

Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and
Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3062. A bill to modify the date on which the Mayor of the District of Columbia submits a performance accountability plan to Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2000

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to improve upon the District of Columbia's process for measuring and reporting on its performance. This legislation derives directly from a letter sent to me by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, in which he requested that Congress consider making minor changes to the District's reporting requirements so that the city can take one step closer to establishing a system of performance budgeting, in which the city's budget can be linked directly to the performance goals set by the city's agencies. I am pleased that Senator DURBIN joins me as an original cosponsor of this bill.

Similar to the intent of Congress in passing the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, which re-engineered the management practices at federal agencies, the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995 (DCFRMA) mandates that the District begin submitting performance accountability plans to Congress preceding each fiscal year. These plans are to establish objective, measurable performance goals for all agencies and departments within the government of the District of Columbia. The legislation also requires the District to submit to Congress a performance accountability report, following each fiscal year, that evaluates the city's ability to meet the performance goals it laid out in the performance accountability plan for that fiscal year.

For the past three fiscal years since the DCFRMA legislation took effect, the performance plans and reports have provided the District with a valuable tool to establish a system of accountability in its operations. The Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia, which I chair, has held two oversight hearings on the District's progress in improving performance, and we are scheduled to hold another hearing in the coming weeks to evaluate the District's progress in accomplishing the goals it set out in its FY2000 performance accountability plan.

Although the performance accountability plan legislation has provided the District with an effective framework for establishing a system of performance budgeting, our bill proposes

minor changes to the law to improve the utility and relevance of this strategic planning exercise. First, current law provides that the performance accountability plan is due no later than March 1st preceding each fiscal year. However, in order to tie together the city's budget with the performance goals for each year, the Mayor requested that we consider harmonizing the submission deadline for the performance plan with the city's budget to Congress. In order to align the submission requirements, this legislation we are introducing today would change the submission deadline for the performance accountability plan from its current March 1st deadline, to a deadline that is concurrent with the submission of the District of Columbia budget to Congress. By making this change, we hope to align the budget and the performance measures more closely, and help guide the city toward a system of performance budgeting.

The second change made by this legislation is to streamline the performance goal requirements that were initially established in the DCFRMA. The current law mandates that, for every goal, the District must establish both an acceptable level of performance and a superior level of performance. Our bill proposes that the multiple levels of performance goals be replaced by one set of ambitious performance targets. This would clarify the goals District managers are expected to meet and align congressional mandates on the District with what is required of federal agencies.

Senator DURBIN and I hope these technical amendments to the performance plan requirements will allow the District to reform its management system more efficiently, and the subcommittee intends to actively monitor the city's progress in this regard.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3062

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

SECTION 1. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN.

Section 456 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (section 47-231 et seq. of the District of Columbia Code) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1) by striking "Not later than March 1 of each year (beginning with 1998)" and inserting "Concurrent with the submission of the District of Columbia budget to Congress each year (beginning with 2001)"; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A) by striking "that describe an acceptable level of performance by the government and a superior level of performance by the government"; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1) by striking "1999" and inserting "2001"; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A) by striking "for an acceptable level of performance by the government and a superior level of performance by the government".

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 178

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Center for Social Work Research.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a member of the uniformed services shall be treated as using a principal residence while away from home on qualified official extended duty in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of such residence.

S. 876

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 876, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require that the broadcast of violent video programming be limited to hours when children are not reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience.

S. 1322

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1322, a bill to prohibit health insurance and employment discrimination against individuals and their family members on the basis of predictive genetic information or genetic services.

S. 1391

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 2725

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2725, a bill to provide for a system of sanctuaries for chimpanzees that have been designated as being no longer needed in research conducted or supported by the Public Health Service, and for other purposes.

S. 3020

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3020, a bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to revise its regulations authorizing the operation of new, low-power FM radio stations.

S. 3028

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3028, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a transitional adjustment for certain sole community hospitals in order to limit any decline in payment under the prospective payment system

for hospital outpatient department services.

S. 3049

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3049, a bill to increase the maximum amount of marketing loan gains and loan deficiency payments that an agricultural producer may receive during the 2000 crop year.

S. RES. 304

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 304, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans' contributions to the country and the designation of the week that includes Veterans Day as "National Veterans Awareness Week" for the presentation of such educational programs.

S. RES. 332

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 332, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the peace process in Northern Ireland.

S. RES. 343

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), and the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 343, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement should recognize and admit to full membership Israel's Magen David Adom Society with its emblem, the Red Shield of David.

SENATE RESOLUTION 358—RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF MURRAY ZWEBEN, PARLIAMENTARIAN EMERITUS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 358

Whereas Murray Zweben served the Senate with honor and distinction as its third Parliamentarian from 1974 to 1981;

Whereas Murray Zweben was Assistant Senate Parliamentarian from 1963 to 1974;

Whereas Murray Zweben served the Senate for more than 20 years;

Whereas Murray Zweben performed his Senate duties in an impartial and professional manner;

Whereas Murray Zweben was honored by the Senate with the title Parliamentarian Emeritus;

Whereas Murray Zweben served his country as an officer in the United States Navy from 1953 to 1956; Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Murray Zweben, Parliamentarian Emeritus of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Murray Zweben.

NOTICE OF HEARING

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTRY AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 3052, a bill to designate wilderness areas and a cooperative management and protection area in the vicinity of Steens Mountain in Harney County, Oregon, and for other purposes and S. 3044 a bill to establish the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area in the State of Arizona.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mike Menge at (202) 224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be permitted to meet today, September 18, 2000, from 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, I have been asked to make certain requests on behalf of the leader.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed en bloc to the following two bills: Calendar No. 681, H.R. 940, and Calendar No. 680, S. 2247.

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

Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments be agreed to where appropriate, the bills be read the third time and passed, any title amendments be agreed to, as necessary, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bills be printed in the RECORD, with the above occurring en bloc.

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

LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT OF 1999

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 940) to designate the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment, as follows:

(Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic.)

TITLE I—LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

SECTION 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 2000".

SEC. 102. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the industrial and cultural heritage of northeastern Pennsylvania, including Lackawanna County, Luzerne County, Wayne County, and Susquehanna County, related directly to anthracite and anthracite-related industries, is nationally significant;

(2) the industries referred to in paragraph (1) include anthracite mining, ironmaking, textiles, and rail transportation;

(3) the industrial and cultural heritage of the anthracite and anthracite-related industries in the region described in paragraph (1) includes the social history and living cultural traditions of the people of the region;

(4) the labor movement of the region played a significant role in the development of the Nation, including—

(A) the formation of many major unions such as the United Mine Workers of America; and

(B) crucial struggles to improve wages and working conditions, such as the 1900 and 1902 anthracite strikes;

(5) (A) the Secretary of the Interior is responsible for protecting the historical and cultural resources of the United States; and

(B) there are significant examples of those resources within the region described in paragraph (1) that merit the involvement of the Federal Government to develop, in cooperation with the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and local and governmental entities, programs and projects to conserve, protect, and interpret this heritage adequately for future generations, while providing opportunities for education and revitalization; and

(6) the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority would be an appropriate management entity for a Heritage Area established in the region described in paragraph (1).

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area are—

(1) to foster a close working relationship among all levels of government, the private sector, and the local communities in the anthracite coal region of northeastern Pennsylvania and enable the communities to conserve their heritage while continuing to pursue economic opportunities; and

(2) to conserve, interpret, and develop the historical, cultural, natural, and recreational resources related to the industrial and cultural heritage of the 4-county region described in subsection (a)(1).

SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.

(1) HERITAGE AREA.—The term "Heritage Area" means the Lackawanna Valley Historical Heritage Area established by section 4.

(2) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The term "management entity" means the management entity for the Heritage Area specified in section 4(c).

(3) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term "management plan" means the management plan for the Heritage Area developed under section 6(b).

(4) PARTNER.—The term "partner" means—

(A) a Federal, State, or local governmental entity; and