

LEVIN AMENDMENT NO. 4384

Mr. LEVIN proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1745, *supra*; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X add the following:

SEC. 1072. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT.

(a) STATUS OF EXCESS AIRCRAFT.—Operational support airlift aircraft excess to the requirements of the Department of Defense shall be placed in an inactive status and stored at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, pending the completion of any study or analysis of the costs and benefits of disposing of or operating such aircraft that precedes a decision to dispose of or continue to operate such aircraft.

(b) OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this section, the term "operational support airlift aircraft" has the meaning given such term in section 1086(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law 104-106; 110 Stat. 458).

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**THE NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE BOUNDARY
ACT OF 1996**

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CHAFEE AMENDMENT NO. 4385

Mr. MCCAIN (for Mr. CHAFEE) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2679) to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**TITLE I—NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE**

SEC. 101. REVISION OF BOUNDARY OF NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

(a) TERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.—The secondary jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service over approximately 2,470 acres of land at the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Nebraska, as depicted on a map entitled "Relinquishment of North Platte National Wildlife Refuge Secondary Jurisdiction", dated August 1995, and available for inspection at appropriate offices of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, is terminated.

(b) REVOCATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER.—Executive Order Number 2446, dated August 21, 1916, is revoked with respect to the land described in subsection (a).

**TITLE II—PETTAQUAMSCUTT COVE
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

SEC. 201. EXPANSION OF PETTAQUAMSCUTT COVE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

Section 204 of Public Law 100-610 (16 U.S.C. 668dd note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) EXPANSION OF REFUGE.—

“(1) ACQUISITION.—The Secretary may acquire for addition to the refuge the area in Rhode Island known as 'Foddering Farm Acres', consisting of approximately 100 acres, adjacent to Long Cove and bordering on Foddering Farm Road to the south and Point Judith Road to the east, as depicted on a map entitled 'Pettaquamscutt Cove NWR Expansion Area', dated May 13, 1996, and available for inspection in appropriate offices of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

“(2) BOUNDARY REVISION.—The boundaries of the refuge are revised to include the area described in paragraph (1).

“(f) FUTURE EXPANSION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire for addition to the refuge such lands,

waters, and interests in land and water as the Secretary considers appropriate and shall adjust the boundaries of the refuge accordingly.

“(2) APPLICABLE LAWS.—Any acquisition described in paragraph (1) shall be carried out in accordance with all applicable laws.”.

SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 206(a) of Public Law 100-610 (16 U.S.C. 668dd note) is amended by striking "designated in section 4(a)(1)" and inserting "designated or identified under section 204".

SEC. 203. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

Public Law 100-610 (16 U.S.C. 668dd note) is amended—

(1) in section 201(1)—

(A) by striking "and the associated" and inserting "including the associated"; and

(B) by striking "and dividing" and inserting "dividing";

(2) in section 203, by striking "of this Act" and inserting "of this title";

(3) in section 204—

(A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking "of this Act" and inserting "of this title"; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking "purpose of this Act" and inserting "purposes of this title";

(4) in the second sentence of section 205, by striking "of this Act" and inserting "of this title"; and

(5) in section 207, by striking "Act" and inserting "title".

Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, to expand the Pettaquamscutt Cove National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes."

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**THE MARK O. HATFIELD UNITED
STATES COURTHOUSE DESIGNA-
TION ACT OF 1996**

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LEVIN AMENDMENT NO. 4386

Mr. MCCAIN (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1636) to designate the United States Courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3d Avenue, Portland, OR, as the "Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse," and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . EXTENSION OF FDR MEMORIAL MEMBER TERMS.

The first section of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a commission to formulate plans for a memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt", approved August 11, 1955 (69 Stat. 694) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "A Commissioner who ceases to be a Member of the Senate or the House of Representatives may, with the approval of the appointing authority, continue to serve as a Commissioner for a period of up to one year after he or she ceases to be a Member of the Senate or the House of Representatives."

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**NOTICES OF HEARINGS
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will hold a hearing on Wednesday, July 3, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. in Hawaii. The hearing will focus on the final report of the National Commission on American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Housing, a

report of the Urban Development and Research of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and a study prepared by SMS Research for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands entitled, the "Beneficiary Needs Study." The hearing will be held in the Aha Kanawai Courtroom, fourth floor, Federal Courthouse, Prince Kuhio Federal building complex, Honolulu, HI.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND
MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the benefit of Members and the public that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has scheduled a hearing on several measures relating to the Bureau of Reclamation.

The measures are:

S. 931—To authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes.

S. 1564—To amend the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide loan guarantees for water supply, conservation, quality, and transmission projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1565—To amend the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956 and to supplement the Federal Reclamation Laws by providing for Federal cooperation in non-Federal projects and for participation by non-Federal agencies in Federal projects.

S. 1649—to extend contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation districts in Kansas and Nebraska, and for other purposes.

S. 1719—To require the Secretary of the Interior to offer to sell to certain public agencies the indebtedness representing the remaining repayment balance of certain Bureau of Reclamation projects in Texas, and for other purposes.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 30, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Those wishing to testify or submit written statements for the record should contact James Beirne or Betty Nevitt of the subcommittee staff or write the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

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**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEET**

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet Thursday, June 27, 1996 beginning at 10 a.m. in room SH-215, to conduct a markup on S. 1795.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, June 27 at 10 a.m. for a hearing on "Improving Management and Organization in Federal Natural Resources and Environmental Functions."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 27, 1996, at 9:30 a.m., to hold an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 27, 1996, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on "Church Burnings."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 27, 1996, to conduct a hearing on restructuring the Federal Housing Administration's Insured and Assisted Multifamily Housing Portfolio.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 27, at 2 pm to hold hearing.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CHURCH BURNINGS

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, the attacks on the churches, predominantly in the Southeast, are far more than attacks on these institutions—they are attacks on the very foundation of the United States. This country was formed to protect people's religious liberty. Burning a place of worship assaults this principle. The American people, who cherish religious freedom, do not look kindly on the destruction of houses of worship.

I think the American people are particularly concerned—I know I am—that a disproportionate number of these attacks have occurred at African-American churches. Of the 56 church burnings in the past 18 months, approximately 40 were predominantly African-American houses of worship. Many of these institutions are more than places of prayer—they are the center of the community.

According to the Justice Department, racial hatred is behind at least some of the burnings. Authorities will need to continue to investigate whether the fires prove to be part of a conspiracy or the work of individual miscreants.

It is important to note that church burnings have occurred outside of the Southeast, including in Arizona. This February, the 65-year-old First Southern Baptist Church in Tucson was badly damaged by a fire that is now under Federal investigation. The Pastor, Ron Hart, said words with universal appeal: "The First Southern Baptist Church did not burn down—just the building. The church is scattered all over Tucson. People are the church. We can rebuild."

While it took too long for the church burnings to bother America's conscience, now that the issue is in the open, there is action on many fronts to put an end to the fires, capture those responsible, and help rebuild destroyed institutions.

Federal and State law-enforcement agencies are working together to solve these crimes against the people of America. Over 200 Federal law-enforcement agents are on the case, and many more State and local officials are investigating the fires.

A laudable example of Federal-State cooperation will soon occur in my State of Arizona. Next week, in Phoenix, the FBI and the Phoenix Police Department will host a forum on the church burnings with African-American pastors.

In responding to the burnings, the Congress has acted in a most appropriate bipartisan fashion to get to the bottom of these terrorist incidents. Hearings have already been held in the House. And today the Senate Judiciary Committee learned the latest on the criminal investigation.

Senators FAIRCLOTH and KENNEDY and Representatives HYDE and CONYERS have drafted church arson legislation that will soon reach the President. Both chambers have passed it unanimously. The measure will sharpen federal penalties for the burning of churches and enhance the resources available to law enforcement to investigate and prevent such acts of arson in the future.

Another key element of the legislation provides Federal loan guarantees to help rebuild the razed churches. Senator KENNEDY describes this section as an "important provision granting the Department of Housing and Urban Development the authority to make loan

guarantees to lenders who provide loans to places of worship that have been victimized by arson." This section is important for the comfort it will provide to churches that lack the resources to rebuild, assuming that it does not violate the wall of separation between church and State.

Private efforts are at least equally impressive. Organizations both religious and nonreligious have pledged millions in grants and loans to help rebuild the churches.

The reaction of the religious community is particularly commendable and welcome. During the civil rights struggle, the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. lamented the religious community's lack of support for those engaged in efforts to end segregation and promote equality:

Called to be the moral guardian of the community, the Church at times has preserved that which is immoral and unethical. Called to combat social evils, it has remained silent behind stained-glass windows.

I think Dr. King would be very happy to learn that America has grown, and this indifference is no longer the case. Before the church burnings received national attention, the Christian Coalition posted a \$25,000 award for information leading to the conviction of any church arsonist, and recently, the group announced a major fundraising drive to repair and reconstruct the houses of worship. The Southern Baptist Convention, at its annual meeting this month, passed a resolution condemning the arsons, and initiated an offering to help rebuild the churches. Other notable organizations have offered assistance, including the National Council of Churches and the Anti-Defamation League.

I applaud all those who have undertaken these efforts. We must all continue to work together as one people—the American people—to douse the flames, punish those responsible, and rebuild what pernicious bigotry and hatred have sought to destroy.

HEDGESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate Hedgesville High School on their outstanding achievement in We the People * * * the Citizen and the Constitution national finals. This competition promotes an understanding of the key objectives and significance of American constitutional democracy.

The 17 students from Hedgesville, WV, who competed in the national finals in Washington, DC, April 27–29, were Erin Ambrester, Kelly Buck, Robert Deters, Dwain Donaldson, Alisha Harper, Jessica Hedrick, Jennifer Huftless, Janice Kelly, Travis Kline, Rebecca Maslauskas, Aaron Moats, Janelle Myers, Jennifer Powers, Heidi Silver, Christopher Twigg, Stephanie Whitford, and Melissa Zombro. This group competed against 49 other classes from around the country.

I would also like to recognize their teacher, Harriett Kopp, who deserves