the term "National Laboratory" means any of the following institutions owned by the Department of Energy—

- (A) Argonne National Laboratory;
- (B) Brookhaven National Laboratory;
- (C) Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory;
- (D) Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory;

- (E) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory;
  - (F) Los Alamos National Laboratory;
  - (G) National Renewable Energy Laboratory;
  - (H) Oak Ridge National Laboratory;
  - (I) Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; or
  - (J) Sandia National Laboratory;
- (5) the term "facility" means any of the following institutions owned by the Department of Energy—

- (A) Ames Laboratory;
- (B) East Tennessee Technology Park;
- (C) Environmental Measurement Laboratory;
- (D) Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory;
- (E) Kansas City Plant;
- (F) National Energy Technology Laboratory;
- (G) Nevada Test Site;
- (H) Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory;
- (I) Savannah River Technology Center;
- (J) Stanford Linear Accelerator Center;
- (K) Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility;

(L) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant;

(M) Y-12 facility at Oak Ridge National Laboratory; or

(N) other similar organization of the Department designated by the Secretary that engages in technology transfer, partnering, or licensing activities;

(6) the term "nonprofit institution" has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3703(5));

(7) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Energy;

(8) the term "small business concern" has the meaning given such term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632);

(9) the term "technology-related business concern" means a for-profit corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, or small business concern that—

- (A) conducts scientific or engineering research,
  - (B) develops new technologies,
  - (C) manufactures products based on new technologies, or
  - (D) performs technological services;
- (10) the term "technology cluster" means a concentration of—

- (A) technology-related business concerns;
  - (B) institution of higher education; or
  - (C) other nonprofit institutions,
- that reinforce each other's performance through formal or informal relationships;

(11) the term "socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns" has the meaning given such term in section 8(a)(4) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(4)); and

(12) the term "NNSA" means the National Nuclear Security Administration established by Title XXXII of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65).

**SEC. 3. TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE PILOT PROGRAM.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary, through the appropriate officials of the Department, shall establish a Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program in accordance with this section.

(b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the program shall be to improve the ability of National Laboratories or facilities to support departmental missions by—

- (1) stimulating the development of technology clusters that can support the missions of the National Laboratories or facilities;
- (2) improving the ability of National Laboratories or facilities to leverage and benefit from commercial research, technology, products, processes, and services; and
- (3) encouraging the exchange of scientific and technological expertise between National Laboratories or facilities and—

- (A) institutions of higher education,
  - (B) technology-related business concerns,
  - (C) nonprofit institutions, and
  - (D) agencies of State, tribal, or local governments,
- that can support the missions of the National Laboratories and facilities.