

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 389. A bill for the relief of Nguyen Quy An and his daughter, Nguyen Ngoc Kim Quy.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Alan H. Flanigan, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. KEMPTHORNE):

S. 2092. A bill to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Idaho without full public participation and an express Act of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 2093. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to rescind approval of the District of Columbia's welfare reform waiver; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2094. A bill to inform and empower consumers in the United States through a voluntary labeling system for wearing apparel and sporting goods made without abusive and exploitative child labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SIMON (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2095. A bill to promote the capacity and accountability of Government corporations and Government sponsored enterprises; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2096. A bill entitled the "Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1996"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. KEMPTHORNE):

S. 2092. A bill to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Idaho without full public participation and an express Act of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

IDAHO NATIONAL MONUMENT LEGISLATION

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, yesterday afternoon President Clinton stood on

the edge of the Grand Canyon and proclaimed, by Executive order, through the National Antiquities Act, the designation of a national monument in southern Utah of 1.7 million acres.

Was his action illegal? No. It certainly was not, or it does not appear to be at this moment. What is frustrating to those of us in the West who have large expanses of public land is that the President sought no counsel, did not even consult with the Senators from Utah until the very last minute, did not talk to the Governor, to the State legislators or to the county commissioners in whose counties this large expanse of 1.7 million acres was involved. He simply stood on the banks or the edge of the Grand Canyon and proclaimed—yes, this is a device that was used by President Roosevelt who set aside the Grand Canyon years ago; it was a device that was oftentimes used prior to the enactment of the National Environmental Policy Act or the Federal Land Use Management Act, NEPA and FLMPA, because there was no certain public process to ensure the protection of valuable lands or, more importantly, to involve the public in them. The Congress simply had not moved in that direction at that time when the National Antiquities Act came about.

That is not the case today. In my opinion, the President yesterday standing on the edge of the Grand Canyon violated his public trust in failing to openly and publicly involve all of the necessary people in making this decision and making sure that private rights, property rights, water rights, grazing rights, mining rights, all of those kinds of things, were taken into consideration.

In fact, I stood at a press conference yesterday afternoon in which the Democrat Congressman from whose district this large expanse of land was proclaimed by the President yesterday, and he said that at 11 o'clock the night before he was on the phone with the President saying, "But, Mr. President," and the President was saying, "Oh, don't worry. We will take care of you here and we will take care of you there. We will protect hunting rights."

Well, Mr. President, those kind of things do not exist in a national monument. You do not allow hunting. You do not allow grazing. You do not allow mining. Yet, this President, in the dark of night, in the wee hours before he was planning this great publicity event for his reelection, was telling the Democrat Congressman, "I will take care of you," after the fact.

Now, the reason that was happening is because this President sought no public process. As certainly the Presiding Officer knows, over the last good number of years we have looked at a lot of public properties. We spent 10 years designating over 5 million acres of land in southern California as wilderness. I went to California three times in public hearings. It was thoroughly debated on the floor. All of the rights were taken care of.

Finally, this Congress acted and designated as wilderness a large chunk of the southern California desert. However, every issue was taken into consideration prior to that happening. That simply did not happen yesterday with this President. He was interested in the sound bite and the evening news and his politics and the campaign. He trampled all over the rights of citizens and all over the public process. I am saddened by that.

It is for that reason today I am introducing legislation that would deny him that right in the State of Idaho. I hope other Senators would join with me who have large expanses of public land that now might be at risk, because this President, for his environmental political gains, would select another piece of property. All I am saying is that the National Antiquities Act does not apply in Idaho unless there is a public process and unless the Congress agrees or consents or authorizes.

What is important here is that I am not denying what the President did. What I am denying is his right to do it in the back rooms in the dark of night, even with his own Secretary of Interior last Friday and through the weekend not being able to say that this, in fact, was going to happen.

It was the chief of staff of the White House, Leon Panetta, who finally called the Senators from Utah just before it happened and announced that it was going to happen. That should not happen. We want public process. This President has pounded us on public process. We will have public process in Idaho. I am not denying that some lands in Idaho might one day be selected as a national monument. But what I am saying is that the citizens of the State of Idaho, the Governor of the State of Idaho, the county commissioners, the congressional delegation, and this Congress, because it's public land, will participate in the process of making those decisions. We don't want this President, or any President, running roughshod over the State of Idaho, or any other State for that matter.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 2093. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to rescind approval of the District of Columbia's welfare reform waiver; to the Committee on Finance.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WELFARE LEGISLATION

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Madam President, I rise today to introduce legislation that would rescind the approval granted in August to the District of Columbia's welfare waiver.

I would first like to acknowledge and I want to recognize the leadership of my colleague from Oklahoma, Senator NICKLES, who recently introduced similar legislation which would require the enforcement of a 5-year time limit on welfare benefits in the district.

Senator NICKLES' approach requires that the District live by the 5-year requirement. My legislation simply repeals the entire waiver.