

Mr. CHAFEE. That is correct. With respect to long-term secondary uses, the amendment has met with the approval of the Department of the Interior, as stated by Secretary Babbitt at a hearing on S. 1059 before the Environment and Public Works Committee on July 30. With respect to short-term uses, the Service has also agreed with my understanding.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for 3 long years, the House Resources Committee has worked with the Department of the Interior to craft a statute that redefines and redirects the mission of the wildlife refuge program. After holding a total of eight hearings and countless legislative meetings with the administration, the House Resources Committee introduced and reported H.R. 1420. Thanks to the dedicated support of Chairman YOUNG and Secretary Babbitt, this bill overwhelmingly passed the House by a vote of 407 to 1 on June 3, 1997.

Mr. President, I am proud of the Senate's unanimous approval of this historic legislation. It proves that successful environmental policy can be crafted in a bipartisan manner.

This legislation was endorsed by a coalition of diverse interests. It is rare to find an issue that captures the attention and collective effort of industry, sportsmen, and conservationists. These groups, ranging from the Wildlife Legislative Fund of America and the National Rifle Association to the Safari Club and the Audubon Society, have shown good faith in their efforts. I appreciate their perseverance and cooperation in finding a consensus for the public policy governing America's refuge system.

In order to ensure that the bill would be considered and passed with as few changes as possible, it was held at the desk for consideration. Some may claim that this was an unusual parliamentary procedure, but I contend that this is an unusual bill. I was protecting the balance reached within the House-passed legislation in order to ensure a swift resolution of the legislative process. Senators' concerns and the jurisdictions of the committee process were respected and preserved.

Mr. President, the result of these unusual proceedings is an outstanding product. Americans for generations to come will appreciate the wisdom and

equity of this clear multiuse mission for our refuge system.

As Mississippians go to the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge, some will be there to hunt, some to enjoy the tremendous beauty of their surroundings, and others to appreciate the effort to preserve our natural heritage. All is possible because of H.R. 1420. Mississippians—and their many diverse interests—will be given the right to coexist within the refuge.

H.R. 1420 will refocus the mission of the refuge system. It recognizes that hunting and fishing are important and legitimate activities on these public lands. Common ground was found—and it is high ground indeed.

Again, I want to personally applaud Chairman YOUNG and Representatives DINGELL and MILLER for their dedication to this legislative initiative. With the assistance of Secretary Babbitt, they have forged a new path for a refuge system with a clear multiuse mission. I thank my Senate colleagues for their participation and endorsement of this legislative proposal.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the bill read the third time, and passed, as amended, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 1129) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 1420), as amended, was read the third time, and passed.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1160

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, on behalf of the Democratic leader, I understand that there is a bill at the desk introduced by Senator DASCHLE, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1160) to provide for educational facilities improvement.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading of the bill and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1997

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 11. I further ask that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate immediately resume consideration of S. 1061, the Labor-HHS appropriations bill, as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, in accordance with the consent agreement, tomorrow morning there will be 30 minutes of debate remaining on the Teamsters amendment, to be followed by 30 minutes of debate on the testing issue. Following that debate time, at approximately 10 a.m., there will be a series of four stacked rollcall votes, including final passage of the Labor-HHS appropriations bill. Following those votes, the Senate will begin debate on the FDA reform bill. In addition, additional votes are expected during Thursday's session following the ordered votes which begin at approximately 10 a.m. I thank my colleagues for their attention.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. GORTON. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:31 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 11, 1997, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 10, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ROBERT M. WALKER, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE JOE ROBERT REEDER.