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(See the remarks of Mr. MAGNUSON when he introduced the above bill, which appear under a separate heading.)

By Mr. MAGNUSON (by request):

S. 3861. A bill to amend section 13a of the Interstate Commerce Act, to authorize a study of essential railroad passenger service by the Secretary of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

(See the remarks of Mr. MAGNUSON when he introduced the above bill, which appear under a separate heading.)

By Mr. MONDALE (for himself and Mr. McCARTHY):

S. 3862. A bill to authorize the establishment of the Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

By Mr. GRUENING:

S. 3863. A bill for the relief of Kam Tim Cheung; Kwai Fai Cheng; Sui Wa Cheng; Kan Bun Chau; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPARKMAN:

S.J. Res. 193. Joint resolution to designate the National Center for Biomedical Communications the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications; considered and passed.

(See reference to the above joint resolution when introduced by Mr. SPARKMAN, which appears under a separate heading.)

S. 3860—INTRODUCTION OF BILL RELATING TO FREE MAILING OF CERTAIN ELECTION MATERIAL TO VOTERS

Mr. MAGNUSON. Mr. President, I introduce a bill which will provide for the free mailing of educational election material to voters. This bill allows a State official or agency administering election laws to mail election material to voters if the material gives equal space to all candidates and opposite views on important issues. This is what is done in the State of Washington and in other States.

Unfortunately, few voters have time or resources to inform themselves about all issues and candidates. State election pamphlets are an imaginative and effective device to place this information in the hands of every voter.

Our times demand a more knowledgeable electorate than ever before. Passage of this bill will facilitate the efforts of those who attempt to provide the voters with this much-needed information.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The bill will be received and appropriately referred.

The bill (S. 3860) to provide for the mailing of certain election material to voters free of postage, and for other purposes, introduced by Mr. MAGNUSON, was received, read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

S. 3861—INTRODUCTION OF BILL RELATING TO AUTHORIZATION OF STUDY OF ESSENTIAL RAILROAD PASSENGER SERVICE—NOTICE OF HEARINGS

Mr. MAGNUSON. Mr. President, at the Commerce Committee executive session on July 18, 1968, the members of the committee voted to hold hearings next week on the June 25, 1968 recommendations of the Interstate Commerce Commission that first for 2 years following enactment a special test of public convenience and necessity and financial bur-

den be imposed on all passenger trains which represent the last remaining interstate service in either direction between two points provided by a rail carrier; and, second, the Secretary of Transportation acting in cooperation with the interstate Commerce Commission and other Federal agencies should undertake and submit within 1 year following enactment a study of the existing and future potential for intercity railroad passenger service in the United States.

The Surface Transportation Subcommittee held hearings on May 24, 25, July 31, August 1, 2, 3, and 25, 1967, on S. 1175, proposed amendments to section 13a of the Interstate Commerce Act recommended by the ICC; S. 4512, introduced by Senator WILLIAMS of New Jersey, and S. 1685, introduced by Senator CASE, to amend section 13a; and Senate Joint Resolution 52, introduced by Senator Moss, and Senate Concurrent Resolution 25, introduced by Senator ALLOTT, for himself, and for Senators AIKEN, BREWSTER, CANNON, CASE, COOPER, DOMINICK, FANNIN, HANSEN, HATFIELD, HICKENLOOPER, HRUSKA, INOUE, JAVITS, KUCHEL, METCALF, MILLER, MONDALE, MUNDT, PROUTY, RIBICOFF, SCOTT, SPARKMAN, TOWER, TYDINGS, and YOUNG of North Dakota, to provide for moratoriums and studies of passenger train service and related matters.

On June 25, 1968, the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission submitted to the Chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and to me a 70-page report and recommendations of the Interstate Commerce Commission, "Intercity Rail Passenger Service in 1968."

The committee will hold hearings next Wednesday and Thursday, July 24 and 25, 1968, on the ICC recommendations in that report on the special test for the next 2 years on the "last trains," and the study on passenger train service potential. I have asked Senator FRANK J. LAUSCHE to chair these hearings. The hearing on July 24 will begin at 10 a.m. in room 1202, and the hearing on July 25 will begin at 9 a.m. in room 5110. Paul J. Tierney, the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission will be the first witness. He will be followed by A. Scheffer Lang, Federal Railroad Administrator, Department of Transportation.

These hearings will permit the ICC to report on the decline of intercity rail passenger service, and to explain what steps the Commission recommends should be taken.

I am convinced that steps must promptly be taken to preserve needed existing intercity rail passenger service. As the Commission points out in its June 25, 1968, report, in 1967 the increasing demise of intercity service sharply accelerated. In the past 12 months, the number of trains proposed for discontinuance has more than doubled. Nearly 15 percent of all the remaining intercity trains were permitted to cease operations under section 13a procedures. Unless we act promptly, there will not be a national rail passenger service resource left.

In order to have the Commission's recommendations before the committee at these hearings, I introduce, by request, the Commission's bill to amend section

13a of the Interstate Commerce Act, to authorize a study of essential railroad passenger service by the Secretary of Transportation and for other purposes.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The bill will be received and appropriately referred.

The bill (S. 3861) to amend section 13a of the Interstate Commerce Act, to authorize a study of essential railroad passenger service by the Secretary of Transportation, and for other purposes, introduced by Mr. MAGNUSON, by request, was received, read twice by its title, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS OF BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION

Mr. MUSKIE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, at its next printing, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. BAYH], the Senator from Maryland [Mr. BREWSTER] the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. CLARK], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. GRUENING], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. McGEEL], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. McINTYRE], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PASTORE], the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. RANDOLPH], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. RIBICOFF], and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. TYDINGS], be added as cosponsors of the bill (S. 698) to enact the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1967.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, at its next printing, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. MONRONEY] be added as a cosponsor of the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 192) to provide for protection of passengers against danger caused by the hijacking of airplanes.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PUBLIC WORKS FOR WATER AND POWER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION APPROPRIATION BILL, 1969—AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 893

Mr. PROXMIRE submitted an amendment, intended to be proposed by him, to the bill (H.R. 17903) making appropriations for public works for water and power resources development, including certain civil functions administered by the Department of Defense, the Panama Canal, certain agencies of the Department of the Interior, the Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission, the Delaware River Basin Commission, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Water Resources Council, and the Atomic Energy Commission, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, and for other purposes which was ordered to lie on the table and to be printed.

AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 1968—AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 894

Mr. WILLIAMS of Delaware (for himself and Mr. BREWSTER) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 3590) to ex-