

mandates on State, local, and tribal governments without adequate funding, in a manner that may displace other essential governmental priorities; and to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations; and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 170. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a comprehensive program for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. SIMON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 171. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of alcoholism and drug dependency residential treatment services for pregnant women and certain family members under the medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEFLIN:

S.J. Res. 13. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COCHRAN (for Mr. DOLE):

S. Res. 26. A resolution making majority party appointments to the Governmental Affairs Committee for the 104th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DOLE:

S. Res. 27. A resolution amending Rule XXV; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. FORD)):

S. Res. 28. A resolution to increase the portion of funds available to the Committee on Rules and Administration for hiring consultants; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for Mr. DOLE):

S. Res. 29. A resolution amending Rule XXV; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 30. A resolution making majority party appointments to certain Standing Committees for the 104th Congress; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 150. A bill to authorize an entrance fee surcharge at the Grand Canyon National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE GRAND CANYON PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP ACT

• Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today I'm introducing legislation to help finance desperately needed improvements at our Nation's premier national park—our great pride and joy—the Grand Canyon.

The measure would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a special public-private partnership account, under which entrance fee revenues would be matched with private

donations to help fund vital projects called for in the park's general management plan.

This legislation will provide additional resources for the Grand Canyon at a time when park needs far outstrip the ability of the Treasury to fund them. The measure enjoys the support of two important organizations dedicated to protecting the interests of the Grand Canyon: The Grand Canyon Trust; and, the Grand Canyon Natural History Association.

We in Arizona are proud to be home to the crown jewel of our National Park System. We take immense pride in the park and appreciate the awesome responsibility with which our country has been vested as stewards of this world class resource. We also understand that we have much work to do in order to meet those responsibilities.

Resources are desperately needed to repair the park's aging infrastructure. Compare that need to the canyon's park budget this year which is only \$13 million—a gap as wide and formidable as the Grand Canyon itself.

The need is enormous and it is growing. Last year, 5 million people visited the Grand Canyon—a number that will continue to grow at a rapid pace. The ever increasing demand will place even more stress on the park's aging and needy infrastructure.

To address future needs, the National Park Service has been working diligently on the park's general management plan. The plan will guide management prerogatives into the next century. The draft plan which was released last year, identifies projects and programs which will help us to cope with the increased visitation, enhance visitor experience and protect the canyon's valuable resources for this and future generations.

While the plan has not been completed, preliminary reports estimate that it will cost nearly a quarter of a billion dollars to fully fund. Providing the necessary resources is a staggering challenge. The proposal I am presenting here today is one way to help us meet this enormous need.

As I said, the bill would authorize the Secretary to use fee revenues to leverage private contributions to help finance park projects.

In order to fund the Federal share of such partnerships, the Secretary would be authorized to add a surcharge of up to \$2 on the current \$10 per vehicle park entrance fee.

Mr. President, no one, least of all this Senator, likes the idea of higher park entrance fees. But, visitors understand that park services and infrastructure cost money and they are willing to support the park with their fees as long as they know the revenue will be used for that purpose.

Under current procedures, entrance fees are collected at the park, returned to the General Treasury and appropriated by Congress in many instances for purposes other than the needs at the Grand Canyon.

The revenues raised under the measure I'm proposing would remain in a special account at the park to be used only in concert with private donations for vital park needs. Such public-private partnerships have ample and successful precedent in other areas of public administration, and are an excellent means of stretching our resources. I believe they could be a useful tool at the Grand Canyon and perhaps other national parks as well.

Again, no one likes the idea of any increase in park fees. But, ironically, we need only to look to Disney Land for a reality check. Today, visitors to Disney Land pay \$35 a piece to see Mickey Mouse. By comparison, Grand Canyon visitors pay a relatively modest \$10 per carload to view what John Wesley Powell aptly described as the most sublime spectacle on Earth. We all understand and accept the fact that keeping that spectacle sublime and providing for its enjoyment by the millions who visit costs money. An added surcharge to leverage private dollars would seem to be a justified and efficient means of making ends meet, and it deserves our thoughtful consideration.

We estimate that the surcharge would generate an additional \$2 million a year. Once leveraged with money from the private sector the fund would make a significant contribution to park improvements and maintenance of infrastructure such as upgrading the park's transportation system to relieve overcrowding; maintaining trails; and improving the water system and housing, just to name a very few.

Mr. President, the creation of a special partnership account raises many questions. I, like others, want to make absolutely certain that private contributions to the park are not used in any way that would compromise park interests or values. This measure seeks to address that issue because management of the fund must be dictated solely by the needs of the park and the ethic of stewardship.

The measure calls on the Secretary of the Interior to establish regulations, with full public comment and participation, to guide how the fund will be managed, how private donations will be solicited, for what purposes they will be used and how the partnerships will be structured and managed.

In addition, the bill specifically requires that any project funded under the partnership must be consistent with the statutes, regulations, and rules governing the park, and that it is specifically approved and prioritized within the general management plan. These plans are developed with public participation and are subject to all the applicable environmental laws. Ensuring that partnership funds are used only for purposes authorized by the relevant management plan will ensure that only necessary and appropriate projects are undertaken.