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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD - APPENDIX

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

On behalf of Mike Mansfield
Lee Metcalf
LeRoy Anderson
and myself

The Record of the 85th Congress as Regards the State of Montana

EXTENSION OF REMARKS OF HON. JAMES E. MURRAY OF MONTANA IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES Saturday, August 23, 1958

Mr. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the Record a joint statement prepared by the members of the Montana congressional delegation, Senator Mike Mansfield, Representative Lee Metcalf, Representative LeRoy Anderson, and myself.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

Montana, in the words of one newspaper, "is the only State whose entire (congressional) delegation works together so closely and harmoniously that their views and achievements can be and are combined in one bulletin."

This teamwork has resulted in the following 64 benefits, during the 85th Congress, of particular importance to Montanans.

CONSERVATION-RECREATION-TOURISM

1. Appropriation of $190,000 for initial development of the $1,250,000 Benton Lake Wildlife service, which will assure annual production of many thousand more ducks.

2. Appropriation of $100,000 for Nation's first forest fire research laboratory, at Missoula, plus $100,000 for fire research.

3-4. Appropriation of $125,000 for research into the effects of chemical pest and plant controls upon fish and wildlife, subsequent to approval of authorizing legislation originally introduced by Montanans after LDD destroyed fish in Yellowstone River.

4. An act to add a 400-acre display pastures to the southeast corner of the National Bison Range near Ravalli to permit viewing of bison from U. S. 10A, U. S. 93, and Northern Pacific Railway.

5. An act permitting concessionaire leases in national parks to run for 30 instead of 20 years, thereby, by amortization over the longer period, permitting lower rates for park visitors and less financial strain on concessionaires.

6. Appropriation of $20 million for the Mission 66 program of modernizing national parks, as requested by the Montana delegation, instead of the $12.4 million requested by the administration. The larger appropriation permits the Mission 66 program to continue on schedule and includes $745,600 above the administration's request for Glacier National Park, with funds earmarked for headquarters, Lake McDonald and St. Mary's area for employee dormitories and residences, and water and sewage systems, and other facilities. This appropriation also includes $411,000 for the lake area of Yellowstone Park and $256,400 to be used in the Canyon and Mammoth areas of Yellowstone for transmission lines, utilities, and other services.

7. Continuance at the 1958 level of the tree planting program under which the State forester operates a nursery at Missoula to provide landowners with forest and wind-barrier planting stock. The Federal Government and State of Montana put from $11,000 to $14,000 each into this program annually, and last year received an additional $10,000 to $22,000. The administration proposed to cut the Federal contribution 80 percent.

8. Negotiations with Forest Service and State highway commission, following appropriation of $2 million for construction of final portion of Lewis and Clark Highway.


10. Amendment to Highway Act requiring cooperative study of forest highway formula by Bureau of Public Roads, Forest Service, and State which will lead to new formula for fund distribution. Amendment also stopped administration from taking several hundred thousand dollars away from Montana in 1939 and 1951.

RECLAMATION

1. An act permitting establishment of adequate irrigation units on the 419,1 million East Bench unit in Beaverhead County. Water for some 28,400 acres now under ditch will be regulated and irrigation for an additional 21,300 acres will be made possible as soon as construction funds are made available.

2. Appropriation of $2,538,000 for further work on the Helena Valley unit, for completion of pumping plant at Canyon Ferry Dam, 28-mile tunnel and 31 miles of main canal, and to continue construction of laterals downriver. This project will furnish municipal water for the city of Helena, irrigation of 12,500 acres (some of which will be irrigated from the Yellowstone River), and may furnish supplemental irrigation for an additional 5,100 acres.

POWER

1-2. Allocation of funds, following approval of an act providing payment of $2.5 million to Crow Indians for Yellowtail Dam right-of-way, with provision that tribe may seek additional compensation in the courts.

3. Joint hearings by Senate Interior Committee and Senate Public Works Committee on management and operation of the upper Missouri River Basin, which helped to provide provisions of $6,000,000 of additional firm power to preference customers in Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska.

4. Approval of Senate resolution, following joint hearings by Senate Interior Committee and Senate Public Works Committee, which directs those committees to continue their studies and submit findings as to ways and means of speeding development and utilization of the natural resources of the United States.

5. Maintenance of 2-percent interest rate on REA loans, despite strong administration effort to increase rate.

FOREST FLIGHT

1. An act extending for 3 years the Wool Act under which wool sells at market price.
and domestic producers receive direct payments for the difference between the average market price and the support level.


3. An act extending the farm export program.

4. Approval of 52,480-acre lower Willow Creek reclamation project in Granite County, under which Federal Government contributes 35 percent of estimated $757,110 program of irrigation and flood-prevention work.

MINING


2. An act to increase from 5,120 acres to 10,500 acres the maximum acreage of public domain land which may be leased for the development of phosphates by any person or corporation in any one State.

3. An appropriation of $3 million which could be used, if the administration chooses, to start upgrading the $9 million Government-owned stockpile of manganese in Butte.

HEALTH

1-2. An act and appropriation of $1,750,000 for construction of community hospitals to be used by both Indians and white citizens when the Surgeon General finds it more efficient to do so than to construct hospitals for Indian use only. Poison became the first community in the Nation to benefit from this act when it received $161,091 toward construction of a 40-bed community hospital. The communities of Wolf Point and Poplar are high on the priority list to receive aid under this program, after local problems are resolved.

3. Appropriation of $128,000 for Public Health Service to carry out its share of a cooperative study with the Bureau of Mines, of the cause and prevention of silicosis.

EDUCATION

1. Appropriation of $121,011 allocated to Montana for extending library service in rural Montana communities.

2. An amendment, to the act extending school aid to (federally-impacted) areas, which permits school districts to accept payments under Public Law 747 (Federal impact aid) without forfeiting right to seek payments under the Johnson-O'Malley (Indian education) Act, providing that duplicate payments are not made.

3. Appropriation of $360,725, or $54,390 more than last year, for school lunch programs in Montana. In addition, there will be a considerable increase in the allocation of high-quality food, including protein items.

INDIANS

1. An act restoring to tribal ownership 41,450 acres on the Fort Peck Reservation and 5,481 acres on the Crow Reservation which were ceded by the tribe to the Government with the understanding that the lands would be sold and proceeds deposited to the credit of the tribe, but which were never sold.

2. An act providing compensation to the Crow Indians for 4,900 acres within the Huntley reclamation project. Under this act the tribe will get payment for the land ($70,000 to $75,000), an additional sum equal to the net revenues collected from leases since 1904 (estimated $56,000) and interest on the lease money which it should have been earning since 1904 (estimated $30,000).

3. A detailed survey of Indian land sale practice, providing factual information upon which improved Indian land management policies may be based.

4. A stimulation of successful effort to make surplus foods available to needy Indians on Montana reservations.

5. An act clearing title of Rocky Boy Indian lands to previously added to their reservation.

WELFARE

1. Amendment of social security law to provide 7 percent increase in benefits, increase payments for dependents and provide benefits for dependents of disabled persons.

2. Reversal of Social Security Administration ruling, at behest of Montanans in Congress, so that victims of silicosis can receive social security benefits previously denied them.

VETERANS

1. Commitment by the Veterans Administration to make modernization survey of Fort Harrison in September of this year instead of in 1962 as suggested by VA.

SMALL BUSINESS

1. Amendment of Small Business Act, by Montanans, to provide services of aid, counsel and assistance from SBA in Government sales, as well as procurement. This amendment was designed to meet the needs of small timber operators in Montana who will now be in a position to get advice and also borrow money from SBA for timber access road construction. Additionally, if they are unable to purchase Government timber, the small operators will be able to ask SBA to work out a set-aside sale for competitive bidding by small businesses.

2. Small Business Tax Revision Act, which provides small firms tax savings which can be used to finance future growth.

3. Small Business Investment Act which provides for injection of $256 million into small businesses, in the form of direct investment in the securities of small companies, or in loans.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

1. Amendments to Department of Defense appropriation bill specifically preventing reduction in funds and strengths for operation of Army National Guard and Army Reserve units. There are about 2,500 guardsmen and 5,000 Reservists in Montana.

2. Appropriation of $68,891,000 for military facilities in Montana.

GENERAL

1. An act amending the enabling act under which Montana entered the Union, to permit use of capital building land-grant funds for reconstruction and renovation of the State capitol.

2. An act clearing title to lots in Harlowton.

3. An act to award $12,000 to the town of Medicine Lake, as compensation for the flooding of its municipal well because of flooding caused by a Fish and Wildlife Service dike and canal.

4. An act to retrocede jurisdiction over the Blackfoot Highway, previously held by the Federal Government, to the State of Montana.

5-6. Resolutions authorizing the statue of Montana cowboy-artist Charles Russell to stand temporarily in the Capitol rotunda and then be added to the permanent Statuary Hall collection.

INTERCOURSE BY MONTANA DELEGATION WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES


2. Obtained from Secretary of Labor surplus labor designations for Silver Bow, Flathead, Lincoln, and Meagher Counties. This designation gives affected communities preference by Government purchasers and makes it more difficult for a foreign firm to obtain a contract in this area.