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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS
Senate passed Department of the Interior Appropriations, 1994.

Senate

Chamber Action
Routine Proceedings, pages S11705-S11944
Measures Introduced: Eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1459-1466, S.J. Res. 133-136, and S. Res. 144.

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: H.R. 2518, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 103-143)

Measures Passed:
Department of the Interior Appropriations, 1994: Senate passed H.R. 2520, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, after agreeing to excepted committee amendments, and after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Adopted:
(1) Byrd (for Hatfield/Murray) Amendment No. 895, to provide an early out authority to the Forest Service to assist in downsizing of the organization necessary to comply with the significantly reduced size of the timber sales program.

(2) Byrd (for Simpson) Amendment No. 896, to provide funds for the assimilation of a database related to big and small game animals that might be affected by wolf reintroduction in the West.

(3) Byrd Amendment No. 897, to strike provisions related to employment floors for the Indian Health Service.

(4) Byrd (for Stevens) Amendment No. 898, to prohibit the use of funds for implementation of the Pacific Salmon strategy in the Tongass National Forest.

(5) Craig Amendment No. 901, to provide for the use of funds for the research program relating to habitat and repopulation studies and possible interactions between wolves and mountain lions in and around Yellowstone National Park.

(6) Nickles (for Burns) Amendment No. 902, to provide for the use of funds for the improvement of the physical infrastructure of Yellowstone National Park.

Rejected:
(1) Helms Amendment No. 899 (to committee amendment on page 97, lines 1-4), to provide that funds from the National Endowment for the Arts shall be used only to give grants and financial assistance to non-profit groups and not to individuals. (By 65 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 270), Senate tabled the amendment.)

(2) Helms Amendment No. 900 (to Amendment No. 899), to provide for a more equitable distribution of National Endowment for the Arts funding among the individual states. (By 57 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 269), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Withdrawn:
Burns Amendment No. 894, to provide for the use of funds for the improvement of the physical infrastructure of Yellowstone National Park.

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Byrd, Johnston, Leahy, DeConcini, Bumpers, Hollings, Reid, Murray, Nickles, Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Gorton, Hatfield, and Burns.