

Federal funding for projects must also be matched with at least 30 percent by non-Federal dollars. This matching requirement is extremely important in that it provides leverage for Federal dollars, and that it encourages states to use the money wisely.

There are special provisions for states that have historically borne the activities in the OCS. Specifically, \$300 million over five years, and \$10 million annually thereafter, is provided for these states in addition to the amounts they receive under the formula. The funds may be used for OCS mitigation activities, as well as the activities enumerated above.

The NRRA establishes a separate title for the conservation of fish and wildlife, to receive \$250 million in OCS revenues, of which \$75 million is to be spent on conservation of endangered or threatened species.

Although the States are the principle stewards of our nation's fish and wildlife, their efforts to perform this role are chronically under-funded. It is high time that the Federal government assist them. And it is high time that we protect our nation's fish and wildlife before they become threatened or endangered, rather than wait until the costs and controversies are so great. At the same time, we must get a steady flow of funds for endangered and threatened species to help their recovery.

The key to species conservation is, of course, protection of the habitat. Habitat protection, in turn, requires comprehensive planning and collaboration to determine which habitat is important. Many State fish and wildlife agencies already engage in comprehensive planning, and work closely with neighboring States and the Federal government. The tremendous work conducted in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley through the Partners in Flight program exemplifies what States can do when they have adequate funding. Indeed, the States have recently completed comprehensive plans for all migratory birds, and plans are underway for amphibians and reptiles.

The NRRA amends the 1980 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act to encourage implementation and coordination of comprehensive fish and wildlife conservation programs. The bill also places an emphasis on species that are not hunted, fished or trapped. This emphasis seeks to rectify the current imbalance in which non-game programs among all 50 states receive less than \$100 million annually, while game-focused programs receive more than \$1 billion annually. Less than 10 percent of state fish and wildlife funding is targeted at the conservation of 86 percent of fish and wildlife species.

Three new programs are created in the bill. To promote watershed protection, the NRRA amends Title III of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to allow up to 10 percent of the State Revolving Loan Fund to be spent as 50 percent matching grants for open space

acquisition to protect watersheds and water quality. To address transportation-related development, the NRRA amends current law to allow surface transportation and highway funding to be used for the purchase of open space and green corridors that mitigate transportation-related growth and development. Lastly, to promote the protection of farmland, the NRRA amends the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to allow State and local conservation organizations to participate in the purchase of conservation easements for farmland protection.

Almost 90 years ago, Teddy Roosevelt said that "of all the questions which can come before this nation, short of actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in importance with the central task of leaving this land a better land for our descendants than it is for us." When a rugged coastline is marred by condos, or farmland is replaced by a strip mall, or a breathtaking vista is pocked with smokestacks, we lose something very valuable, most likely for good. Our bill ensures that the tools are available to leave this land in better condition for our descendants, and remains true to the vision of Teddy Roosevelt.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this worthwhile legislation.●

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today as an original cosponsor of the Natural Resources Reinvestment Act of 1999 (NRRA) and thank Senator LIEBERMAN for his leadership on this issue. The purpose of this bill is to reinvest revenues from oil and gas production on outer continental shelf lands to establish a reliable source of funding for State, local and Federal efforts to conserve land and water, provide recreational opportunities, preserve historic resources, protect fish and wildlife, and preserve open and green spaces.

This Congress, the subject of permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has received significant attention. The Land and Water Conservation Fund, a special account created in 1964, is the primary vehicle for funding land conservation efforts in the United States and is used for acquisitions and maintenance for our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. Four federal agencies—the Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Forest Service—receive these funds. In addition, the Park Service has administered a matching grants program to assist states (and localities) in acquiring and developing recreation sites and facilities. The fund accumulates money from diverted revenues from off-shore oil leases.

Unfortunately, the main fund has not recently been fully funded and the state grant program has not received any funding since 1995. The promise of this worthy program has never been fully realized and many opportunities

to conserve precious lands and to work with our state and local partners have been lost. People across the country are realizing that they cannot afford to lose more opportunities to protect the lands they consider important to their quality of life.

Many of us think of large tracks of land, like the Green Mountain National Forest in my home state of Vermont, when we think about federal conservation programs. When we think about the Land and Water Conservation Fund, however, we should also envision soccer fields, swing-sets, picnic areas, town beaches and wildlife preserves across the country. The LWCF has made it possible to protect some of the most valuable wildlife habitat in the United States, and also for small communities to afford public recreation facilities that would otherwise not be possible, bringing the benefits of outdoor recreation close to where we live and work.

In addition to the LWCF, the NRRA establishes permanent funding for Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery, the Historic Preservation Fund, and creates several new open space initiatives. The bill also establishes an Environmental Stewardship Fund for states to conserve, protect, and restore their natural resources beyond what is required by current law. The Fund is designed so that states have the flexibility to create their own plans that address their particular needs, while including citizens through a comment process.

The Natural Resources Reinvestment Act demonstrates a commitment to conserving and protecting our national natural and historical resources. I urge my colleagues to support this bill that would secure the funding of our conservation and open space programs for the future.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the restriction on payment for certain hospital discharges to post-acute care imposed by section 4407 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

S. 59

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to provide Government-wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 118

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors

of S. 118, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide, with respect to research on breast cancer, for the increased involvement of advocates in decisionmaking at the National Cancer Institute.

S. 121

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 121, a bill to amend certain Federal civil rights statutes to prevent the involuntary application of arbitration to claims that arise from unlawful employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, or disability, and for other purposes.

S. 146

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to penalties for crimes involving cocaine, and for other purposes.

S. 171

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 171, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to limit the concentration of sulfur in gasoline used in motor vehicles.

S. 172

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 172, a bill to reduce acid deposition under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. KERREY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to provide for payments to children's hospitals that operate graduate medical education programs.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to encourage the timely development of a more cost effective United States commercial space transportation industry, and for other purposes.

S. 472

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 472, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide certain Medicare beneficiaries with an exemption to the financial limitations imposed on physical, speech-language pathology, and occupational therapy services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 514

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to improve the National Writing Project.

S. 661

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 717

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 717, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation.

S. 763

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 763, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, and for other purposes.

S. 778

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 778, a bill for the relief of Blanca Echeverri.

S. 792

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 792, a bill to amend title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide States with the option to allow legal immigrant pregnant women, children, and blind or disabled medically needy individuals to be eligible for medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to provide for the establishment and operation of asthma treatment services for children, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 894, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees and annuitants, and for other purposes.

S. 922

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 922, a bill to prohibit the use of the "Made in the USA" label on products of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and to deny such products duty-free and quota-free treatment.

S. 926

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 926, a bill to provide the people of Cuba with access to food and medicines from the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1131

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1131, a bill to promote research into, and the development of an ultimate cure for, the disease known as Fragile X.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to provide grants and contracts to local educational agencies to initiate, expand, and improve physical education programs for all kindergarten through 12th grade students.

S. 1310

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the interim payment system for home health services, and for other purposes.

S. 1327

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1327, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make grants to carry out certain activities toward promoting adoption counseling, and for other purposes.

S. 1446

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1446, a bill to amend the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an additional advance refunding of bonds originally issued to finance governmental facilities used for essential governmental functions.

S. 1448

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1448, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize the annual enrollment of land in the wetlands reserve program, to extend the program through 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 1449

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1449, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the payment amount for renal dialysis services furnished under the medicare program.

S. 1464

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), and the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1464, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish certain requirements regarding the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 1473

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1473, a bill to amend section 2007 of the Social Security Act to provide grant funding for additional Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Strategic Planning Communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1485

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1485, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer United States citizenship automatically and retroactively on certain foreign-born children adopted by citizens of the United States.

S. 1528

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1528, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to clarify liability under that act for certain recycling transactions.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1568, a bill imposing an immediate suspension of assistance to the Government of Indonesia until the results of the August 30, 1999, vote in East Timor have implemented, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 33

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, his name was added as a cosponsor of Sen-

ate Joint Resolution 33, a joint resolution deploring the actions of President Clinton regarding granting clemency to FALN terrorists.

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 33, supra.

SENATE RESOLUTION 163

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 163, a resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to study the causes of firearms violence in America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 179

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MACK) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 179, a resolution designating October 15, 1999, as "National Mammography Day."

AMENDMENT NO. 1603

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBAC) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1603 proposed to H.R. 2466, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 180—REAUTHORIZING THE JOHN HEINZ SENATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 180

Resolved,

SECTION 1. JOHN HEINZ SENATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

Senate Resolution 356, 102d Congress, agreed to October 7, 1992, is amended by striking sections 2 through 6 and inserting the following:

"SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

"The Senate makes the following findings:

"(1) Senator John Heinz believed that Congress has a special responsibility to serve as a guardian for those persons who cannot protect themselves.

"(2) Senator Heinz dedicated much of his career in Congress to improving the lives of senior citizens.

"(3) It is especially appropriate to honor the memory of Senator Heinz through the creation of a Senate fellowship program to encourage the identification and training of new leadership in aging policy and to bring experts with firsthand experience of aging issues to the assistance of Congress in order to advance the development of public policy in issues that affect senior citizens.

"SEC. 3. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to encourage the identification and training of new leadership in issues affecting senior citizens and to advance the development of public policy with respect to such issues, there is established a John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program.

"(b) SENATE FELLOWSHIPS.—The Heinz Family Foundation, in consultation with the

Secretary of the Senate, is authorized to select Senate fellowship participants.

"(c) SELECTION PROCESS.—The Heinz Family Foundation shall—

"(1) publicize the availability of the fellowship program;

"(2) develop and administer an application process for Senate fellowships;

"(3) conduct a screening of applicants for the fellowship program; and

"(4) select participants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

"SEC. 4. COMPENSATION; NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS; PLACEMENT.

"(a) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary of the Senate is authorized, from funds made available under section 5, to appoint and fix the compensation of each eligible participant selected under this resolution for a period determined by the Secretary.

"(b) NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS.—No more than 2 fellowship participants shall be so employed. Any individual appointed pursuant to this resolution shall be subject to all laws, regulations, and rules in the same manner and to the same extent as any other employee of the Senate.

"(c) PLACEMENT.—The Secretary of the Senate, after consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, shall place eligible participants in positions in the Senate that are, within practical considerations, supportive of the fellowship participants' areas of expertise.

"SEC. 5. FUNDS.

"The funds necessary to compensate eligible participants under this resolution for fiscal year 1999 shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate. Such funds shall not exceed, for fiscal year 1999, \$71,000. There are authorized to be appropriated \$71,000 for each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2004 to carry out the provisions of this resolution."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 9, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in open session, to consider the nomination of General Henry H. Shelton, USA for reappointment to the grade of General and for reappointment as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 9, 1999, at 2:15 p.m. on two committee nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on 9, September, 1999 at 2 p.m. to hold a joint subcommittee hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary requests