

operation, policies, and practices of the Partnership.

“(B) ANNUAL REPORTS.—In conjunction with the Council and State rural development councils, the panel shall prepare and submit to Congress an annual report on the activities of the Partnership.

“(f) FUNDING.—

“(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

“(2) FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to carry out the purposes described in subsection (b)(2), the Partnership shall be eligible to receive grants, gifts, contributions, or technical assistance from, or enter into contracts with, any Federal department or agency, to the extent otherwise permitted by law.

“(B) ASSISTANCE.—Federal departments and agencies are encouraged to use funds made available for programs that target or impact rural areas to provide assistance to, and enter into contracts with, the Partnership, as described in subparagraph (A).

“(3) CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Partnership may accept private contributions.

“(g) MATCHING REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS.—A State rural development council shall provide matching funds, or in-kind goods or services, to support the activities of the State rural development council in an amount that is not less than 25 percent of the amount of Federal funds received under the agreement described in subsection (d)(1).

“(h) TERMINATION.—The authority provided under this section shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of this section.”.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 61

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 61, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to eliminate disincentives to fair trade conditions.

S. 922

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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. 1510

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1510, a bill to revise the laws of the United States appertaining to United States cruise vessels, and for other purposes.

S. 1536

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WAR-

NER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1536, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act, to modernize programs and services for older individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1563

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1563, a bill to establish the Immigration Affairs Agency within the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 2274

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2274, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families and disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children.

S. 2448

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2448, a bill to enhance the protections of the Internet and the critical infrastructure of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2698

At the request of Mr. GORTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2698, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to ensure that all Americans gain timely and equitable access to the Internet over current and future generations of broadband capability.

S. 2703

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2703, a bill to amend the provisions of title 39, United States Code, relating to the manner in which pay policies and schedules and fringe benefit programs for postmasters are established.

S. 2718

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2718, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to introduce new technologies to reduce energy consumption in buildings.

S. 2725

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) were added as cosponsors 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. 2787

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2787, a bill to reauthorize the Federal programs to prevent violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2939

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2939, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for energy efficient appliances.

S. 2986

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS), and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 2986, a bill to limit the issuance of regulations relating to Federal contractor responsibility, to require the Comptroller General to conduct a review of Federal contractor compliance with applicable laws, and for other purposes.

S. 3020

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) 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. 3060

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3060, a bill to amend the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000 to extend the applicability of that Act to certain former spouses of deceased Hmong veterans.

S. 3067

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 3067, a bill to require changes in the bloodborne pathogens standard in effect under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

S. 3101

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 3101, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow as a deduction in determining adjusted gross income the deduction for expenses in connection with services as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 3112

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3112, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure access to digital mammography through adequate payment under the medicare system.

S. 3147

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3147, a bill to authorize the establishment, on land of the Department of the Interior in the District of Columbia or its environs, of a memorial and gardens in honor and commemoration of Frederick Douglass.

S. 3152

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3152, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for distressed areas, and for other purposes.

S. 3156

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 3156, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to ensure the recovery of the declining biological diversity of the United States, to reaffirm and strengthen the commitment of the United States to protect wildlife, to safeguard the economic and ecological future of children of the United States, and to provide certainty to local governments, communities, and individuals in their planning and economic development efforts.

S. 3157

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3157, a bill to require the Food and Drug Administration to establish restrictions regarding the qualifications of physicians to prescribe the abortion drug commonly known as RU-486.

S. RES. 292

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 292, a resolution recognizing the 20th century as the "Century of Women in the United States."

S. RES. 365

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 365, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding recent elections in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, his name and the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 365, supra.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 142—RELATING TO THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 142

Whereas Afghanistan has existed as a sovereign nation since 1747, maintaining its independence, neutrality, and dignity;

Whereas Afghanistan had maintained its own decisionmaking through a traditional process called a "Loya Jirgah", or Grand Assembly, by selecting, respecting, and following the decisions of their leaders;

Whereas recently warlords, factional leaders, and foreign regimes have laid siege to Afghanistan, leaving the landscape littered with landmines, making the most fundamental activities dangerous;

Whereas in recent years, and especially since the Taliban came to power in 1996, Afghanistan has become a haven for terrorist activity, has produced most of the world's opium supply, and has become infamous for its human rights abuses, particularly abuses against women and children;

Whereas the former King of Afghanistan, Mohammed Zahir Shah, ruled the country peacefully for 40 years, and after years in exile retains his popularity and support; and

Whereas former King Mohammed Zahir Shah plans to convene an emergency "Loya Jirgah" to reestablish a stable government, with no desire to regain power or reestablish a monarchy, and the Department of State supports such ongoing efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the United States—

(1) supports democratic efforts undertaken in Afghanistan that respect the human and political rights of the people of all ethnic and religious groups in that country, including the efforts to reestablish a "Loya Jirgah" process that would lead to the people of Afghanistan determining their own destiny through a democratic process involving free and fair elections; and

(2) supports the continuing efforts of former King Mohammed Zahir Shah and other responsible parties searching for peace to convene an emergency "Loya Jirgah"—

(A) to reestablish a representative government in Afghanistan that respects the rights of the people of all ethnic and religious groups, including the right of the people to govern their own affairs through inclusive institution building and a democratic process;

(B) to bring freedom, peace, and stability to Afghanistan; and

(C) to end terrorist activities, drug production, and human rights abuses in Afghanistan.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 143—TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE ENROLLMENT OF THE BILL H.R. 3676

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 143

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 3676 to establish the

Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument in the State of California, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

(1) In the second sentence of section 2(d)(1), strike "and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry".

(2) In the second sentence of section 4(a)(3), strike "Nothing in this section" and insert "Nothing in this Act".

(3) In section 4(c)(1), strike "any person, including".

(4) In section 5, add at the end the following:

"(j) WILDERNESS PROTECTION.—Nothing in this Act alters the management of any areas designated as Wilderness which are within the boundaries of the National Monument. All such areas shall remain subject to the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the laws designating such areas as Wilderness, and other applicable laws. If any part of this Act conflicts with any provision of those laws with respect to the management of the Wilderness areas, such provisions shall control."

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 144—COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MEETING OF CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON, DC

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

S. CON. RES. 144

Whereas November 17, 2000, is the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of Congress in Washington, DC;

Whereas Congress, having previously convened at the Federal Hall in New York City and at the Congress Hall in Philadelphia, has met in the United States Capitol Building since November 17, 1800;

Whereas President John Adams, on November 22, 1800, addressed a joint session of Congress in Washington, DC, for the first time, stating, "I congratulate the people of the United States on the assembling of Congress at the permanent seat of their Government; and I congratulate you, gentlemen, on the prospect of a residence not to be changed.";

Whereas, on December 12, 1900, Congress convened a joint meeting to observe the centennial of its residence in Washington, DC;

Whereas since its first meeting in Washington, DC, on November 17, 1800, Congress has continued to cultivate and build upon a heritage of respect for individual liberty, representative government, and the attainment of equal and inalienable rights, all of which are symbolized in the physical structure of the United States Capitol Building; and

Whereas it is appropriate for Congress, as the first branch of the government under the Constitution, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of Congress in Washington, DC, in order to focus public attention on its present duties and responsibilities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) November 17, 2000, be designated as a day of national observance for the 200th anniversary of the first meeting of Congress in Washington, DC; and

(2) the people of the United States be urged and invited to observe such date by celebrating and examining the legislative process by which members of Congress convene and air differences, learn from one another, subordinate parochial interests, compromise,