

There is a real inconsistency here; in the same bays and inlets where they insist fishing is an unacceptable commercial activity, they are only too happy to allow tour vessels with thousands of visitors.

Soon, perhaps within hours, perhaps within a few days, we will pass an omnibus appropriation measure that makes one of Washington's insider "deals" on this issue. Under the deal, a minimum payment will be made to get some fishermen to disappear altogether, and a handful of others will be told that they will be allowed to fish, but that their current right to sell or bequeath their fishing permits to their children has just evaporated forever.

I repeat, Mr. President, what is happening here is just plain wrong.

For that reason, I am today offering an amendment to my earlier bill. I will introduce another such a bill in January of next year, and I intend to introduce such a bill every January hereafter until justice is done. I will also welcome the assistance of the State of Alaska in asserting its right of jurisdiction over the management of these fisheries.

Come what may, I will not stand by and allow these existing small fishing operators to be lost in Glacier Bay.

GAYLORD NELSON APOSTLE ISLANDS STEWARDSHIP ACT OF 1998

FEINGOLD AMENDMENT NO. 3808

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 1966) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study whether the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore should be protected as a wilderness area; as follows:

On page 4, after line 24, insert the following:

(g) TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—All amounts made available to the Denali Commission for fiscal year 1999 shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Interior for use in carrying out subsections (c) and (d).

(2) UNEXPENDED BALANCE.—Any balance of amounts transferred under paragraph (1) that remain unexpended at the end of fiscal year 1999 shall be returned to the general fund of the Treasury of the United States.

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I am submitting an amendment to S. 1966, Gaylord Nelson Apostle Islands Stewardship Act of 1988, a bill that I introduced on April 22, 1988. In keeping with my belief that progress toward a balanced budget should be maintained, I am proposing that a section be added to the bill which offsets the \$4.1 million in authorized spending for the Apostle Islands contained in my original bill, with the \$20 million in funds appropriated in FY 99 to the Denali Commission. The Secretary of the Interior would be required to transfer \$15.9 million above the money that it needs to take actions at the Apostle Islands back to the Treasury.

Mr. President, the Denali Commission is not currently authorized. Authorization for this new commission was included in the Senate version of the FY 99 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, but was removed in conference. Nevertheless, the appropriators decided to set aside \$20 million in funds pending the authorization of the Commission. Whatever the merits of this proposed commission may be, Mr. President, I am concerned that we have set aside such a large amount of money when we have acute appropriations needs at places like the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, for an unauthorized program.

I am further concerned, Mr. President, about creating a new Federal commission to address economic development and other State specific issues when Congress is seeking to back away from such commitments. For example, in the same bill that provides funds for the Denali Commission, the Congress terminates appropriated funds for the Tennessee Valley Authority, known as TVA, an action I have had legislation to accomplish since I became a Member of the Senate. I applaud congress for acting to end appropriated funds for TVA, but I fear we may take a step backward if we create a new entity that we now need to fund.

I look forward to Senate Energy Committee consideration of the Gaylord Nelson Apostle Islands Stewardship Act of 1988, and its eventual passage. •

SONNY BONO MEMORIAL SALTON SEA RECLAMATION ACT

KYL AMENDMENT NO. 3809

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 3267) to direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study and construct a project to reclaim the Salton Sea; as follows:

Strike all after enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Salton Sea Reclamation Act of 1998".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—SALTON SEA FEASIBILITY STUDY

Sec. 101. Feasibility study authorization.

Sec. 102. Concurrent wildlife resources studies.

Sec. 103. Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge renamed as Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.

TITLE II—EMERGENCY ACTION TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN THE ALAMO RIVER AND NEW RIVER

Sec. 201. Alamo River and New River irrigation drainage water.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:—

(1) the term "Committees" means the Committee on Resources and the Committee

on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Environmental and Public Works of the Senate;

(2) the term "Salton Sea Authority" means the Joint Powers Authority by that name established under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Power Agreement signed on June 2, 1993; and

(3) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation.

TITLE I—SALTON SEA FEASIBILITY STUDY

SEC. 101. SALTON SEA FEASIBILITY STUDY AUTHORIZATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No later than January 1, 2000, the Secretary, in accordance with this section, shall complete all feasibility studies and cost analyses for the options set forth in subsection (b)(2)(A) necessary for Congress to fully evaluate such options.

(b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) The Secretary shall complete all studies, including, but not limited to environmental and other views, of the feasibility and benefit-cost of various options that permit the continued use of the Salton Sea as a reservoir for irrigation drainage and (1) reduce and stabilize the overall salinity of the Salton Sea, (2) stabilize the surface elevation of the Salton Sea, (3) reclaim, in the long term, healthy fish and wildlife resources and their habitats, and (4) enhance the potential for recreational uses and economic development of the Salton Sea.

(B) Based solely on whatever information is available at the time of submission of the report, the Secretary shall (1) identify any options he deems economically feasible and cost effective, (2) identify any additional information necessary to develop construction specifications, and (3) submit any recommendations, along with the results of the study to the Committees no later than January 1, 2000.

(i) The Secretary shall carry out the feasibility study in accordance with a memorandum of understanding entered into by the Secretary, the Salton Sea Authority, and the Governor of California.

(ii) The memorandum of understanding shall, at a minimum, establish criteria for evaluation and selection of options under subparagraph (2)(A), including criteria for determining benefit and the magnitude and practicability of costs of construction, operation, and maintenance of each option evaluated.

(2) OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED.—Options considered in the feasibility study—

(A) shall consist of, but need not be limited to—

(i) use of impoundments to segregate a portion of the waters of the Salton Sea in one or more evaporation ponds located in the Salton Sea basin;

(ii) pumping water out of the Salton Sea;

(iii) augmented flows of water into the Salton Sea;

(iv) a combination of the options referred to in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii); and

(v) any other economically feasible remediation option the Secretary considers appropriate and for which feasibility analyses and cost estimates can be completed by January 1, 2000;

(B) shall be limited to proven technologies; and

(C) shall not include any option that—

(i) relies on the importation of any new or additional water from the Colorado River; or

(ii) is inconsistent with the provisions of subsection (c).

(3) ASSUMPTIONS.—In evaluating options, the Secretary shall apply assumptions regarding water inflows into the Salton Sea