

(2) remember that victims of leprosy still suffer social banishment in many parts of the world; and

(3) honor the people of Kalaupapa as a living American legacy of human spirit and dignity.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 126—TO AMEND THE SENATE GIFT RULE

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 126

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This resolution may be cited as the "Senate Gift Rule Reform Resolution".

## SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE GIFT RULE.

Rule XXXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended to read as follows:

### "RULE XXXV

#### "GIFTS

"1. (a) No Member, officer, or employee of the Senate, or the spouse or dependent thereof, shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any gift in any calendar year of more than the minimal value as established by section 7342(a)(5) of title 5, United States Code, or \$100, whichever is less from any person, organization, or corporation unless, in limited and appropriate circumstances, a waiver is granted by the Select Committee on Ethics.

"(b) The prohibitions of subparagraph (a) do not apply to gifts—

"(1) from relatives; or

"(2) of personal hospitality of an individual.

"2. For purposes of this rule—

"(a) The term 'gift' means a payment, subscription, advance, forbearance, rendering, or deposit of money, services, or anything of value, including food, lodging, mementos, transportation, or entertainment, and reimbursement for expenses, unless consideration of equal or greater value is received, but does not include (1) a political contribution otherwise reported as required by law, (2) a loan made in a commercially reasonable manner (including requirements that the loan be repaid and that a reasonable rate of interest be paid), (3) a bequest, inheritance, or other transfer at death, (4) a bona fide award presented in recognition of public service and available to the general public, (5) anything of value given to a spouse or dependent of a reporting individual by the employer of such spouse or dependent in recognition of the service provided by such spouse or dependent, (6) free attendance at a widely attended event (as such term is defined by the Select Committee on Ethics) connected with the official duties of the Member, officer, or employee, (7) permissible travel, lodging, and meals at an event connected with the official duties of the Member, officer, or employee, or (8) permissible travel, lodging, and meals at an event to raise funds for a bona fide charity, subject to a determination by the Select Committee on Ethics that participation in the charity event is in the interest of the Senate and the United States.

"(b) The term 'relative' has the same meaning given to such term in section 107(2) of title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-521).

"(c) The term 'permissible travel' means reasonable expenses for transportation which are incurred by a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate in connection with services provided to or participation in an event sponsored by the organization which provided reimbursement for such expenses or which provides transportation directly, how-

ever expenses do not include the provision of transportation, or the payment for such expenses, for a continuous period in excess of 3 days exclusive of travel time within the United States of 7 days exclusive of travel time outside of the United States unless such travel is approved by the Select Committee on Ethics as necessary for participation in the event.

"(d) The terms 'lodging' and 'meals' do not include expenditures for recreational activities or entertainment, other than that provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event.

"3. (a) For purposes of the exceptions provided by paragraphs 2(a)(6), 2(a)(7), and 2(a)(8), a sponsor's unsolicited offer of free attendance at an event for an accompanying spouse shall not be considered to be a gift if others in attendance will generally be accompanied by spouses or if such attendance is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

"(b) The Select Committee on Ethics shall publish notice in the Congressional Record of the attendance by a Member, officer, or employee at an event permitted by paragraphs 2(a)(7) and 2(a)(8) not later than 30 days after such attendance. Attendance by an employee at an event permitted by paragraphs 2(a)(7) and 2(a)(8) shall be subject to approval of the employee's supervisor.

"4. If a Member, officer, or employee, after exercising reasonable diligence to obtain the information necessary to comply with this rule, unknowingly accepts a gift described in paragraph 1, such Member, officer, or employee shall, upon learning of the nature of the gift and its source, return the gift or, if it is not possible to return the gift, reimburse the donor for the value of the gift.

"5. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this rule, a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate may participate in a program, the principal objective of which is educational, sponsored by a foreign government or a foreign educational or charitable organization involving travel to a foreign country paid for by that foreign government or organization if such participation is not in violation of any law and if the Select Committee on Ethics has determined that participation in such program by Members, officers, or employees of the Senate is in the interests of the Senate and the United States.

"(b) Any Member who accepts an invitation to participate in any such program shall notify the Select Committee in writing of his acceptance. A Member shall also notify the Select Committee in writing whenever he has permitted any officer or employee whom he supervises (within the meaning of paragraph 11 of rule XXXVII) to participate in any such program. The chairman of the Select Committee shall place in the Congressional Record a list of all individuals participating; the supervisors of such individuals, where applicable; and the nature and itinerary of such program.

"(c) No Member, officer, or employee may accept funds in connection with participation in a program permitted under subparagraph (a) if such funds are not used for necessary food, lodging, transportation, and related expenses of the Member, officer, or employee."

## SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendment made by section 2 shall take effect on October 1, 1995.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 127—RELATIVE TO BORDER CROSSING FEES

Ms. SNOWE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 127

Whereas in the budget of the United States for fiscal year 1996 that was submitted to Congress, the President proposed to impose and collect a boarder crossing fee for individuals and vehicles entering the United States;

Whereas both the Canadian and Mexican governments have expressed opposition to the imposition and collection of such a fee and have raised the possibility of imposing retaliatory border crossing fees of their own;

Whereas the imposition and collection of such a fee would have adverse effects on tourism and commerce that depend on travel across the borders of the United States;

Whereas the imposition and collection of such a fee would have such effects without addressing illegal immigration in a meaningful way;

Whereas on February 22, 1995, the President modified his proposal making the imposition of the new fees voluntary on United States border States (but tied the availability of Federal funds to improve border crossing infrastructure on their willingness to impose such fees); and

Whereas on May 4, 1995, the President further modified the border crossing fee proposal in immigration control legislation he submitted to Congress setting a \$1.50 per car and \$.75 per pedestrian fee structure: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the United States Government should not impose or collect a border crossing fee along its borders with Canada and Mexico.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

### THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

#### LAUTENBERG AMENDMENT NO. 1168

Mr. EXON (for Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 13) setting forth the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002; as follows:

On page 68, add at the end of line 12 the following: "In addition, paragraph (1)(B) of this section shall not apply to legislation that proposes to eliminate up to \$1,000,000,000 from wasteful bureaucratic overhead and wasteful procurement in the military budget, and to apply the resulting savings for use in strengthening enforcement of immigration laws."

#### LAUTENBERG (AND WELLSTONE) AMENDMENT NO. 1169

Mr. EXON (for Mr. LAUTENBERG for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, supra; as follows:

On page 68, add at the end of line 12 the following: "In addition, paragraph (1)(B) of this section shall not apply to legislation that proposes to eliminate up to \$2,000,000,000 from wasteful bureaucratic overhead and wasteful procurement in the military budget, and to apply the resulting savings for use in addressing the problem of domestic violence."