

MR. HATFIELD: Mr. President, if the Senator would yield? I am aware of the great success of the Lowell National Historic Park and appreciate the enormous personal commitment to the project exhibited by my colleague from Massachusetts. Clearly the national historic treasures of our New England commonwealths serve as a national constituency and are worthy of federal financial support. Regarding the Committee's position on the \$12.8 million FY 85 appropriation, I would defer to the distinguished Subcommittee Chairman. However, from a broader perspective I do want to express my regrets that the enormous budget constraints and desire of people from both sides of the aisle to limit discretionary spending, has required this Committee to make many decisions which are not popular nor always wise. If we can come to an agreement with you to defer action on the Lowell National Park until we get to conference with the House, we will better understand our overall spending targets and can accommodate the highest possible funding at that time. I assure my colleague from Massachusetts that I will seek such an agreement with the Senate conferees and the House.

MR. MCCLURE: Mr. President, if the Senator would yield? Let me state for the record my support for the Lowell Historic Park. I have enjoyed working with Senator Tsongas over the years on this particular project and join the distinguished Chairman with a commitment to look closely at the House figures with an eye toward allowing a full continuation of the planned work on the Park for its completion.

MR. RUDMAN: Mr. President, if the Senator would yield? It has been my pleasure to work with the distinguished Senators on the Appropriations Committee and Senator Tsongas over the years on this matter. The Lowell National Historic Park is a great success and one that we can all be proud of. I too join my colleagues on the Committee to say that when this item comes before us in Conference I will support a figure that allows completion of the projects now planned for the final phase of the Lowell Park.

MR. KENNEDY: Mr. President if the Senator would yield? I would like to state my gratitude for these expressions of support for the Lowell Historic Park. It has been my privilege to work with Senator Tsongas over the years on so many issues of importance to our nation and to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I am proud to stand today in support and in recognition of the efforts to complete work on the Lowell National Historic Park.

MR. TSONGAS: Mr. President, I want to thank my colleagues for their support on this and so many other matters. I am confident now that the final figure for the Lowell Historic Park and the Lowell Commission will reflect a prudent level of support.