

### MAKING CHANGES TO SENATE COMMITTEES

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 215, submitted earlier by Senator LOTT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative assistant read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 215) making changes to Senate committees for the 106th Congress.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 215) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 215

*Resolved*, That the following change shall be effective on those Senate committees listed below for the 106th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Chairman.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

### DUGGER MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS ACT OF 1999

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1843, introduced earlier today by Senator SESSIONS.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1843) to designate certain Federal land in the Talladega National Forest, Alabama, as the "Dugger Mountain Wilderness."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statement relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1843) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1843

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Dugger Mountain Wilderness Act of 1999".

#### SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS, ALABAMA.

(a) DESIGNATION.—There is designated as wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain Federal land in the Talladega National Forest, Alabama, comprising approximately 9,200 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Proposed Dugger Mountain Wilderness", dated July 2, 1999, to be known as the "Dugger Mountain Wilderness".

(b) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall submit to Congress a map and description of the boundaries of the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.

(2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The map and description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in the map and description.

(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map and description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of—

- (A) the Chief of the Forest Service; and
- (B) the Supervisor of National Forest System land located in the State of Alabama.

(c) MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, land designated as wilderness by this Act shall be managed by the Secretary in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE EXCEPTION.—With respect to the Dugger Mountain Wilderness, any reference in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) to the effective date of that Act shall be considered to be a reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) TREATMENT OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN FIRE TOWER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Forest Service shall disassemble and remove from the Dugger Mountain Wilderness the Dugger Mountain fire tower (including any supporting structures).

(2) EQUIPMENT.—The Forest Service may use ground-based mechanical and motorized equipment to carry out paragraph (1).

(3) FIRE TOWER ROAD.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The road to the fire tower shall be open to motorized vehicles during the period required to carry out paragraph (1) only for the purpose of removing the tower (including any supporting structures).

(B) PERMANENT CLOSURE.—After the period referred to in subparagraph (A), the road to the fire tower shall be permanently closed to motorized use.

(4) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Forest Service shall carry out paragraph (1) in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

#### CHILD SUPPORT MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS OF 1999

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1844 introduced earlier today by Senators ROTH, MOYNIHAN, and others.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1844) to amend Part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for an alternative penalty procedure with respect

to compliance with requirements for a State disbursement unit.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Child Support Miscellaneous Amendments of 1999. This legislation is co-sponsored by Senators MOYNIHAN, VOINOVICH, FEINSTEIN, ROBERTS, BOXER, ENZI, THOMAS, GRAMM, and KERREY.

This bill would provide a more appropriate penalty for States that have not met the deadline for establishing a State Disbursement Unit (SDU). The 1996 welfare reform law (P. L. 104-193) made a number of important changes to the nation's child support system, including a requirement that States establish and operate a State Disbursement Unit (SDU) to receive child support payments and distribute the money in accord with State child support distribution rules. In general, States had until October 1st of this year to establish an SDU.

States that have not met this deadline will lose all Federal funds for the administration of their child support enforcement programs, and also may be in jeopardy of losing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds.

Although most States have met the deadline, for various reasons about seven States may not. This bill provides that States may apply for an alternative smaller, graduated penalty, as described in the "Description of the Child Support Miscellaneous Amendments of 1999."

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a description of the bill be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

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

(See Exhibit 1.)

Mr. ROTH. Moreover, this legislation provides that any penalty will be waived if a State establishes an SDU within six months of the original deadline, that is, by April 1, 2000. If a State misses the April 1st date but establishes an SDU within a year of the deadline, that is, by September 30, 2000, the penalty shall be limited to one percent of child support funds for the fiscal year.

Mr. President, in my view this alternative penalty system is more suitable for technology-related program requirements, where States may be moving towards compliance but need additional time. Indeed, the proposed legislation follows similar changes made last year in providing an alternative penalty for States that did not meet the deadline for establishing an automated statewide data system for child support. In this regard, the proposed legislation would provide for a single penalty for a State that does not meet either the automated data system or SDU requirements.

The Congressional Budget Office has found this legislation has no cost.

I urge the support of all Senators.