

lieu thereof "\$275,000" and "\$80,000", respectively.

SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENDITURES BY THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

The resolution (S. Res. 441) authorizing supplemental expenditures by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs for inquiries and investigations, was considered and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That S. Res. 245, Ninety-third Congress, agreed to March 1, 1974, is amended as follows:

In section 2, strike out the amount "\$550,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$580,000".

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

The resolution (S. Res. 442) authorizing the printing of the report (two volumes) entitled "Evaluation of Techniques for Cost-Benefit Analysis of Water Pollution Control Programs and Policies" as a Senate document, was considered and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the report of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to the Congress of the United States (in compliance with section 104(a)(6) of Public Law 92-500) entitled "Evaluation of Techniques for Cost-Benefit Analysis of Water Pollution Control Programs and Policies", be printed, with illustrations, as a Senate document.

Sec. 2. There shall be printed five hundred additional copies of such document for the use of the Committee on Public Works.

NURSING HOME CARE IN THE UNITED STATES

The resolution (S. Res. 444) authorizing the printing of additional copies of Senate report entitled "Nursing Home Care in the United States: Failure in Public Policy" (introductory report), was considered and agreed to, as follows:

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Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the Special Committee on Aging two thousand five hundred copies of its report to the Senate entitled "Nursing Home Care in the United States: Failure in Public Policy (Introductory Report)".

REPRINTING OF HOUSE DOCUMENT 93-339

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 654) authorization for reprinting 10,000 copies for use of the Committee on the Judiciary of House Document 93-339, was considered and agreed to.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 680) to provide for the printing as a House document of the proceedings at the commemoration ceremony in honor of the 200th anniversary of the First Continental Congress, was considered and agreed to.

PORTRAIT OF THE HONORABLE LEONOR K. SULLIVAN

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 683) authorizing the printing of pro-

ceedings unveiling the portrait of the Honorable LEONOR K. SULLIVAN, was considered and agreed to.

PRINTING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 675) providing for the printing as a House document of the Constitution of the United States (pocket-size edition), which had been reported from the Committee on Rules and Administration with an amendment on page 1, at the end of line 4, strike out "two hundred and twenty-one thousand shall be for the use of the House of Representatives." and insert in lieu thereof:

there be printed two hundred seventy-two thousand five hundred additional copies of such document, of which two hundred twenty-one thousand shall be for the use of the House of Representatives and fifty-one thousand five hundred shall be for the use of the Senate.

The amendment was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 675), as amended, was agreed to.

CONSTITUTION AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 679) to provide for the printing as a House document of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, which had been reported from the Committee on Rules and Administration with an amendment on page 1, in line 6, strike out "two hundred and twenty-one thousand additional copies be printed for the use of the House of Representatives." and insert:

there be printed two hundred seventy-two thousand five hundred additional copies of such document, of which two hundred twenty-one thousand shall be for the use of the House of Representatives and fifty-one thousand five hundred shall be for the use of the Senate.

The amendment was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 679), as amended, was agreed to.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of calendar Nos. 1325 and 1326.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

BORROWING AUTHORITY OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY

The bill (H.R. 14600) to increase the borrowing authority of the Panama Canal Company and revise the method of computing interest thereon was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

AUTHORITY OF THE CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT

The bill (H.R. 15229) to expand the authority of the Canal Zone Government to settle claims not cognizable under the Tort Claims Act was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

TIME AGREEMENT FOR SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE SENATOR-DESIGNATE FROM NEVADA

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 12 o'clock noon today, the Senate proceed with the swearing-in ceremony of the Senator-designate from Nevada, Mr. LAXALT.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DISAPPROVAL OF S. 3537—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair lays before the Senate a message from the President of the United States.

The message is as follows:

To the United States Senate:

I have today withheld my approval from S. 3537, "To modify section 204 of the Flood Control Act of 1965."

This bill would authorize a revised Willow Creek Project in Oregon and provide for advance payment of the Federal share of the cost to relocate the water system of the nearby town of Heppner.

The Department of the Army, on behalf of the Administration, opposed this bill in committee on the grounds that it raised unresolved issues relative to the general principles and standards governing the evaluation of water resources projects.

These departures include:

—Re-evaluation of the project by using questionable methods for calculating benefits.

—Coupled with these methods of computing benefits, retention of an interest rate of 3½ percent provided for in the original 1965 project authorization, compared to the present rate of 5½ percent now being used.

—Authorization for advance payment of the Federal share of the costs to relocate the town's water system, as compared to the standard approach—to await the actual beginning of construction of a project.

While I fully understand the desire of the town of Heppner to obtain Federal assistance in financing its water system, I cannot, in good conscience, accept the departures which S. 3537 would make from the established principles and standards that are employed in the evaluation of other water resources projects.

In my judgment, the Willow Creek project should be considered for construction on the basis of current evaluation principles and standards. Any other course would be indefensible at a time when the Congress is being asked to defer funding for numerous other water resources projects.

GERALD R. FORD.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 17, 1974.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Presidential veto message be held at the desk, pending further disposition.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.