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Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senate Joint Resolution 36 transmitted by the Nevada Legislature be referred jointly to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs, and Agriculture and Forestry. The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first time and, by unanimous consent, the second time, and referred as indicated:

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

S. 2123. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to the designation of area wide waste treatment management organizations. Referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Mr. HARTKE:

S. 2124. A bill to amend the Tax Reduction Act of 1975. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HASKELL:

S. 2125. A bill to provide for the issuance of permits on public domain national forest lands for commercial outdoor recreation facilities and activities, and for other purposes. Referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

By Mr. GARN:

S. 2126. A bill to amend section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic River Act. Referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

By Mr. BURDICK:

S. 2127. A bill to provide for the establishment of a national cemetery in the State of North Dakota. Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. STONE:

S. 2128. A bill to amend title 23 of the United States Code relating to highways, with respect to the definition of the term "construction". Referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Mr. FANNIN (for himself and Mr. Hruska):

S. 2129. A bill to provide for the definition and punishment of certain crimes in accordance with the Federal laws in force within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States when said crimes are committed by an Indian in order to insure equal treatment for Indian and non-Indian offenders. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MONDALE:

S. 2130. A bill for the relief of Chu Wol Kim. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. EASTLAND):

S. 2131. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, relating to the production of false documents or papers of the United States, and the use of false information in obtaining official documents and papers of the United States, involving an element of identification. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD:

S.J. Res. 106. A joint resolution designating February of each year as "American History Month". Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JACKSON (for himself and Mr. FANNIN) (by request):

S.J. Res. 107. A joint resolution to approve the "Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of

America", and for other purposes. Referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

By Mr. BROCK:

S.J. Res. 108. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the method of appointing electors of the President and the Vice President of the United States. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2123. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to the designation of areawide waste treatment management organizations. Referred to the Committee on Public Works.

FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. HUMPHREY. Mr. President, today I am introducing, for myself and Senator MONDALE, a bill to amend section 208(a) of Public Law 92-500, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. This amendment will enable the Metropolitan Council of Minnesota's Twin Cities area to receive Federal planning grants for areawide waste treatment facility planning. These grants are crucial if Minnesota is to meet the clean water goals of Public Law 92-500. Without access to these funds, Minnesota would be hard pressed to meet these goals.

As many of my colleagues in the Senate know, the Federal Water Pollution Act already recognizes that States and municipalities need Federal financial assistance to develop and implement effective plans for areawide waste treatment management. It, therefore, provides for 100-percent funding for designated areawide waste treatment management organizations to develop effective plans. Unfortunately, as the law is currently written and as it has been interpreted by EPA, the metropolitan council, which is empowered by State law to do this planning, is ineligible for assistance. It is the only such body designated by State law to be declared ineligible for planning grants.

Let me explain why. Section 208(a) (2) of Public Law 92-500 currently requires that the waste treatment management organizations designated to receive planning grants include elected officials. While section 208(a) (5) permits existing organizations to be designated, the EPA has ruled that section 208(a) (2) precludes designation of existing agencies composed of appointed officials. However, by State law the metropolitan council must be an appointed body. Repeatedly, the Minnesota Legislature has affirmed that this body, which was established in 1967 because local municipalities simply could not take care of metropolitan problems, should be an appointive body. Furthermore, prior to the 1972 amendments the metropolitan council did receive Federal grants for planning for waste treatment plants—and it used those funds effectively.

You can well imagine the predicament we are faced with in Minnesota today.

Even though the metropolitan council was established prior to enactment of Public Law 92-500, and even though Minnesota statutes require that the council be composed of knowledgeable officials appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the legislature, the council cannot receive Federal assistance to perform its authorized function.

In my opinion, section 208(a) (2) unfairly discriminates against the metropolitan council to the detriment of the residents of the area served by the council, and to the detriment of all of us.

As a result of this section of what otherwise would be a fine law, one-half of Minnesota's residents—those who live in the seven-county area served by the metropolitan council—must suffer. But the rest of us also suffer.

The Twin Cities area is part of the Upper Mississippi River Basin. This basin has been designated a national priority area for elimination of the discharge of pollutants into the waters. But without adequate funding, there can be no effective planning, and without effective planning, pollutants will continue to be discharged into the Mississippi.

Quite simply, the lack of funds to help the Twin Cities area properly plan its waste disposal system means that we as a nation will be unable to meet our national goals to clean up one of our loveliest and most historic rivers—the Mississippi.

Mr. President, I urge the Public Works Committee to make examination of the bill which Senator MONDALE and I are introducing a top priority. I would hope that they would report the bill favorably so that Minnesota and the Nation can meet our water pollution goals for 1983 on schedule.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of this bill be printed in the Record.

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

S. 2123

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence of section 208(a) (2) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1288(a) (2)) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1)" immediately after "(B)"; and

(2) by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and the following: "or (ii) a regional agency in existence on the date of enactment of this clause and authorized by State law on such date to undertake planning for areawide waste treatment management."

By Mr. HARTKE:

S. 2124. A bill to amend the Tax Reduction Act of 1975. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. HARTKE. Mr. President, I introduce a bill for appropriate reference, and I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the Record.

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