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COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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March 11, 2008

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Leader:

S. 2739, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, which I introduced yesterday, is a collection of 62 separate legislative measures under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The purpose of the bill is to facilitate consideration in the Senate of the large and growing number of measures relating to protection of natural resources and preservation of our historic heritage that have been passed by the House of Representatives and approved by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Forty-three of the measures in S. 2739 consist of the text of separate bills passed by the House of Representatives, twelve are drawn from separate titles, subtitles, or sections of two other House-passed bills, and two are House-passed concurrent resolutions. Only one provision, section 482, contains new matter that has not passed the House of Representatives.

While S. 2739 incorporates a number of provisions of S. 2483, the National Forests, Parks, Public Land, and Reclamation Projects Authorization Act of 2007, which I introduced three months ago, on December 14, 2007, there are a number of differences between the bills that are dictated by the amount of time that has elapsed since last December and by action that has since taken place in the House of Representatives. Two of the sections included in S. 2483 last December were subsequently enacted into law as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110-161, and, accordingly, have been left out of S. 2739. Eight new provisions, drawn from eight separate House bills or resolutions, have been added. Two of the effective dates in title VIII of S. 2483 have been extended in S. 2739 in light of the passage of time since S. 2483 was introduced. In addition, minor modifications were made in a few other provisions.

Although S. 2739 has not been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, all of the House bills that make up S. 2739 or their Senate companions have either been reported or ordered reported by the Committee.

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Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate provides that, before proceeding to the consideration of a bill, the chairman of the committee of jurisdiction must certify that each congressionally designated spending item in the bill and the name of the Senator requesting it has been identified and posted on a publicly accessible website. The term "congressionally designated spending item" is broadly defined, in pertinent part, to include "a provision ... included primarily at the request of a Senator ... authorizing ... a specific amount of discretionary budget authority ... for ... expenditure with or to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, locality or Congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process."

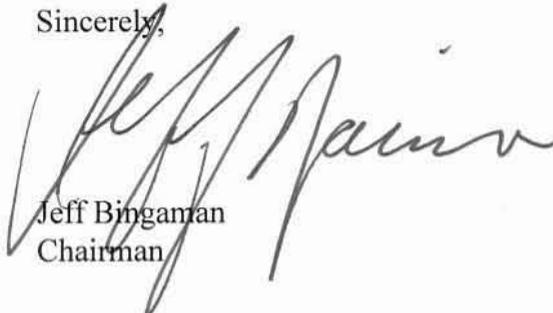
Fifteen of the House-passed measures incorporated into S. 2739 contain provisions authorizing the appropriation of specific amounts targeted to specific entities or localities. These authorizations are included in S. 2739 because they are part of the text of the House-passed bills. No Senator submitted a request to me to include them.

In the interest of furthering the transparency and accountability of the legislative process, however, I have posted a list of the specific authorizations in S. 2739 on the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' website. The list includes the name of the principal sponsor of the Senate companion measure that corresponds to the House-passed bill. A copy of the list is attached for your convenience.

I previously asked the principal sponsor of the Senate companion measure of each House bill contained in S. 2483 to certify that neither the Senator nor the Senator's immediate family has a pecuniary interest in the item, and have posted the certifications I have received on the Committee's website. All certifications received in relation to S. 2483 remain on the Committee's website, where they are available for public inspection in accordance with paragraph 6 of Rule XLIV. I have not received any requests for new congressionally directed spending items to be included in S. 2739.

Thus, in accordance with Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby certify that each congressionally directed spending item in S. 2739 has been identified through a list and that the list was posted on the Committee's publicly accessible website at approximately 3:00 p.m. on March 11, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Bingaman", written over a printed name and title.

Jeff Bingaman
Chairman

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Provisions in S. 2739 authorizing appropriations in a specific amount for expenditure with or to an entity or targeted to a specific State, locality, or congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Program or entity</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Principal Sponsor of Senate Bill</u>
314(c)	Acadia National Park	ME	Collins
333(e)	American Latino Museum Commission	DC	Salazar
334(j)	Hudson-Fulton and Champlain Commissions	NY & VT	Clinton
342(f)	Lewis & Clark Visitor Center	NE	Hagel
409	Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area	VA	Warner
430	Niagara Falls National Heritage Area	NY	Schumer
449	Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area	IL	Durbin
461	Multiple National Heritage Areas	OH, PA, MA, SC WV, TN, GA, IA, & NY	Voinovich none
504(d)	Watkins Dam	UT	Hatch
505	New Mexico water planning assistance	NM	Domenici
509	Multiple Oregon water projects	OR	Smith/Wyden
511	Eastern Municipal Water District	CA	Feinstein
512	Bay Area water recycling program	CA	Feinstein

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515(b)(6)	Platte River	NB, WY, CO	Nelson (of NB)
516(c)	Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District	OK	Inhofe

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Sec. 506. Yakima Project lands and building conveyance, Washington

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District.

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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to seek limited reimbursement for site security activities, and for other purposes.

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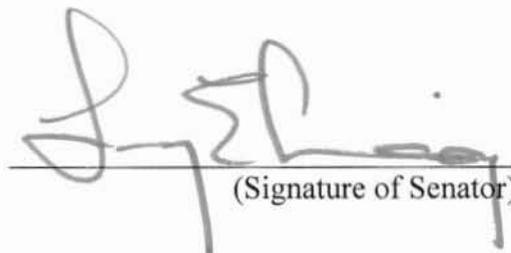
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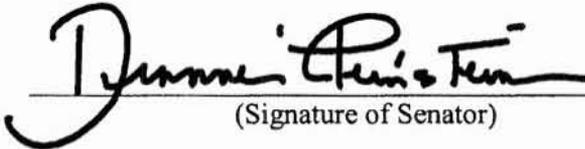
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Sec. 512. Inland Empire recycling water projects, California

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project.

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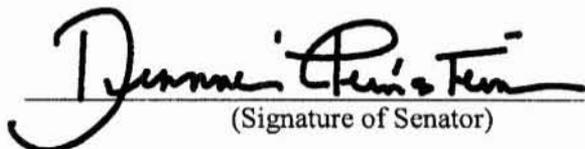
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Sec. 513. Bay Area regional recycling program, California

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act
to authorize the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program.

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Sen. James Inhofe

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Sec. 516. Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District Study

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District.

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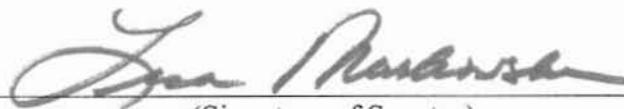
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Sec. 501. Alaska water resources study, Alaska

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska.

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Sec. 515. Platte River Recovery Implementation Program

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin and to modify the Pathfinder Dam and Reservoir.

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Sen. Susan Collins

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Sec. 314. Acadia National Park Authorizations

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To increase the authorization level for appropriations at Acadia National Park

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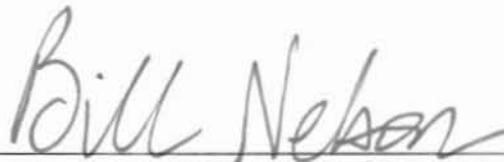
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Sec. 202. Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area, Florida

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To establish the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area in Florida, to be administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

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Sen. Gordon Smith

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Sec. 481. Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area Study

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Columbia – Pacific National Heritage Area in Oregon and Washington

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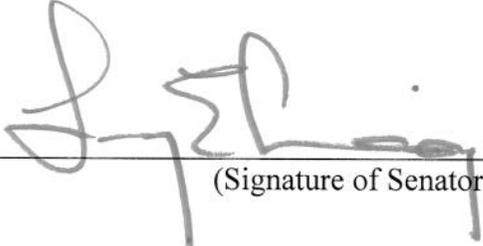
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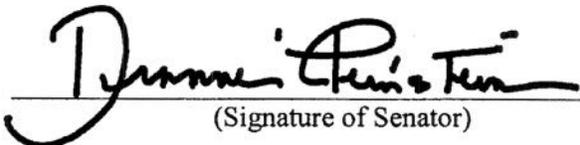
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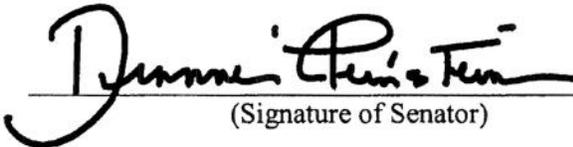
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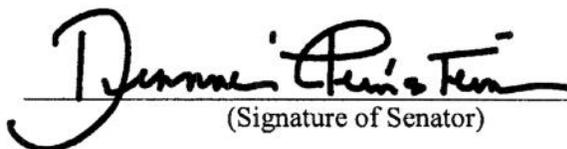
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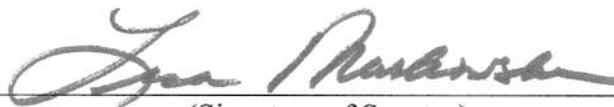
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Sen. Dianne Feinstein

For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 327. Rim of the Valley National Park Service Study

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study an area in southern California known as the Rim of the Valley, for potential addition to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.



(Signature of Senator)

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Name of the Senator requesting the congressionally directed spending item:

Sen. Susan Collins

For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 314. Acadia National Park Authorizations

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To increase the authorization level for appropriations at Acadia National Park

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.



(Signature of Senator)

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Name of the Senator requesting the congressionally directed spending item:

Sen. Bill Nelson

For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 202. Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area, Florida

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To establish the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area in Florida, to be administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.



(Signature of Senator)

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**S. 2483 – NATIONAL FORESTS, PARKS, PUBLIC LAND, AND
RECLAMATION PROJECTS AUTHORIZATION ACT**

Name of the Senator requesting the congressionally directed spending item:

Sen. Gordon Smith

For the congressionally directed spending item, the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no intended recipient, the intended location of the activity:

Sec. 481. Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area Study

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Columbia – Pacific National Heritage Area in Oregon and Washington

Pursuant to Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have a pecuniary interest in the congressionally directed spending item requested.



(Signature of Senator)