United States of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 104th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Vol. 141 WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1995 No. 92

House of Representatives

The House met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. RIGGS].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 7, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable FRANK RIGGS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O gracious God, from whom comes every good thing, we ask that Your Spirit lead us along the right way, hold our lives in Your providence, direct our minds and enlighten our hearts and heal us and make us strong. We begin each day with gratefulness and confidence that any anxiety or concern that we may have will be sanctified by Your gifts to us and made well by Your presence. May Your renewing Spirit, O God, touch the lives of every person, that we will be the people You would have us be, and do those good works that honor You and serve people everywhere. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN, come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance?

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize 20 Members on each side for the purposes of making a 1-minute address to the House.

SUPPORT URGED FOR A REAFFIRMATION OF UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY IN CUBA

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today the House resumes consideration of the American Overseas Interests Act.

This bill reduces spending by $3 billion over the next 2 years, and reforms our foreign policy institutions by folding three agencies into the State Department. Five recent Secretaries of State—Eagleburger, Baker, Shultz, Haig, and Kissinger—endorse this plan. The bill addresses important policy issues. It stops aid to countries that supply weapons to terrorist States and those who vote consistently against us in the United Nations. It cuts off aid to countries that provide aid to the Castro regime or which engage in subsidized trade with the Cuban dictatorship.

Tomorrow, freedom-loving people are rallying at noon in Lafayette Park in front of the White House to protest the administration's policy of forcible repatriation of Cuban refugees. I encourage all of my colleagues to join in this protest and to demand a reaffirmation of this country's commitment to freedom and democracy in Cuba, and please support our bill this week.

HOUSTON ROCKETS PLAYING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, let me take just a minute away from the budget cutting debate and the foreign aid debate. Tonight the world champion Houston Rockets will be playing in the finals with the Orlando Magic. I just wanted to talk about it, because this is the second year in a row those of us in Houston have been honored to have the Rockets in the world championship.

This has been a tough year. That is why we are starting in on the road, even though we are world champions. We are blessed by not only a great basketball team but a great city in Houston.

I was honored a couple months ago to receive an award along with Hakeem Olajuwon, an outstanding alumnus of the University of Houston. I am proud that the University of Houston is playing a part in tonight's world championship, because both of the Rockets' stars, Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler, were on the University of Houston teams in 1983 and 1984 when they went to the NCAA championship. The Rockets are fighting to have a back-to-back championship. They have overcome adversity and injuries to become the Western Conference champions.

I see my colleague from Phoenix. There are great teams in Phoenix and other western divisions. I hope they

Printed on recycled paper containing 100% post consumer waste

will join us in trying to keep the title in the western division.

CLINTON SHOULD PASS THE BALL

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I would join with my colleague, the gentleman from Texas, in all well wishes to the Houston Rockets, and also really to the Orlando Magic, because cheering the NBA finals we are going to see some great basketball.

Also during the finals we will hear terms like air ball and slam dunk. These terms can also apply to what is happening right here in Washington. The new Republican majority is a slam dunk on the liberal establishment and the bloated Federal bureaucracy. The new Congress wants to deliver a facial on deficit spending.

On the other hand, President Clinton's administration is an air ball. Every time the President tries to show leadership, he is throwing up a brick. The latest example is his threatened veto of the rescission bill. In his first veto Bill Clinton will cut off funds to flooding victims in Missouri, earthquake victims in California, and those who suffered as a result of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Mr. Speaker, instead of constantly throwing up air balls, Bill Clinton should pass the ball to the team who will not choke when the going gets tough.

PROTECT THE FLAG

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, in many cities and towns across America it is illegal to kiss in public. It is illegal in some places to ride a skateboard. It is illegal to burn trash or leaves. It is illegal to yodel or sing in public, and it is illegal, Mr. Speaker, to tamper with a mailbox. However, in America, it is completely legal to burn the flag, completely legal to desecrate the flag. It is even legal, Mr. Speaker, to urinate on Old Glory. In the words of a Russian comedian, ''America, what a country.'' The truth is, Congress, the debate on protecting the flag is not about Old Glory. It is about national pride. Think about it.

STAY OUT OF BOSNIA

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, as we speak the President is laying the groundwork for military action in Bosnia. Our troops are about to be put in harm's way by an administration with no Bosnia policy, no public support, and no idea how and when to stop our involvement once we get in.

Mr. Speaker, what is happening in Bosnia is a tragedy, but I ask you, has the President defined any legitimate American interest in the 900-year war in the Balkans, worth risking thousands of Americans? There is a better way—let the Bosnians defend Bosnia—lift the arms embargo.

Those who think lifting the embargo will prolong the war assume that the Serbs will win. As we speak, the Bosnian Government is preparing to launch a campaign to reverse Serbian gains. Serbia is in the grip of a severe internal crisis. Why not let the people of Bosnia make the price of Serbian aggression high? Why not let the people of Bosnia fight for their own freedom?

Mr. Speaker, this administration should start listening to the American people instead of the United Nations. Mr. President, stay out of Bosnia. Lift the arms embargo or be prepared to tell us why you want to leap into a war that will cost more American lives.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will advise that Members should address their remarks to the Chair and not to the President.

SEX TRAFFICKING IN THAILAND

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge all my colleagues to support my resolution to demand that our Government work to stop the sex trafficking and forced prostitution of women and girls from Burma into Thailand. I am pleased that my colleague from Washington, Senator MURRAY, has introduced this same bill in the Senate.

I was appalled and disgusted to discover that the Government of Thailand has permitted the trafficking of women of brothels. Credible reports have indicated that thousands of Burmese women and girls, as young as 14, are being led into Thailand with false promises of employment, only to be forced to work in brothels under conditions which include sexual and physical violence, debt bondage, exposure to HIV, passport deprivation, and illegal confinement. In addition, members of the Thai police are often actively involved.

And now we read in our own New York Times, that Thai women are being brought to the United States for the same purpose. This is a practice the U.S. Government must not support and we must work to stop it, before it becomes a practice quietly condoned and supported worldwide.

As we debate the foreign aid budget, we must remember the gross human rights violations which occur against women, and we must remember we have a moral duty to pay attention. We have ignored it for too long. This is an issue of fundamental human rights.

STUDENT LOANS

(Mrs. KENNELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor in the Memorial Day break to have been chosen as the commencement speaker at two schools, Trinity College in Hartford and Central Connecticut State University in Connecticut. As a result, I talked to many students during this time that we were in our districts. They are very worried.

A perfect example of these students right here is Vincent Federici. He has worked hard in high school, got good grades, got accepted to a good college. His mother is a computer worker, his father works at a machine shop. They have worked hard to make sure that Vincent can go to college. They have three sons coming along. They have put every dollar in order. They know where every penny is going.

Mr. Speaker, as we consider changes in the Student Loan Program, I ask Members to think about Vincent and the millions of other young men and women across this country who are doing the right thing, going to college so they can compete in this world competitive market. Please, Mr. Speaker, do not make the students that are going to college pay more and have a bigger burden. It is the wrong thing to do.

ON REPLACING THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX

(Mr. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, this week on the Committee on Ways and Means we are looking at alternatives for making our tax system more clear, simple, and fair. There is no longer a question that we should revamp our Federal tax system.

President Carter was right when he stated that our income tax system is a disgrace to the human race. In 1914 we had just 14 pages of Federal income tax law. Today we have over 9,000 pages. A decade ago the IRS commissioned a study that said that it cost $159 billion in compliance. Today it cost nearly $500 billion in compliance costs alone.

Today one economist has estimated that last year more hours were spent doing taxes than were used to build a car, van, and truck in the United States. I look forward to working with my colleagues to design a Federal tax system that encourages savings and investment, rather than punishing those who plan for the future.

Just last year it seemed that the Tax Code maybe would not be reformed at all. Now, this year, it is not a question of whether it is going to be reformed, but just when and how. We look forward to making sure that we have a taxpayer-friendly Code in the future.

URGING SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND THE BLM

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, National Park rangers and BLM rangers and other Federal law enforcement officers are daily subjected to threats of violence and danger. The men and women who protect our resources and our citizens deserve our respect and our support, whether they wear the uniform in the streets of our cities or in the desolate back woods of our public lands. However, we see a Bureau of Land Management law enforcement ranger in Montana responding to knife assaults, a BLM ranger in California coming upon a drug deal that is turning into a shootout, guns are fired at BLM vehicles in New Mexico, and the list of violent incidents are growing: 29 homicides, 110 cases of arson, 166 weapons violations, and hundreds of more serious offenses on BLM land every year.

That is why Americans are shocked to hear about Members of this House calling for the disarming of law enforcement officials or suggesting that those who violate public laws have an irrational fear of their government.

Now they are getting very specific. The Chairman of the House Committee on Resources, in a letter to the Committee on Appropriations, has called for zero funding of BLM resources protection of law enforcement and huge cuts in law enforcement in the Forest Service. The Members of this House should stand with law enforcement.

URGING A ''YES'' VOTE ON THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

(Mrs. CHENOWETH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, today the House resumes work on legislation designed to take our Nation's foreign affairs operations out of the dark days of the cold war and into the sunshine of the 21st century.

H.R. 1561—the American Overseas Interests Act—recognizes that we won the cold war. It reorganizes our foreign affairs agencies, cuts spending, and refocuses our resources to priorities that support American interests.

The bill eliminates three agencies that our cold war victory has rendered obsolete—the Agency for International Development, the U.S. Information Agency, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

It cuts spending by nearly $3 billion over 2 years—and by $21 billion over 7 years—while supporting our allies and punishing our opponents.

A vote in favor of this bill is a vote to downside the Federal Government and to cut foreign aid. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting ''yes'' on final passage of the American Overseas Interests Act.

BREAKING THE PUBLIC TRUST—MAKING MONEY IN THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the Republicans won the elections last November and they promised no more business as usual, and were they ever right. The ethical standards that have been adopted by the Republicans in this House are at the lowest level I have ever seen.

Lobbyists writing legislation, Members letting outside groups send out partisan political mailings on their office stationary and, of course, at the center of it all, the Speaker of the House and his infamous book deal.

Now, in the latest chapter, the Speaker has ignored the ethics committee and signed his contract with Rupert Murdoch. He has even launched a nationwide book tour. This, despite saying he would wait for the ethics committee to approve the deal, which they have not.

They cut school lunches, they cut Medicare, they cut students' college loans, while the Speaker joins the club of millionaires.

For Republicans, it is no more business as usual, it is time for making money.

CHILD SURVIVAL PROGRAMS A PRIORITY IN FOREIGN AID BUDGET

(Mr. WALSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 966, the James P. Grant World Summit for Children Implementation Act. As we revise our foreign aid priorities it is critical that we not reduce spending for cost-effective programs like child survival that provide benefits to children throughout the world.

Spending for kids' programs must continue to be a priority in our foreign aid budget. Minimum Federal investments in child survival, basic education, and micronutrient programs has had a dramatic impact in improving the lives and well-being of children in underdeveloped countries. In 1980, for example, over 5 million kids died from vaccine preventable diseases. Because of our investments in child survival programs such as immunization and oral rehydration therapy we are saving millions of childrens' lives each year.

Nearly 13 million children worldwide die each year, 35,000 per day, due to largely preventable diseases and malnutrition. These miserable conditions create a cycle of poverty and hopelessness that can be broken through proven, cost-effective child survival strategies.

Last year, we provided $280 million for child survival program activities and increased funding for these activities is desperately needed. While it is clear that overall foreign aid levels will be reduced this year, it is essential that the committees dealing with foreign affairs ensure continued U.S. participation in child survival. The World Summit for Children Implementation Act, a bill which I have sponsored with my good friend and leading hunger advocate, TONY HALL, maintains and increases our investment in child survival, basic education, micronutrient programs, and UNICEF. Congress needs to keep its commitment to these cost-effective child development assistance programs and I plan on working with my colleagues to see that these priorities are incorporated into foreign affairs legislation.

ABSENCE OF APPROVAL BY ETHICS COMMITTEE REVIVES TALK OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON SPEAKER'S BOOK DEAL

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, Speaker GINGRICH promised to get approval for his book deal from the Ethics Committee before signing the contract. Now, the Speaker has embarked on a nationwide book tour, so the Ethics Committee must have given its OK, right? Wrong.

In fact, the Ethics Committee did not get a chance to rule on the propriety of the Speaker's multimillion-dollar book contract, before it received a letter from Mr. GINGRICH's lawyer saying that Mr. GINGRICH was going ahead with the deal. The letter reads: ''We will assume that Mr. GINGRICH's book publishing complies with House rules.''

But, the chairwoman and the ranking member of the committee quickly wrote back to Mr. GINGRICH's lawyer saying: ''You should make no such assumption.'' This advice was ignored.

The Speaker never received approval from the Ethics Committee on his book contract, as he promised. Mr. GINGRICH's wanton disregard of the Ethics Committee makes the case for an outside counsel to investigate the other charges pending against him. The Speaker will be unable to ignore the ruling of an outside counsel in the way

that he has ignored the Ethics Committee.

□ 1220

RESCISSION BILL VETO WILL AFFECT DISASTER VICTIMS

(Mr. WHITFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton is threatening to veto the Republican rescission bill. This rescission bill will actually pay for emergency spending by cutting money out of the current year's budget. Responsible, commonsense action like this was seldom adopted when liberals controlled Congress.

The rescission bill provides $6.7 billion in disaster assistance to victims in 40 States, including victims in Oklahoma City, flood victims in Missouri and Kentucky, and earthquake victims in California. These victims need assistance, but the President is trying to stop the money by playing politics.

We know he is upset because we reduced funding for his AmeriCorps. But, Mr. President, don't veto this bill. It provides relief money and it is paid for. Be a compassionate President and don't make the victims of these disasters wait any longer for help.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RIGGS). The Chair would remind Members that they must address their remarks to the Chair and not address their remarks to the President.

RECOGNIZING CHANDA RUBIN, PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYER

(Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today I take special pride in recognizing a very outstanding constituent of mine. She is a 19-year-old professional tennis player from Lafayette, LA. I speak of no other than Chanda Rubin, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Edward D. Rubin.

I am proud to say that Chanda Rubin just completed her best ever grand slam performance at the French Open. Although Chanda fell short to the defending champion in the quarterfinals yesterday, she proved to be a tough fighter. Her courage has touched the lives of many individuals, particularly young people, across this Nation. I commend Chanda for her hard work and I wish her the best of luck in the future.

BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON FUTURE OF MEDICARE

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, just prior to the Memorial Day recess, in introduced legislation to establish a bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. The goal of the Commission would be to find commonsense solutions to reforming and strengthening our Medicare system. It would be patterned after the Pepper Commission that was developed to preserve Social Security. My colleagues, you should have received a ''Dear Colleague'' letter outlining this bill.

The Commission would submit to Congress a report that would contain its findings and recommendations regarding patterns of spending under the Medicare Program, long-term solvency of the Hospital Trust Fund, need to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse, and administration of the current program.

I believe we can all work together in a bipartisan manner. We can then preserve, protect, and strengthen the Medicare system to ensure that our seniors will have access to this program well into the 21st century.

KILLING THE AMERICAN DREAM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

(Mr. HILLIARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to protest another one of the Republican plans to kill the American dream.

I am speaking of the budget that was rammed through last week. This budget gutted the Student Loan Program, taking away the hopes and dreams of young Americans who will not be able to go to college. The budget plan is bad. The Republicans have betrayed the future of America by getting rid of student loans in order to cut taxes for their rich friends.

To finance this despicable tax cut for the rich, they have sold out the young people of America. There are some great kids in Alabama and elsewhere in this fantastic country who now will never be able to reach their full potential. We have enticed them and lured them to sleep with dreams of a bright future, and the Republicans have turned those dreams into nightmares.

Wake up, Alabama. Wake up, America.

SUPPORT THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, when the House resumes debate today on H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interests Act, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle will remind us that President Clinton doesn't like this bill and has said he will veto it.

Of course Bill Clinton doesn't like this bill. It kills three Federal agencies and cuts spending by $3 billion in the next 2 years. It is not his style to support such cuts.

But it also focuses on vital American interests by supporting peace and stability in the Middle East. This bill is about getting nuclear weapons out of Russia and the other former Soviet States—and locking in the gains of the cold war by supporting nations that want to join NATO.

It recognizes our enemies by cutting off aid to countries that supply weapons to terrorist states—that give aid to Cuba—or that consistently vote against us in the United Nations.

So what if Bill Clinton is threatening to veto the American Overseas Interests Act? We should still support it. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on final passage.

MEDICARE CUTS

(Mr. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, under the guise of saving Medicare, the majority would make funding cuts that would have the effect of reducing benefits to Medicare recipients—and these funding cuts would be used to fund tax cuts that would primarily benefit the wealthy.

This fiscal trickery will not fool the American people.

We often hear of class warfare. Well, this majority has just given us generational warfare with its policies that make school children compete for school lunch funding with seniors on fixed incomes, whose Medicare funding in turn must compete with tax cuts for wealthy middle-aged citizens.

In this generational warfare the weapons are not missile launches but school lunches, and not stealth bombers but stealth tax cuts. And the greatest irony is that the generation that won World War II is now at risk with generational warfare being waged by this majority.

We can do better, and we can do it without pitting the American people against each other.

THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T GET IT

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, isn't it ironic that the first bill the President lost increased spending by $17 billion, and the first bill he is going to veto cuts spending by almost $17 billion.

Where has the President been for the past 2 years? The mandate from the people in the last election was clear—cut spending first. Gone are the days where out-of-control spending habits are the norm. This new Congress is showing that Washington must act responsibly to balance the budget. And

that means that any increase in spending in one area will equal a decrease in another. It is simple accounting.

The rescission bill provides much-needed disaster assistance to people in Oklahoma City and to victims of earthquakes and floods in 40 States. Yet the President has decided to play politics with these disaster victims. By vetoing the rescission bill, thousands of people will have their suffering prolonged.

Mr. Speaker, the President just doesn't get it. The people want us to act responsibily and we have.

THE REPUBLICANS' BAD DEAL ON STUDENT LOANS

(Mr. BENTSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, the Republican budget cuts student loans, plain and simple. The Republicans say they want to protect the children, they want to provide incentives for investment, but they want to slam the door on middle-class kids who want to go to college.

The Republicans want to cut student aid by $9.5 billion by the year 2002. They will start by requiring students to pay interest on their loans before they have moved into their dormrooms, before they have even attended a class.

On average, a Texas student would pay up to $5,000 more to attend a 4-year college under the Republican plan. That's $5,000 most Texas families don't have to spend. Middle-class families will struggle to pay this amount when the cost of college is already rising twice as fast as their incomes.

Students in my district and the entire Houston area would especially be hit hard by these cuts. Rice University, one of the premier postsecondary institutions in this country, has 2,584 students enrolled this year in its undergraduate program. Of that number, 2,170 students receive financial aid—that's 82 percent of all undergraduates. Of those students, 715 receive Stafford loans totaling $4.7 million. It's difficult to imagine how these students will find an extra $3.6 million to complete their education.

The Republicans just don't get it when it comes to student loans. To compete in a world economy, we must encourage kids to get a higher education, not discourage them. Higher costs for higher education is a bad deal for Texas' students and an even worse deal for America's future.

A PLEA FOR SUPPORT OF AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1561—the American Overseas Interests Act—is the first major step toward reshaping and reorganizing our foreign policy operations since the cold war.

It begins by recognizing that—with the end of the long, twilight struggle—we no longer need the specialized agencies that were created to help in the fight against world communism.

Nor can we afford them, in a period when we are facing deficits in the range of $200 billion a year. H.R. 1561 begins the necessary task of reordering, by eliminating the Agency for International Development, the U.S. Information Agency, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency—and transferring their responsibilities to the State Department.

Together with cuts in spending of $3 billion over 2 years—that is cuts below current spending—we are on the way toward modernizing and streamlining the way we project American power and influence around the world. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting ''yes'' on final passage of the American Overseas Interests Act.

MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY USED TO BALANCE PROPOSED GOP BUDGET

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, having spent the last week in my district, it is obvious to me and to the 130,000 seniors in northern Michigan that the Republican budget proposals are wrong. In their budget resolution, they want to balance the budget on the backs of our seniors, veterans, and college students.

The Republicans want to cut $282 billion from Medicare over the next several years. They say they must cut $282 billion to save Medicare. Yet Medicare fund trustee Stanford G. Ross has testified that Medicare needs $130 billion to remain solvent. Not $282 billion. Why the extra $152 billion? The Republicans want that money to pay for the tax breaks they are giving to large corporations and the top 1 percent of the wealthiest Americans, the millionaires and the billionaires, while they slash Medicare.

You know what else? The GOP plan as passed by the other body says that they will pass a balanced budget by 2002, but when you look at the bill, they still have a $113 billion deficit. You know where they are going to make it up? By borrowing from the Social Security trust fund.

Mr. Speaker, the Republicans have broken their contract by using Medicare to balance the budget and by using Social Security to balance the budget.

RECONSIDER THE VETO

(Mr. HERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton has threatened to veto the disaster assistance package produced by the Congress.

I urge the President to reconsider that threat.

He should not sacrifice needed disaster assistance on the altar of domestic politics.

If the President vetoes this bill, he stops aid to victims of the tragedy in Oklahoma.

If the President vetoes this bill, he jeopardizes the peace process in the Middle East.

If he vetoes this bill, the President stops funds from flowing to aid victims of the natural disasters in California.

Mr. Speaker, if the President vetoes this bill, he allows $9 billion in unnecessary and wasteful spending to be spent.

Apparently, the President has issued the veto threat because he wants to appear relevant to the legislative process. But vetoing this crucially important piece of legislation seems to me to be a destructive way to prove relevance.

SUPPORT WORLD SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN IMPLEMENTATION ACT

(Mrs. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as we consider funding for U.S. foreign aid programs, I hope that Congress will remember the needs of children and enact the World Summit for Children Implementation Act.

We have all seen the pitiful photographs and the television videotape of children in other countries who are the helpless victims of poverty, ignorance, and war—little children who enter life with great hopes but few chances, and who suffer terribly because they lack the most basic of human needs—nourishing food, safe water, basic vitamins, immunization from disease, rudimentary sanitation, and basic education.

But we do not have to accept present reality. Progress has been made. Worldwide, child mortality rates have been cut in half in the last three decades. Eighty percent of the world's children are immunized against disease, saving 3 million children annually.

We need to continue this progress, and we can do it by implementing the goals of the World Summit for Children Implementation Act.

This is something we ought to do.

SUPPORT AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

(Mr. KIM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, today we are going to adopt H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interests Act. Everybody knows that our foreign aid programs are among the least accountable to our

taxpayers and the most dubious in their results. I did not say that. That is the letter sent by the Americans for Tax Reform group.

Taxpayer group after taxpayer group sends us letters urging us to revise and overhaul this long-overdue, complicated, foreign bureaucracy we have.

This is what we have, how complicated it is. Even Dr. Henry Kissinger says that the Agency for International Development is among the worst agencies he has ever seen. It is that bad.

By making common sense from this complicated bureaucratic system we have in controlling foreign aid, changing to this, under our new bill, from year to year, we can save $1.8 billion.

That is why we support this bill today. I urge my colleagues to support this.

MEDICARE CUTS TO MISSOURI RURAL HOSPITALS PAY FOR TAX BREAKS FOR WEALTHY

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, it is flimflam time in the U.S. House of Representatives again. What do I mean by that? When we passed the budget, the Republican budget calls for huge cuts in Medicare in order to give tax breaks for the wealthy.

But when the Republican Members went back home, they said, ''No, we're not making big cuts in Medicare. We're strengthening Medicare. We're improving Medicare.''

Well, I went home and I talked to my hospital administrators, three of them, including one in my hometown. On Friday, I will be visiting three more rural hospitals.

What did they say? They did not say that Republican budget cuts in Medicare will improve Medicare, will strengthen Medicare. No. In my regional hospital at Hannibal, MO, by the year 2002, a loss of $1.5 million a year in cuts—$1.5 million jeopardizes my hospital.

What about Moberly Regional, $1 million in lost revenue. Audrain County Medicare, $1 million in lost revenue, jeopardizing rural hospital care with those Medicare cuts to give tax breaks for the wealthy.

WIDE GRASSROOTS SUPPORT CITED FOR PASSAGE OF AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, later today the House will resume work on H.R. 1561—the American Overseas Interests Act. It recognizes that the cold war is over by proposing the most important and comprehensive reform and reorganization of our foreign affairs activities in nearly 50 years.

Our legislation rolls up three independent cold war agencies and cuts spending by $3 billion over 2 years. While the administration threatens to veto our bill, a broad array of grassroots organizations supports it, including citizens against Government Waste, the National Taxpayers Union Foundation, the Association of Concerned Taxpayers, and the Eagle Forum, to name just a few.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1561 offers an opportunity to streamline and downsize the Federal Government and cut spending while continuing to project American influence and power around the world in a cost-effective manner.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support the American Overseas Interests Act on final passage.

MEDICARE CUTS THREATEN HOSPITALS IN SMALL-TOWN AMERICA

(Mr. DURBIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, if you have ever gotten into your car in the middle of the night to drive a critically injured or critically ill person to the hospital, you know that every minute seems like an hour. You pray to God that you will get to that hospital in time to save the life of someone you love very much.

That is what the debate on the floor or the House of Representatives is all about when we talk about the future of Medicare. Because if the Republicans have their way and cut $282 billion out of Medicare over the next several years to fund a tax break for wealthy Americans, we are going to see hospitals closing in America, particularly in my part of the world in small-town America. It will mean for a lot of people a much longer drive in the middle of the night, many more prayers, and a lot more hope that they will make it in time.

Is this the Republican vision of America which people voted for last November? I don't think so. I hope the Gingrich Republicans will abandon this tax cut program that they have put forward and will instead focus on really strengthening Medicare instead of the cuts that they are proposing which will close hospitals across the United States.

□ 1240

A MODIFIED FLAT TAX PROPOSAL CALLED MCFLAT

(Mr. SOUDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I favor tax cuts for the American families. I believe American families can do more for themselves than the Government.

Mr. Speaker, the American people devote 5.4 billion hours and $232 billion every year to comply with the United States Tax Code. Furthermore, billions of dollars are then spent by the IRS to administer and enforce these tax laws. To reform this unwieldy system, our majority leader, Congressman DICK ARMEY has put forward a flat tax proposal that can simplify our system and provide a new contract with the American people.

We have all heard the phrase ''you deserve a break today'' and now I want to help put those words into action. Today I will be introducing a modified flat tax proposal called McFlat. the ''m'' stands for mortgage and the ''c'' stands for charitable. McFlat incorporates the meat of Congressman ARMEY's flat tax along with deductions for mortgage interest and charitable contributions.

McFlat can provide the arches, so to speak, between those that want a simpler and fairer system and those of us who feel that it is essential to retain deductions for homes, churches, and charities. McFlat is the simple and fair way to revolutionize the American Tax Code.

THE NEED FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OUTSIDE COUNSEL

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, when is NEWT GINGRICH going to learn that he is not above the rules of this House?

Earlier this year, Mr. GINGRICH announced he would not sign his $4.5 million book deal until the Ethics Committee approved it. But now he has changed his mind.

Even though the book is still under investigation, not only has Mr. GINGRICH signed the book deal, he has embarked on a Rupert Murdoch-financed book tour to hawk his book.

At a time when the American taxpayers will be paying his salary, Mr. GINGRICH is going to be on the road promoting a book that will make him a multimillionaire.

Mr. GINGRICH's lawyers said that since there has been no ruling, they just assumed that no rules have been broken. The Ethics Committee issued a strong rebuke: ''You should make no such assumption.''

Mr. Speaker, no Member of this House is above the rules, not even the Speaker.

The only way we are going to get to the bottom of this case is to appoint an outside counsel to investigate.

THE UNITED STATES-JAPAN AUTO DISPUTE

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, what is wrong with this picture? Regardless of the yen-dollar exchange rate, United States market share of the Japanese

auto and auto part market has remained flat for nearly two decades. As a matter of fact, the import share for all foreign manufacturers in Japan has remained stuck at 4.6 percent for autos and 2.6 percent for auto parts.

The gigantic United States automotive deficit with Japan defies all economic rationale. In 1985, when the yen was 240 to the dollar, the United States had an automotive deficit with Japan of $23.9 billion. Now, with the yen hovering around 80 to the dollar—a 300-percent decrease in the dollar's value against the yen—our automotive trade deficit is on track to break last year's record of $37 billion.

As this chart shows, the facts are on our side. The United States has a trade surplus in the automotive sector with the rest of the world. Isn't it time for Japan to play fair?

THE OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT

(Mr. CHRYSLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHRYSLER. Mr. Speaker, the reason we do not sell cars in Japan is because we do not build right-hand drive cars in this country, and for no other reason.

Mr. Speaker, today and tomorrow the House will debate the Overseas Interests Act. This bill cuts foreign aid and ends the status quo of the bloated foreign aid bureaucracy.

The American people, by very lopsided majorities, have expressed their desire to make these cuts. But unfortunately, the liberal Democrats in the White House and in Congress stand in the way. Liberals oppose any cut in the Federal bureaucracy and are wedded to the old Washington ways. They refuse to see that out-of-control Government is causing deficits and debt. If we do not cut the growth of Washington, our children will be saddled with unimaginable debt and unimaginable taxation.

The Overseas Interest Act addresses these concerns. It will cut foreign aid and the bureaucracies that attempt to globally redistribute the hard-earned tax dollars of ordinary Americans. Republicans realize that we can no longer base our policies on waste, fraud, and ever-expanding bureaucracies. Instead, we must insure that the interests of Americans are served, and not just those of the Federal Government.

MORE ON THE UNITED STATES-JAPAN AUTO DISPUTE

(Mr. WISE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I would yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR].

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, in referring to what the previous speaker said, he made an untrue statement. United States manufacturers manufacture 60 different models of right-hand drive vehicles both in this country and around the world, and for a Member from the State of Michigan to speak out against the United States, and we are hemorrhaging in terms of these trade deficits with Japan for over two decades, I think is unconscionable.

I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, dealing with the other part of the gentleman's remarks, I think it ought to be pointed out what the President is budgeting are those who would almost eliminate the Safe Schools Act, the Drug Free Schools Act, eliminate, almost eliminate, summer youth programs, all of which has been funded, is in line with the budget, a budget, I might add, cutting the deficit one-half in relation to our gross domestic product over what it was a few years ago, a budget which will mean the third straight year of deficit reduction, the first time that has happened since Harry Truman.

THE NATION'S MALL

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, the Nation's Capital is famed for its parks and wide open spaces. The Mall, the area between this Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial, is one of the most venerable and most visited of our alabaster city's sights and all Americans have a right to enjoy it. Of course, we have to ensure that one set of rights does not outweigh another. Today, a walk down The Mall suggests that we have lost our balance on that score. Simply put, large parts of The Mall have become a disorderly tourist trinket bazaar. This famous open space has become haven to countless unsightly, makeshift tables and weather covers from which temporary vendors push their merchandise in an atmosphere of cacophony and hustle. Those vendors, it seems, secured U.S. Park Service permits under their first amendment rights. As an ardent defender of the Constitution and its amendments, I certainly support the right to free speech. But Americans also have a right to and an expectation of unobstructed, safe, and peaceful use of their national parks. Especially one with such majestic monuments. I hope we can restore some balance and find a more suitable spot to relocate the tourist merchants while there is still summer ahead to enjoy The Mall peacefully.

THE ADMINISTRATION IS REDUCING BUREAUCRACY

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, although I had not intended to include this, let me say ''amen'' to the remarks of the gentleman from Florida. He is absolutely right. We ought to get a handle on that.

The gentleman from Michigan who preceded him was absolutely wrong, however. He talks about reducing bureaucracy.

This administration, ladies and gentlemen, has reduced bureaucracy by 272,000 over the next 6 years, actually the next 4 years. We have already reduced over 100,000 Federal employees. This administration, contrary to the previous two administrations, is not just talking about it, and has saved $30 billion in Federal expenses, which is funding the crime bill.

Whether you take the 1994 Crime Act, which I think was a smart and tough crime act, or the crime act that passed this House, both relied on the reductions in Federal employees that this administration, in its reinvention of Government, of doing more with less, has led and the Congress has supported.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RIGGS) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 7, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on Tuesday, June 6, 1995 at 2:45 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits a report on the activities of the United States Government relating to the prevention of nuclear proliferation for calendar year 1994.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RELATING TO PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required under section 601(a) of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–242; 22 U.S.C. 3281(a)), I am transmitting a report on

the activities of United States Government departments and agencies relating to the prevention of nuclear proliferation. It covers activities between January 1, 1994, and December 31, 1994.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 6, 1995.*

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. BOB FRANKS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Hon. BOB FRANKS, Member of Congress:

SEVENTH DISTRICT, NJ,
May 24, 1995.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule L (50) of the Rules of the House that my office has received a subpoena issued by the Municipal Court of Manville, New Jersey.

After consultation with the General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and precedents of the House.

Sincerely,

BOB FRANKS,
Member of Congress.

PERMISSION FOR CERTAIN COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES TO SIT DURING 5-MINUTE RULE

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today while the House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: Committee on Banking and Financial Services; Committee on Commerce; Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities; Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on the Judiciary; Committee on National Security; and Committee on Science.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, the gentleman is correct. The Democrat leadership has been consulted and agrees with all of these requests.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1561, AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT OF 1995

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 156 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 156

Resolved, That when the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union resumes consideration of H.R. 1561 pursuant to House Resolution 155, consideration for amendment under the five-minute rule may continue beyond the initial period of ten hours prescribed in House Resolution 155 for an additional period of six further hours. Consideration for amendment may not continue beyond such additional period. During further consideration for amendment only the following further amendments to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified and amended, shall be in order—

(1) pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate;

(2) amendments printed before May 25, 1995, in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII;

(3) amendments en bloc described in section 2 of House Resolution 155, but only if consisting solely of amendments so printed before May 25, 1995, in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 6 of rule XXIII or germane modifications of any such amendment; and

(4) one amendment offered by the chairman of the Committee on International Relations after consultation with the ranking minority member of that Committee.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HALL], pending which time I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to include extraneous material.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, as most Members know, this rule is the product of an emergency rules committee meeting held the day before the House adjourned for the Memorial Day recess. At that time, H.R. 1561 had been under consideration for almost 12 hours and a host of amendments were still pending— amendments offered by Republicans and Democrats. Using past precedents on similar bills as our guide, we had hoped that the original allotment of 2 hours of general debate and 10 hours of open amendment process would be sufficient, if properly managed, to allow a full and free debate on all the major issues at play in this important foreign policy bill. Looking back at the rules granted for foreign aid authorizations during past Congresses, where 1 hour of general debate and amendment time caps of 8 to 10 hours were standard, we felt that our formula would be sufficient.

Clearly we underestimated Members' interest in extending debate on several standard issues along the way. That's somewhat understandable, partially because we have so many new Members and these programs have not been properly reauthorized since 1985. So, when it became clear that more time would be needed on this bill, our leadership attempted to work out a compromise with the minority to allow the extension of debate by unanimous consent. Unfortunately, some Members of the minority were not interested in that type of bipartisan cooperation. Hence the emergency rules meeting that produced this rule, a rule which responds to Members requests to add debate time, hopefully for some important points.

I commend Chairman SOLOMON for his flexibility and his efforts to work this out in a congenial manner—and I do believe this rule leans over backwards to provide a fair solution. Under this rule we will have an additional 6 hours of open debate, with Members having the opportunity to offer any amendment that was properly prefiled by May 24. In addition, this rule allows the chairman of the international relations committee, in consultation with the minority, to offer one amendment that was not prefiled but is otherwise in order under the rules of the House.

Mr. Speaker, as we gear up for the appropriations cycle in the immediate months ahead it is crucial that we complete our work on H.R. 1561, and I am pleased that our rules committee was able to develop a plan to ensure that the major issues properly managed can be dealt with in a reasonable period of time without jeopardizing that legislative schedule. I say ''properly managed,'' because under this type of fair open rule, there is always a possibility for some abuse of allotted time by some Members who for whatever motive choose to indulge in dilatory tactics. Nevertheless, I urge support for this good workable, fair rule.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GOSS. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Florida for yielding.

Under the rule, can the gentleman tell me, at the end of the 6 hours, if there are still pending printed amendments, will they be allowed to be offered without debate?

Mr. GOSS. Reclaiming my time, my understanding is that we have used that provision up in the first rule, so we will have to complete all of the business in the time left for debate; that is, the 6 hours plus, I understand, with some 25 or 35 minutes of carryover. I am not sure what the exact number was. It is at that time we will be finished with the debate.

Mr. HOYER. If the gentleman would yield further for a question, does that mean there are 35 minutes remaining under the old rule? Is that correct?

Mr. GOSS. I cannot confirm that. I believe approximately.

Mr. HOYER. Approximately a half an hour?

Mr. GOSS. I believe it is in that order.

Mr. HOYER. At the end of that half hour, would it be in order for anybody to offer an amendment without debate?

Mr. GOSS. Reclaiming my time, my understanding of the rule, as it was originally filed before we had the second rule, was keyed to a time specific on a certain date for that provision. So, therefore, that provision is not available, and all Members need to be advised that the rule, as I explained it in my statements, would be the way we carry on, and after the 35 minutes or 30 minutes has gone plus the 6 hours of debate, that is the end, subject to the other parts of the rule.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his clarification.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. HALL of Ohio asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to House Resolution 156, the second rule limiting debate on H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interest Act of 1995. While this rule does provide an additional 6 hours of debate for previously printed amendments, capping time on a bill of this magnitude is unnecessary and impedes the proper legislative process. As my colleague on the other side of the aisle well knows, an additional 6 hours will only slightly improve a bad situation. We have 90 amendments remaining. The 6 hours allowed under this rule will not provide enough time to debate many of these amendments, especially because voting time is counted under the time restriction. Under this rule, only a handful of amendments will be likely to receive consideration.

Mr. Speaker, as I indicated in my May 23 speech on the first time limit rule, the bill before us is a mixture of foreign policy initiatives and reorganizations that could change and weaken the conduct of U.S. foreign policy. In the few days following the bill's original consideration we have seen major developments around the world, including an escalation of hostilities in Bosnia. Yet this rule, which admittedly takes a step forward by providing some additional time, continues the pattern of shutting out amendments simply because 6 hours is not enough. Many of us argued against the first rule because it did not provide enough time. Here we have a second rule with the exact same problem. Again, we will be making substantive foreign policy decisions based on who is recognized before the time runs out.

In addition to the obvious procedural problems, this bill itself is seriously flawed. In addition to cutting funds in the wrong areas, it includes the elimination of three agencies, including the Agency of International Development [AID]. Yet no sound evidence exists to show this will save the taxpayers any money. The American people do not want us to be ramming bills through for the sake of reorganization without any kind of cost analysis. I support the work of AID and believe, at minimum, we should seriously study the merits of reorganizing its functions before doing so in this bill.

Fortunately, this rule does make in order one amendment to be offered by the chairman of the International Relations Committee, Mr. GILMAN, even though it was not printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as required under the previous rule. There is an opportunity, therefore, for improvements to be made in the legislation.

I sincerely hope that funds for both development assistance and Africa in this bill can be restored, and the AID reorganization will be considered. The International Affairs budget represents only 1.3 percent of total Federal spending. It has already been cut by 40 percent since 1985. I am particularly troubled with the 34 percent cut in development assistance. While the bill earmarks $280 million for the Child Survival Fund, the overall reduction squeezes necessary prevention efforts such as basic education, microenterprise programs, and self-help initiatives that have been proven to work. It makes no sense to have the United States functioning as the world's ambulance when famine and disaster occur in developing countries, when we could have prevented them.

In addition to saving lives, development assistance enables many countries to become self-sufficient enough to buy U.S. exports. Between 1990 and 1993, U.S. exports to the developing countries grew by $46 billion, creating 920,000 new jobs in this country. It is in our economic interests to continue meeting our foreign assistance obligations.

Mr. Speaker, this bill has many, many flaws. However, it would be more palatable to many of us if it did not devastate development aid. This is not the time to turn our backs on the world's poor. I sincerely hope the overall spending priorities will be reworked.

At any rate, Mr. Speaker, this rule simply does not provide enough time for us to handle this comprehensive, complicated piece of legislation. There are major reorganizations of agencies in this bill. There are also major restraints and new conditions our Government must follow when dealing with other nations.

Because of this time cap, I am going to oppose this rule and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting ''no'' on this restrictive rule.

□ 1300

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the distinguished gentlewoman from Florida [Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN].

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, the proposed rule for the final consideration of the American Overseas Interests Act should be adopted by the House.

This bill is a very important step forward in our goal to reform Government to make it more efficient and more effective.

To achieve this goal, the bill calls for the consolidation of three independent agencies—the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the Agency for International Development, and the U.S. Information Agency—into an enhanced Department of State.

The consolidation of three independent agencies into the State Department has been endorsed by five former Secretaries of State who argue that it will improve foreign policy by clarifying lines of authority and responsibility.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher also endorsed this concept earlier this year, but his proposal met strong bureaucratic opposition and was withdrawn.

But the fundamental soundness of the proposal led to the leadership in both the House and Senate international relations committees, to study it and include it in our 1995 reform efforts.

The bill also sets forth the spending priorities for our foreign operations during this time of fiscal austerity.

There are protections in this bill for our efforts to promote democracy and freedom in Cuba through Radio and TV Marti.

There is also a provision that supports our efforts to isolate the Castro regime by prohibiting aid to countries that provide economic aid or preferential trade benefits to the Castro regime.

The bill also sets out Congress' desire that a priority be placed on economic and other assistance to the developing countries in Africa.

While the Africa programs have had to bear a share of the overall effort to cut Government spending, they have been given more than they would have received under an across-the-board budget cut process.

This bill represents a fair and responsible approach to the management of Government programs in foreign policy.

Therefore I urge the adoption of this rule.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], the former chairman of the Committee on Rules.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HALL], who has been always a leader in this type of legislation, for his continuing hard work.

Mr. Speaker, this is the second rule we have granted for this bill. The first time around we said 10 hours was not enough. We said that the drop dead time was a lousy idea, and no one believed us. Now, here we are again, 2 weeks later, taking up rule No. 2 that still will not do the job. There are still

at least 99 preprinted amendments that we cannot possibly finish in 6 hours.

The floor schedule for this week is unusually light. There is no reason to shut down the amendment process, particularly when we are considering an issue as important as this one.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this rule. We have plenty of time. Let us open up this rule and give members a chance to fix this bill.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California [Mr. KIM].

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this rule; however, as we debate this important legislation today, I think it is important that we address North Korea's denial of a bipartisan congressional delegation trip to North Korea.

For the first time in 40 years, we finally have a Republican Speaker of the House, and our Republican committee chairmen have requested that I pick a small delegation to North Korea. This is a bipartisan group of both Republicans and Democrats, yet the North Koreans denied our group's entry. We have contacted North Korea again for an August trip, yet we have not still received any answer yet. All this happened while the other Member of Congress have visited North Korea.

Ironically that Member was a Democrat.

This picking and choosing of Member visits is a discriminatory policy. This is simply unacceptable. This is an insult to the Speaker of the House, the House leadership, and to this Committee of International Relations.

This is the most serious insult in my opinion to the U.S. Congress. We should not tolerate these actions, otherwise the entire world will laugh at us, laugh at this Congress.

My original course of action was to offer amendment to this legislation boycotting congressional visit to North Korea until this issue is resolved. I can understand why they are afraid of my going up there, because of my unique background, but I understand that our chairmen prefer to dress this issue in conference if the North Koreans fail to change their position.

Again I would like to say for the RECORD this issue must be addressed during conference meeting.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I yield 9 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER].

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform my colleagues that later this afternoon I hope to have the opportunity to offer an amendment to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Chairman, I do so knowing that difficult circumstances confront the United States as well as our allies. It is after all their forces that are still being held hostage by Bosnian Serb forces.

I think we all recognize that the U.N. peacekeeping forces went in to provide critically needed humanitarian aid. But, it has ended up providing a cover, enabling the Serbs to continue the war largely without the credible threat of resolute military action by the United Nation or NATO.

The fact is there is no peace being kept. In this the United Nation has failed.

I am encouraged by the more forceful actions that are being planned by our allies, that is the plan to deploy a rapid-expansion force to protect UNPROFOR, thereby giving some muscle to those forces in Bosnia. I am also pleased by the statements coming from a number of our allies, notably president Chirac that France ''refuses to yield to fatalism and irresponsibility.''

My concern remains, however, that we are still confronted with a U.N. force that is mandated to be ''impartial'' in a war of aggression and a genocide that claims the lives of mostly civilians. It is an untenable position both from the members of UNPROFOR who must stand by and watch the killings, and the ethnic-cleansing, and for the nations who have failed to take the necessary action to protect the hundreds of thousands of victims from their persecutors. It is a position which states as its working premise to choose no sides to treat the aggressor and victim the same. Yet at the same time UNPROFOR watches in horror, the arms embargo has the effect of denying the right of Bosnians to defend themselves, their families, and their nation from a well-armed and well-trained military force that seeks to annihilate them.

Once this current crisis is resolved we must not allow the status quo to be reinstated. And what I mean by that is for a slightly reinforced UNPROFOR merely to go back to what it was doing, or I should say not doing.

This is a war between sovereign nations in the heart of Europe. It is a war that has been and continues to be the result of an illegal act of aggression by Serbia against the peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is a war and genocide of a scale that we have not witnessed since World War II in Europe. And most tragically of all it is a war against a nation that stands for the very values which the United States, NATO and the U.N. security council espouse over and over again, and which Serbian policy is bent on exterminating.

□ 1310

I believe, Mr. Speaker, that the United States must act to lift the arms embargo against the victims of a war of aggression not of their making. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting that amendment.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise to express concern about this rule. This issue is a critically important issue. I believe that the amendment to be offered by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], the War Powers Act amendment, is also a critically important amendment, worthy of more than a few minutes of debate on the floor of the House of Representatives.

The gentleman from Ohio is correct: If we are serious about being the policy makers and enunciating the policies that this Nation ought to pursue, I think the American public expects us to do so in a considered way, allowing full time for debate.

These are not unserious issues. These are not issues of little consequence. Indeed, the issue of which I speak speaks to the very essence of what America stands for, of what the United Nations stands for, and what NATO has pledged to protect: The opportunities of a people freely elected to be free from international aggression. That is what America stands for.

The gentleman who just preceded me spoke about the unwillingness of North Korea to allow a bipartisan delegation to come in and to talk and to see. The lesson that we learned in World War II and the lesson that we ought to be learning is that openness in foreign policy leads to international security on all sides.

I regret very much, Mr. Speaker, that time is being limited; that in effect some of us are going to be, I think, prevented as I understand it from offering a critically important amendment that passed this House overwhelming 1 year ago, when we said then we ought to lift unilaterally the embargo imposed upon Bosnia and Herzegovina.

What does that mean in real terms? It means you have two people confronting one another in a war. One is heavily armed and one is very lightly armed, and we say we are neutral. We will not allow any arms to go in. We will not allow others to help the combatants.

What does that mean? That means by definition you have taken the side of the party that has been heavily armed, in this case the Bosnian-Serb aggressors who have succeeded to the Yugoslavian arms heavy weapons.

Mr. Speaker, I have had a discussion with the chairman of the Committee on International Relations, the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN]. He is my good friend and I believe a supporter of this amendment. I do not want to speak for him. He and I have fought together on the side of preventing the genocide that has occurred in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

But I must tell my friend I am deeply disappointed we will not be able to, if that is the case, address this issue today. As a result, I will not support the rule, because I believe we need more time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOYER. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, just in response, of course we would like to be supportive of the gentleman's proposal. What we are concerned about is the limited amount of time in this measure to enable Members on both sides of the aisle to take up their amendments. I

hope the gentleman will be able to present his bill as a free standing bill shortly after the consideration of this measure so that the House will have a full opportunity to debate the gentleman's measure.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I want to thank the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] who, as I say, is a very close friend of mine. We say that about most, but in this case it is really the case. He has always been fair, and he and I have always, since I can remember, fought on the same side of issues as they relate to justice and international fairness and opposition to human rights abuses.

I would say to my friend that I appreciate that effort and, obviously, if I am not successful today, I will work with the gentleman to bring that bill forward as quickly as we can.

But I say to my friend, it is unfortunate that we do not allow sufficient time on this issue, which is so timely. There is no more timely foreign policy issue that currently confronts the United States and its western allies than the issue of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as we all know.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will further yield, I want to assure him I will be pleased to work with him to bring this to the floor in a timely manner.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I also wanted to congratulate the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] for his very articulate presentation, and look forward to being able to deal with that issue in the very near future. I would point out there are some aspects to the American Overseas Interests Act that do deal with some of the problems, particularly this dual management problem with the United Nations, which I am sure every American—if they read about it in the paper this morning—is as outraged this morning as I am about, that we cannot defend our aircraft, but only expose our aircraft. Some of those problems that demand immediate attention are provided for here.

Mr. Chairman, I am happy to yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN], the distinguished chairman of the Committee on International Relations.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 156, the rule under which the House would be afforded an opportunity to devote an additional 6 hours to consideration of H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interests Act.

As my colleagues recall, the initial rule under which this bill was brought to the floor provided for 10 hours for debate on amendments.

When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, May 24, 9½ hours of that time had been consumed. Nine amendments have been disposed of out of some 75 that had been filed under the rule.

It was obvious that more time would be needed to enable the House to fully consider the measure. Moreover, an additional 25 amendments were filed so that when the House adjourned for the Memorial Day recess, there were 91 amendments pending—51 by Republicans and 39 by Democrats.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1561 is the first major challenge to the foreign policy status quo since the cold war began nearly 50 years ago—providing for the first major reorganization and consolidation of our foreign affairs apparatus in that period.

It also reauthorizes our foreign assistance programs and reduces current spending by nearly $3 billion over 2 years—while redirecting and targeting our resources on high priority programs.

H.R. 1561 is about projecting American power and influence around the world at a cost of 1 cent on the Federal dollars.

It defends our national security—supports our trade and economic interests—provides for those who have been struck by disaster and cannot provide for themselves—and cuts duplication and waste in dozens of programs.

The administration opposes H.R. 1561 because it wants to maintain the status quo of the cold war period.

Mr. Speaker, when it's winter, we need the appropriate clothing to deal with the snow and cold—boots, gloves, and earmuffs—and a good snow shovel. But, when warm weather arrives, we discard the heavy clothing and put away the snow shovel.

Similarly—with the cold war over—it is now time to put away our cold war agencies and policies and retarget our priorities. H.R. 1561 does just that.

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 1561 provides the House with an additional 6 hours to consider the first major recording of our foreign affairs operations since the cold war began, and I urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield for a moment to the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM].

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. KIM earlier addressed the House with regard to his rejection of the opportunity to visit North Korea, is that correct, Mr. KIM?

Mr. KIM. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GILMAN. If the gentleman would yield, I was dismayed by the North Korean Government's refusal to allow our good friend and respected member of our Committee on International Relations the opportunity to visit Pyongyang as an official of our Government. Along with the Speaker, I personally requested Mr. KIM to travel to North Korea. The House leadership and our committee support Mr. KIM in that endeavor. But we were rejected outright by the North Korean Government.

North Korea has yet to respond to Mr. KIM'S third request to be allowed to be able to travel to North Korea in August. This rejection is an outright insult, not only to Representative KIM, but to our committee and the House leadership. I believe we should take this opportunity to send a clear message to the North Koreans that they must satisfy our demand that Mr. KIM be allowed to join a congressional delegation to North Korea.

The State Department must know that it is an appropriate solution, that an appropriate solution is needed and must be reached. I am prepared to address that issue during the conference on our bill to ensure that North Korea accepts all congressional visitors or faces some repercussion.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I would briefly conclude by yielding myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I believe truly that this bill, if it passes, is really a step backwards for the Congress and for the President of the United States. It ties the hands of the President, of any President. It abolishes departments and agencies by incorporating them under the arm of the State Department. Issues like AID and the Arms Agency and USIA, those issues have not even been debated on this floor of the House, and yet we are kind of confusing the whole situation by just kind of putting them under the State Department. Nobody knows what is going to happen. They are being put under the idea that in fact it will save money, but nobody has been able to prove that. We are doing that without debate.

The second thing is there is over 90 amendments left, with only 6 hours. I suspect that probably with the tremendous number of controversial issues that come up, we will only be able to address 4 or 5 amendments of all the 90 amendments that are previously printed in the RECORD.

So that rule is not a good rule. It is devastating to the whole process, and to the whole direction we are trying to give our President as far as being a leader in the world. This ties his hands.

The way the United States goes in the world, a lot of nations follow us. We have cut foreign aid since 1985 by 40 percent. But under this bill, there are further cuts that are devastating. There is going to be a 34-percent cut in development assistance, something that Americans have asked us for years to get involved. Why aren't we helping these people help themselves? But we are cutting the very thing that Americans want us to do.

The second thing is we are cutting the African Fund, where most of the humanitarian crises are going on today. So many of these cuts could be redirected in a better way.

I am not sure that this bill can be improved upon. There is a chance to do it. But the way the bill stands now, it is devastating, it ties the hands of the

U.S. Government, it is a step backwards, with substantial cuts in areas that for the most part are going to hurt a lot of women and children in poor nations, and it is not something that our Government, our Congress, ought to be behind.

For that reason, I hope that the Congress votes the rule down and votes the bill down.

□ 1330

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I have no further requests for time. Before yielding back the balance of my time, I would just simply like to say that this act is called the American Overseas Interests Act. Usually the labels that we have on a lot of our legislation around here are somewhat grandiose. I think this label actually means something.

I think we are making a shift from what we used to call foreign aid to put the emphasis on something that is truly what are America's interests overseas. I think that is a major departure from some of the direction that we have been struggling with in the past 10 years or so here. It is one of the reasons why we have not gotten the bill through.

I think this is a new time, and I think that justifies in part this extra debate time which is really an extraordinary amount of time, almost 20 hours when we count the rules and general debate, that is an awful lot of time.

With regard to the observation of the gentleman from Maryland that there probably is no greater time or no more important thing right now than discussing Bosnia, there, of course is another avenue, as the distinguished chairman of the Committee on International Relations has pointed out. And the thing about what goes on in the world is that every day there is always something new anyway that is very important for us, not that Bosnia is not critically important, but there will be other things that are critically important.

We have to make sure we have a process to bring those things forward. But the basis, the structure, the foundation of what we are trying to signal here in this legislation are American overseas interests and to provide for them appropriately, well aware of the message that we have had from our American constituency that says we have got to be a little bit more careful about how we spend our money, make sure it really counts for national security and true interests overseas and we are not in the business of being the world's policemen or the world's welfare source.

I think that this bill goes a long way in dealing with that.

The ranking Member and distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. MOAKLEY], a wonderful man and a good friend, has said we need more time, more debate, and that we might not even have enough after this 20 hours. I do not know how much debate is enough debate on any particular bill, but it seems to me this is an extraordinary amount of time for a very important subject, where we are having a change of direction which is part of the change that was promised in the November 8 elections. I believe that we have got it pretty well covered now. I urge my colleagues to support this rule.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed until later today.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, will that vote be automatically called by the Chair?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct; the yeas and nays have been ordered, and it will automatically be called later today.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I did not hear, but was a time certain set for that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It will be after the three fish hatchery bills, which are next on the calendar.

Mr. GOSS. I thank the Chair.

CORNING NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY CONVEYANCE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 144 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the bill, H.R. 535.

□ 1338

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 535) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas, with Mr. CAMP in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] will be recognized for 30 minutes and the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. STUDDS] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON].

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of this noncontroversial legislation.

H.R. 535 seeks to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas. Mrs. LINCOLN, the sponsor of the bill, will fully explain the need for this legislation. Briefly, the State of Arkansas has been operating and maintaining the Corning hatchery since 1983. Arkansas has recognized the need to modernize the facility, but cannot obtain the necessary funding to do so because the State does not hold title to the hatchery. The Fish and Wildlife Service, which does hold title, fully supports the conveyance of the title to the State of Arkansas.

During our subcommittee markup, I offered an amendment—which was adopted unanimously—to expand the mission of the hatchery. In that way, the Corning facility would not be limited to fish cultures only and would be able to perform a broader range of fishery-related activities. In addition, the amendment ensures that if this property ever reverts to the Federal Government, it will be in the same or better condition as the time of the transfer. These changes are reflected in the bill pending before the House today.

I am confident that H.R. 535 as written will satisfy the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Arkansas. I urge you to support H.R. 535 without amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. STUDDS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, the gentleman from New Jersey has said it all. This is a bill without controversy. It is very much like many others we have passed in years gone by. I must say for the life of me I cannot figure out what it is doing under a rule. If there was ever a bill that was ready for suspension, it would be these three. They are routine. They are without controversy.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 535, a bill to transfer title of the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas.

The Corning hatchery, which has been operated by the State of Arkansas under a memorandum of understanding with the Fish and Wildlife Service since 1983, produces bass, bluegill, sunfish, crappies, and catfish for State fishery programs.

While the State has made minor improvements to the facility, it is now interested in making more significant capital investments and would like title to the property before doing so. This bill would give title to the State, while protecting the interests of the Federal Government by requiring that title revert to the Fish and Wildlife Service in the event that Arkansas no longer wants to operate the facility as a fish hatchery.

This is standard language we have used to transfer many facilities in the past. It is supported by both the State and the administration, and I urge Members to support it today.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN], the author of the bill.

(Mrs. LINCOLN asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. Chairman, today I rise to urge my colleagues to support H.R. 535. Before I list all the reasons why my colleagues should support this bill, I first want to extend my deepest thanks to the chairman of the full committee, Mr. YOUNG, the chairman of the subcommittee, Mr. SAXTON, and the ranking minority member of the Fisheries Subcommittee, Mr. STUDDS, for taking action on this bill in such a prompt manner. I worked with all these distinguished gentlemen last year on the Merchant Marine Committee, and I certainly must say that I miss working with them on a more regular basis.

I urge my colleagues to support this non-controversial bill. H.R. 535 would transfer property rights in the Corning National Fish Hatchery from the Federal Government to the State of Arkansas. Due to previous Federal budget cuts, the fish hatchery was closed in early 1983. However, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission resumed hatchery fish production in May 1983 after entering into an agreement with the fish and wildlife service. The fish hatchery has been operating since 1983 as William H. Donham State Fish Hatchery. With funds provided by the State of Arkansas

This fish hatchery has become an important part of the Arkansas Fisheries Division Fish Culture Program and I believe that this transfer will greatly benefit the sportsmen and women of Arkansas and the Nation. This warm water hatchery is very active and successful, producing up to 1,000,000 fish annually.

Currently, and since 1983 no Federal funds are used to operate or maintain the Corning National Fish Hatchery. Let me repeat, this fish hatchery does not cost Federal taxpayers a red cent. It is financed solely by funds derived from resident and non-resident fishing licenses sales. This transfer of ownership has the support from both the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

It is appropriate to transfer the property to the State of Arkansas since the funds used to finance the hatchery's programs are raised within the borders of Arkansas. In addition, without this transfer, Arkansas would be unable to make long-term commitments as to the direction the hatchery will take in its operations or risk of abandonment.

Identical legislation passed both the House and the Senate last Congress only to be stymied in the Senate during the last minutes of the 103d. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 535 and to oppose any amendments.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I have no further requests for time, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Chairman, those who have spoken already quite properly represent the presentation of this legislation and they, in fact, are not controversial. I do have an amendment to the legislation that would require that prior to the transfer of these facilities, prior to the transfer of title from the Federal Government to the State government that the Federal Government would get an appraisal as to the fair market value and the State would in fact pay the Federal Government in the fair market value for these assets.

The fact is that we have been transferring these assets historically for many, many years from the Federal Government to the states without questioning the value of the property being transferred or the Federal taxpayer investment in these properties. But today is not the same as it has been in the last 20 years. That is, this is the first Congress that is operating under a firm target of balancing the Federal budget in the next 7 years.

We see a whole hose of programs that are being cut, some much smaller in value than the value of these hatcheries, but the point is this, that no longer are we in a position simply to transfer assets of the Federal Government and receive nothing in return at a time when we are trying to balance the budget. So the amendment that I will offer to all three of these bills later on is an amendment to require an appraisal and a fair market value assessment, crediting the State with the cost of some of their improvements that they have made and then making sure that the State either pay the Federal Government in cash or in in-kind contribution for that fair market value.

I think this is fair to the taxpayers of the country. I think it is fair to other committees that are making cuts in very vital programs and that we ought to do our share. The value of these assets, of these hatcheries, we really do not known. There are no current appraisals of these. Appraisals were done in 1983, back in 1979. We have comparable sales in some cases for much smaller parcels adjacent to these lands that were transferred earlier that have been sold in some cases for higher value than the appraised value of the hatcheries.

Let us remember that in fact when the hatcheries are, they have been run for the benefit of the States, so the fact that the State has been running this at their cost should be no mystery to us or surprise us because in fact the State has been the beneficiary of the programs being run there and the State will continue to do so.

If the Federal Government is going to back out of this and we are going to turn these assets over, I think the least that we can do is ask that we return to the Treasury some ability to recapture the cost that the Federal Government has spent on these assets.

Finally, let me make this point, Mr. Chairman: This is only the beginning of a whole series of assets that will be coming to the floor seeking transfer from the Federal Government either to the private sector and/or to other segments of the Government. I think it is very important that we understand that when we do make these transfers to these other entities, that we ought to make some effort to try and recapture the fair market value of those assets.

There will be assets developed in the energy area, in the mineral area, in the timber area, in a whole range of programs that the Federal Government is currently engaged in, mainly throughout the western United States, but in some cases, as we see with these hatcheries, in other areas of the Federal Government. I would hope that Members would support these very commonsense and very-fair-to-the-taxpayer amendments asking for fair maket value.

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Chairman, I support H.R. 535, a bill to transfer title of the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas for use by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

The Corning National Fish Hatchery includes approximately 137 acres, buildings, structures, and related equipment. It is a warm water hatchery that produces between 250,000 to 1,000,000 fish each year. About 95 percent of these hatchery-reared fish are stocked in new or renovated public lakes, providing recreational opportunities for thousands of Americans.

It is my understanding that the State of Arkansas has been effectively operating this hatchery facility since 1983, under an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The State has spent in excess of $1.5 million to maintain it. H.R. 535 would simply convey all right, title, and interest of the United States to the State of Arkansas.

Finally, this legislation contains language providing that the property revert back to the Federal Government if the State of Arkansas no longer wishes to use the facility as part of its fisheries resources management program. It also stipulates that the property be returned in substantially the same or better condition than it was in at the time it was transferred to the State.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supports this transfer and I compliment the gentlelady from Arkansas [Mrs. LINCOLN] for bringing this matter to our attention.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. All time for general debate has expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill and the amendment printed in the bill are considered as having been read for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The text of H.R. 535 is as follows:

H.R. 535

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Corning National Fish Hatchery Conveyance Act''.

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CORNING NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

(a) CONVEYANCE REQUIREMENT.—Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the State of Arkansas without reimbursement all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in subsection (b), for use by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission as part of the State of Arkansas culture program.

(b) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—The property referred to in subsection (a) is the property known as the Corning National Fish Hatchery (popularly known as the William H. Donham State Fish Hatchery), located one mile west of Corning, Arkansas, on Arkansas State Highway 67 in Clay County, Arkansas, consisting of 137.34 acres (more or less), and all improvements and related personal property under the control of the Secretary that is located on that property, including buildings, structures, and equipment.

(c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST OF UNITED STATES.—All right, title, and interest in property described in subsection (b) shall revert to the United States if the property ceases to be used as part of the State of Arkansas fish culture program. The State of Arkansas shall ensure that the property reverting to the United States is in substantially the same or better condition as at the time of transfer.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the committee amendment.

The text of the committee amendment is as follows:

Committee amendment: Page 2, line 21, strike subsection (c) and insert the following:

(c) USE AND REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—The property conveyed to the State of Arkansas pursuant to this section shall be used by the State for purposes of fishery resources management, and if it is used for any other purposes all right, title, and interest in an to all property conveyed pursuant to this section shall revert to the United States. The State of Arkansas shall ensure that the property reverting to the United States is in substantially the same or better condition as at the time of transfer.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

□ 1345

The CHAIRMAN. Are there other amendments?

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. MILLER OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. MILLER of California: In section 2(a) (page 2, beginning at line 3), strike ''Within'' and all that follows through ''without reimbursement'', and insert ''Upon the provision of consideration by the State of Arkansas in accordance with subsection (c) within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the State of Arkansas''.

Amend section 2(c) (page 3, beginning at line 3) to read as follows:

(c) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior shall require that, as consideration for any property conveyed by the Secretary under subsection (a), the State of Arkansas shall—

(A) pay to the United States an amount equal to the fair market value of the property conveyed by the Secretary under subsection (a), reduced in accordance with paragraph (3); or

(B) convey to the United States real property that the Secretary deterimes—

(i) has a fair market value not less than an amount equal to the fair market value of the property conveyed by the Secretary under subsection (a), reduced in accordance with paragraph (3); and

(ii) is useful for promoting fish restoration and management.

(2) APPRAISAL REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall determine fair market value of property for purposes of this subsection after considering an appraisal of the property prepared for the Secretary after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) REDUCTION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE OF PROPERTY CONVEYED.—For purposes of subparagraphs (A) and (B)(i) of paragraph (1), the fair market value of property conveyed under subsection (a) shall be reduced by the value of any capital improvements to the property that were made by the State of Arkansas before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) DEPOSIT OF PAYMENT.—

(A) DEPOSIT.—Amounts received by the United States as payment under this subsection shall be deposited into the Sport Fish Restoration Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund established by section 9504 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9504), commonly referred to as the Wallop-Breaux Fund.

(B) LIMITATION ON USE OF DEPOSITS FOR PURPOSES NOT RELATED TO FISH RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT.—Section 9504(b)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9504(b)(2)(B)) does not apply to amounts deposited under this paragraph.

Mr. MILLER of California (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, this amendment requires that as consideration for the fish hatchery conveyed to the State of Arkansas, that the State pay the Federal Government the fair market value based on an updated appraisal.

That payment shall not include the value of any capital improvements made by the State. The amendment also strikes the clause in the bill which would have the property revert to the Federal Government if not used by the State as a hatchery. In other words, the State would receive clear title.

The amendment gives the State the option to pay cash equivalent to fair market value or to exchange property with the Fish and Wildlife Service which must be useful for promoting fish restoration and management.

If the State pays cash, the amendment provides that the proceeds would be deposited in the sport fish restoration account which is better known as the Wallop-Breaux Fund. Every State receives Wallop-Breaux funds which are dedicated to improving sport fishing opportunities. The amounts devoted to fish restoration are decreasing, so this amendment will help assure that all of our constituents continue to benefit from this fund.

Mr. Chairman, as I said earlier in the general debate on this legislation, I think this is simply a matter of equity for the taxpayers, that they receive some semblance, and hopefully will receive, in fact, fair market value for these Federal assets that the Federal Government has built and developed, when they transfer them to the State.

It also provides the additional benefit that the funds received not only will return to the Federal Treasury, but they will help fund those portions of the Federal programs and cooperative programs between the States and the Federal Government that come under the Wallop-Breaux funds for the improvement of this Nation's sport fisheries.

Again, the amounts of money are not large, but I think the principle is sound. I think the principle is fundamental as we continue upon our legislative journey, living under the hard cap of going to a balanced budget in the next 7 years. Every committee, every Member of Congress, and all of our constituencies are going to have to make sacrifices to deal with that.

Quite clearly, we have been transferring these assets for the past 20 years. That has become what we believe is normal. These are not normal times. We believed that highway demonstration projects were normal up until this year. They no longer are normal, because we cannot justify the expenditure of those moneys and the need to balance the budget and to meet higher priorities of this Nation.

Mr. Chairman, I would hope, again, that the Members of Congress would support this amendment to provide for a return of fair market value to the taxpayers of the Nation.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the gentleman's amendment.

Mr. Chairman, as the gentleman well knows, we have discussed this amendment at length at the subcommittee level, and I believe at the full committee level as well. While I would generally tend to agree with the gentleman, that certainly if this is an early version of many transfers that will occur as part of the budget-balancing process that we will go through during the months and years ahead, certainly it would be good to start this in a way that is the most fiscally prudent. That is exactly the reason that I oppose the gentleman's amendment.

It is noteworthy, I believe, to point out here that it was in 1983 that the Federal Government decided that we

no longer had the resources to justify the implementation of a Federal program at this hatchery. In that year, the State of Arkansas decided that since it was a very important program to that region of the country, that the State of Arkansas would supplement what the Federal Government had previously spent, and continue the program on forward.

To the extent that this bill changes that situation, it does so for one very good reason. That is that the hatchery is in dire need of upgrading and renovation, and perhaps some additional facilities to be built on the premises which require financial considerations. Those considerations can be forthcoming only when the State of Arkansas has title to the property.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, this bill becomes very necessary. In order to ensure the Federal equity position, however, it is noted in the bill that there is a clause which ensures that if the hatcheries would ever revert to the Federal Government, that they would be in as good or better condition than they are at the time of transfer.

Mr. Chairman, there are a number of other reasons that I could go on and explain at some length, but certainly the gentleman will have ample opportunity to help Members on both sides of the aisle find savings as we make our way through this budget process. This, in my opinion, Mr. Chairman, is not the place to be penny-wise and dollar foolish, and risk the very existance of this very vital hatchery facility.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SAXTON. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Chairman, it is not very often that I find myself differing from the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER]. We did, as the gentleman has indicated, go through this in subcommittee and in full. I am the first to concede that this is not one of the more cosmic issues of our day, and really ought not to be taking up a great deal of time, with all due respect to the State and the gentlewoman who represents it.

However, let me just say that I think I know what the gentleman from California is concerned about as he looks down in the future here. I share his concern of what may be coming. There may be attempts for the Federal Government to divest itself of some of our great national parks and forests and resources, and God knows to whom and when. However, I will be at this side if and when that battle occurs.

However, there is nothing devious here. This is a State that is willing to assume the purpose for which the Federal Government acquired these facilities in the first place. It is perfectly consistent with the normal process of excessing Federal property. We do not, as I understand it, normally charge the States if they bid on and receive land which has been excessed by the Federal Government.

There is ample precedent for this in the past. There are any number of facilities in different States that I think we will be dealing with in the future. I do not think that we risk setting some kind of precedent for the very real concerns of the gentleman from California. For that reason, I associate myself with the remarks of the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, if I may reclaim my time, I would point out to all here on the floor and other interested parties that, as a matter of fact, it could well be the case that the State of Arkansas could well not afford to be able to purchase the facility, in which case the entire program would be jeopardized.

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SAXTON. I yield to the gentlewoman from Arkansas.

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to the amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

I think there are many issues here to be debated. One point that was just brought up, in terms of preservation, if what we want to do is preserve some of the wonderful natural resources we have in this Nation, we do have to give the States the capability. The fact is most States, and I think we have heard from many of our fish and wildlife agency representatives, the States cannot afford it.

The other point that I would make is the value of the property has changed considerably since 1983. If you are going to talk about the fair market value, since 1983 the State of Arkansas has put well over $2 million, almost $2.5 million into the property, which has enhanced its value. If it had been abandoned in 1983 by the Federal Government, it would be worth next to nothing at this point right now anyway.

In terms of the justification given by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER], in terms of what he is trying to do, I do not disagree. I tend to find myself very fiscally responsible as well and wanting desperately to balance the budget, but I do feel he has chosen a poor target in this area.

This is an industry, quite frankly, where we are producing fish for an industry of tourism and sport fishing. It is one of the largest in our State. It is one across the Nation that does have a tremendous amount of return on the dollars that are invested. I do think it is a poor target.

The property is the Federal Government's, but they did give it up an awful long time ago. We are simply legalizing this situation to make sure that the State of Arkansas can adequately prepare and make the necessary decisions that they need to keep it a productive industry. Again, I would certainly focus that that is exactly what it is.

Mr. Chairman, I would just ask my colleagues to reason in terms of fiscal responsibility. This is a good industry for us across the Nation, and the fish hatcheries are a big part of that. We have invested a great deal in the State of Arkansas.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. SAXTON was allowed to proceed for 1 additional minute.)

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SAXTON. I yield to the gentlewoman from Arkansas.

Mrs. LINCOLN. Again, Mr. Chairman, the proceeds from the industry in sport fishing far exceed the cost of what we are talking here. I do think it is important in terms of making sure we are able to preserve these wonderful facilities that we have in the Federal Government to allow the States to do that.

The chairman of the subcommittee did point out there is a reversion clause. If by any chance the States do not use these facilities for what they were intended, they do revert back to the Federal Government.

As I said before, I think in all good intentions that my colleague, the gentleman from California, may have had, I do think that this is a poor target in terms of trying to make a point of saving money and in terms of billing the States, who cannot afford it, in losing the preservation of these natural resources that we have.

I just urge my colleagues to oppose the amendment and pass this bill and the other two, which are really noncontroversial bills.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 96, noes 315, not voting 23, as follows:

[Roll No. 356]

AYES—96

Ackerman	DeFazio	Jacobs
Andrews	DeLauro	Johnson (SD)
Barrett (WI)	Dellums	Kaptur
Becerra	Deutsch	Kennelly
Beilenson	Dixon	Kildee
Berman	Doggett	Klug
Bonior	Durbin	Lantos
Brown (CA)	Ehlers	Lewis (GA)
Brown (OH)	Eshoo	LoBiondo
Bryant (TX)	Fattah	Lowey
Clay	Flake	Maloney
Clayton	Ford	Martinez
Coble	Franks (NJ)	Martini
Coleman	Furse	McDermott
Collins (IL)	Gejdenson	McKinney
Conyers	Gutierrez	Meehan
Costello	Harman	Meek
Coyne	Hastings (FL)	Mfume
Danner	Hinchey	Miller (CA)

Mineta
Mink
Nadler
Neal
Neumann
Owens
Pastor
Payne (NJ)
Petri
Poshard
Reynolds
Rohrabacher
Roth
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Sanders
Sanford
Scarborough
Schroeder
Schumer
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shays
Slaughter
Stark
Stokes
Torres
Upton
Velazquez
Visclosky
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Woolsey
Wyden
Wynn
Yates
Zimmer

NOES—315

Abercrombie
Allard
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bentsen
Bereuter
Bevill
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Bliley
Blute
Boehlert
Boehner
Bono
Borski
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brown (FL)
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clement
Clinger
Coburn
Collins (GA)
Collins (MI)
Combest
Condit
Cooley
Cox
Cramer
Crane
Crapo
Cremeans
Cunningham
Davis
de la Garza
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Dooley
Doolittle
Dornan
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Edwards
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Ensign
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fawell
Fazio
Fields (TX)
Filner
Flanagan
Foglietta
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Frank (MA)
Franks (CT)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Frost
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Geren
Gibbons
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson-Lee
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, E.B.
Johnson, Sam
Johnston
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kim
King
Kingston
Klink
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Lincoln
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
Longley
Luther
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
McNulty
Menendez
Metcalf
Meyers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Minge
Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Montgomery
Moorhead
Moran
Morella
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Nethercutt
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Orton
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Parker
Payne (VA)
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pombo
Pomeroy
Portman
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reed
Regula
Riggs
Rivers
Roberts
Roemer
Rogers
Ros-Lehtinen
Rose
Roukema
Sabo
Salmon
Sawyer
Saxton
Schaefer
Schiff
Scott
Seastrand
Shadegg
Shuster
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skeen
Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stearns
Stenholm
Stockman
Studds
Stump
Stupak
Talent
Tanner
Tate
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Tejeda
Thomas
Thompson
Thornberry
Thornton
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torricelli
Towns
Traficant
Tucker
Vento
Volkmer
Vucanovich
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Ward
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Williams
Wilson
Wise
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff

NOT VOTING—23

Barr
Bonilla
Chapman
Clyburn
Cubin
Fields (LA)
Gephardt
Gilchrest
Green
Hefner
Kanjorski
Kennedy (RI)
Kleczka
Lofgren
Lucas
Paxon
Pelosi
Peterson (FL)
Porter
Richardson
Shaw
Waldholtz
Watts (OK)

□ 1419

The Clerk announced the following pairs:

On this vote:

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas for, with Mr. WATTS against.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana for, with Mrs. WALDHOLTZ against.

Messrs. HOLDEN FAWELL, and HORN changed their vote from ''aye'' to ''no.''

Mrs. LOWEY and Messrs. NADLER, ROHRABACHER, STOKES, and NEAL of Massachusetts changed their vote from ''no'' to ''aye.''

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Chairman, I was attending a drug-free schools and communities event at the White House and was not able to make rollcall vote 356. Had I been present I would have voted ''aye.''

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I also missed rollcall vote 356. I was attending a drug free schools event at the White House. If I had been present, I would have voted ''yes.''

The CHAIRMAN. There being no further amendments, under the rule the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) having assumed the chair, Mr. CAMP, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 535) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas, pursuant to House Resolution 144, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONVEYANCE OF THE FAIRPORT NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY TO THE STATE OF IOWA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 145 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 584.

□ 1421

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 584) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa, with Mr. CAMP in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] and the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. STUDDS] will each be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON].

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in strong support of this noncontroversial legislation.

H.R. 584 was introduced by Mr. LEACH. It would convey the Fairport National Fish Hatchery from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the State of Iowa. It is my understanding that this facility was built in the 1930's, and as you can imagine, it is in need of improvement. Due to Federal budget constraints, the State of Iowa agreed to assume operational control of the facility in 1973. The State of Iowa has managed, maintained, and staffed the Fairport Fish Hatchery for the past 22 years, and has made some cosmetic changes. If the State of Iowa had not stepped in when the Federal Government found its management too costly, this hatchery would have closed and its fishery resources would have ceased to exist.

Now the State of Iowa would like the authority to modernize the facility, which would be accomplished by this legislation. H.R. 584 will formalize a permanent transfer of title between the Federal and State Government. The State of Iowa has committed over $2 million to the operation of this facility over the past 22 years. Further, it has spent $220,000 on necessary improvements to the hatchery.

This is a noncontroversial bill and will accomplish its goal without

amendment. I urge you to support H.R. 584 without amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. STUDDS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, once again the gentleman from New Jersey has said it all. The issues are virtually identical in this bill as they were in the past and as they will be in the next one, and therefore in consideration of sheer humanity they need not be repeated.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 584, a bill to transfer title of the Fairport National Fish Hatchery to the State of Iowa.

The Fairport hatchery has been operated by the State of Iowa under a memorandum of understanding with the Fish and Wildlife Service since 1972. It produces bass, bluegill, and channel catfish for stocking programs throughout the State.

After 20 years of operation, the State is now interested in making capital improvements to the facility but needs title to the property before doing so. This bill would give title to the State, while protecting the interests of the Federal Government by requiring that title revert to the Fish and Wildlife Service in the event that Iowa no longer wants to operate the facility as a fish hatchery.

The bill is supported by both the State and the administration, and I urge Members to support it today.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LEACH].

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Chairman, 3 weeks ago in thunderous debate the House considered the ''mega'' implications of the budget resolution. Now we have before us perhaps the smallest bill of the year, H.R. 584, which would have the effect of conveying a small federally owned, State-operated, fish hatchery to the State of Iowa.

This hatchery, operated by the State of Iowa since 1973, is crucial to the fishery resources program in my State, and the legislation before us formalizes a permanent transfer of title between the Federal and State government.

The hatchery is located in Fairport, an unincorporated town of 50 people situated on a beautiful hillside embankment overlooking the Mississippi River approximately 8 miles east of the community of Muscatine. The facility was originally donated at the turn of the century to the Federal Government by an association of button manufacturers who, prior to the advent of plastic alternatives, utilized the shells of freshwater mussels from the Mississippi River as raw material for the making of buttons.

With the subsequent acquisition of surrounding land, at a total cost of $21,771.22, Fairport was established by Congress in 1909 as a biological research station, and in 1929 became a fish hatchery operated and maintained by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

In 1973, as a result of Federal budgetary constraints, operation and maintenance of the facility was assumed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The Fairport Fish Hatchery has served as an important part of the State's fish hatchery system since that time.

The State of Iowa agreed to assume responsibility for the facility partly to assist sports fisherman but mainly to help advance a growing/midwestern acquaculture industry, particularly for the stocking of farm ponds. As an augment to farming the land and feeding livestock, increasing numbers of farmers are finding they can diversify into aquaculture.

The Fairport facility is one of three warmwater fish hatcheries within Iowa's hatcheries program. The facility fills the need for several fish including bass, bluegills, white amur, and channel catfish, which are utilized throughout the State as a part of the Iowa stocking program. Simply put, fish that are not hatched cannot be caught or bred.

The State Iowa has committed substantial resources to providing for its fisheries needs through the operation and maintenance of the Fairport facility. Unlike other States, it has done so without seeking Federal funds for 22 years. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources estimates that it has expended $2,100,000 for the operation of the hatchery under the memorandum of understanding with the Fish and Wildlife Service since 1973. This sum is substantially greater than the market value of the property which, according to a 1983 appraisal, was $717,000. It is possible that the property has slightly increased in value since then, but before use by others, numerous ponds would have to be filled and the extensive well and underground pipe system removed at considerable cost.

In addition to its current operating budget of $175,000, the State of Iowa has to date spent $220,000 on necessary improvements to the hatchery. If title to the property is transferred, the State intends to make an additional $350,000 investment in the facility, including a new holding house and dike improvements. But the State of Iowa cannot afford both to buy the property and then improve and operate the facility. Without this transfer the facility is likely to close and the Federal Government will have to either make necessary improvements and operate it itself or take on the costly task of closing it.

Iowa's interest in obtaining title to the hatchery is based on the concern that the State be able to make these needed improvements to the facility without risk of loss. If the State does not have title to the property, the Federal Government could divest itself of the hatchery along with any investment the State might make in it. The State would be left vulnerable to property confiscation precipitated either by the executive branch in Washington or capricious Federal legislators.

Because investment without ownership would be imprudent, Iowa has secured the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's agreement to transfer title to the property to the State. To obviate concerns that the State of Iowa might accept property conveyance and then turn around and put it on the market or use it for another purpose, the agreement between the Department of Interior and the State provides that if the property ceases its fish related functions, it will revert back to the Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, conveyances of national fish hatcheries to States are normally noncontroversial. Indeed, since 1989, four almost identical conveyances have taken place—in the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, and Ohio—all with the unanimous approval of this House. And, in an analogous transaction for a different purpose the 103d Congress transferred land to Imperial Beach, CA.

Federal and State officials involved in the Fairport conveyance unreservedly support this transfer. Mr. J. Edward Brown, State Water Coordinator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, is particularly to be commended for his long and hard work in this effort to secure the future of the Fairport Fish Hatchery. I also wish to thank Mr. SAXTON of New Jersey, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries. Wildlife, and Oceans, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Resources and their staffs for providing the residents of my State and my district with a great service by moving this legislation quickly to the floor.

While by precedent such conveyances to States are normally routine, I was surprised to learn that the distinguished gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] objects and in the committee report as well as in a ''Dear Colleague'' letter suggests that it is the taxpayers who, along with the fish, are being ''soaked.'' Actually, it is citizens who are being served by this approach and politician who are being ''fishy'' in their arguments in opposition.

This is, after all, a country with one Government of, by, and for the people. It is true there are different levels of governmental organization—local, State, and Federal—but the obligation is the same: to serve the people. Transferring property from one level of government to another has implications that must be assessed on a careful basis—on this, Mr. MILLER is correct—but, when the purpose is to maintain a public service which otherwise would be dropped; when the cost is de minimus; when there is no intent to take advantage of anyone or any institution; when the public body the property is transferred to has a historical commitment to and investment in the property and public program in question; when all relevant professional bodies—private and governmental—are in concurrence, there is no credible reason not to proceed.

In this regard, let me tell a tale of two States and two fish hatcheries to illustrate why I believe Mr. MILLER's

protestations represent ''upstream'' logic with a fishy ''downwind'' odor.

Iowa, unlike California, has no national parks. Iowa, unlike California, has no Bureau of Land Management projects. And, Mr. Chairman, Iowa, unlike California, has no federally subsidized fish hatchery.

In Iowa, private citizens almost a century ago gave a piece of property to the Federal Government for the purpose of advancing Mississippi River aquaculture. For the last generation the State of Iowa has exclusively borne the cost of such activities and maintained and upgraded the property. On the other hand, in the State of California there exists a fish hatchery which the Federal Government bought and which the Federal Government on a yearly basis subsidizes. Indeed, this year the Federal Government has committed $1,902,000 to the Coleman National Fish Hatchery in Anderson, CA, a sum which is $887,000 or 87 percent more than that obligated just 4 years ago. By comparison, the value of the Fairport property is about one-third the annual Federal subsidy to California's fish hatchery and less than the increase in that subsidy authorized in the last 4 years.

A fair question might therefore be asked: Which fish are more important—California's federally subsidized steelhead trout or the Mississippi River catfish which do not receive a Federal subsidy?

Mr. Chairman, I do not rise today, nor have I ever risen, to object to the California Fish and Wildlife Protection Act, which the gentleman from California sponsored; nor do I rise to object to nor did I vote against passage of the California Desert Protection Act, which Mr. MILLER assured us was vital to the needs of his State; nor, Mr. Speaker, do I rise to object to nor did I vote against addition of land to the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez, CA.

But I do think it fair to point out some irony in the fact that the gentleman from California has proposed new environmental projects costing multibillions in the gentleman's home State while he now objects to the transfer of an existing small fish hatchery which will cost the Federal Government nothing and which the Federal Government paid next to nothing for to begin with. Methinks it is hollow conservatism for the gentleman to protest so much. Why, pray tell, is it fair for Iowans to pay for California fish propagation when Californians object to Iowans taking responsibility for their own aquaculture?

The issue, let me stress, is not traditional congressional logrolling. I ask no money for anything from anyone. I ask only that this Congress allow a transfer of property and responsibility to take place between one level of government and another. This transfer, as small as it is, represents a symbolic step away from all-knowing Washington hegemony toward a new federalism in which States rights are matched by State responsibility. Beyond this, it is particularly poignant that the transfer contemplated symbolizes a State taking responsibility for a governmental service after the Federal Government has abdicated its traditional role. In fact, under State management, the Fairport Fish Hatchery provides regular advice and information to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Mississippi River ecosystem. The State in other words, willingly provides a service to the Federal Government, without charge or complaint. It is a commonsense thing to do.

The gentleman might wonder why I object so strenuously to his legislative sophistry. Let me say as carefully as I can: I don't like legislative games being played with people's livelihoods and a town's well-being. At a personal level I spoke twice to the gentleman this year asking for comity. For the last generation citizens of my State have provided tax resources to advance environmental projects all over the country. All Iowans ask today is the opportunity to invest in our future at our expense. Aquaculture and the study of the Mississippi River ecosystem are important to our region. It is simply not fair to ask Iowa taxpayers to foot the bill for environmental projects in virtually every other State but their own and then pay Washington for a facility the State of Iowa has invested more in than the Federal Government.

Let me conclude by stressing that H.R. 584 is supported by all executive branch parties involved, including the Republican administration in Des Moines and the Democratic administration in Washington. The approach it contains is consistent with precedent, in conformance with administration policy, and represents mutual fairness to all parties. No obligations are being placed on the Federal taxpayer. I doubt if there is a stronger equity case anywhere in the federal system for the transfer of property from one level of government to another.

To turn down an agreement in which a State accepts responsibility for services the Federal Government abandons in some parts of the country but embraces elsewhere is not only unfair, it risks the transfer of an environmental jewel to industrial development.

If Mr. MILLER's irascible approach is adopted, a wonderful small town in my congressional district will be faced with the elimination of its second largest employer—negatively impacting the quality of life of this beautiful river community and severely retarding the development of aquaculture in the State of Iowa.

To paraphrase Daniel Webster in a reference he made in a court case involving a small private college: ''Fairport is, Sir, but a small place but there are those who love it.''

□ 1430

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 1 minute.

I just want to say to the distinguished gentleman from Iowa, I now feel extremely guilty that I did not speak at greater length on this matter. I do not recall a more scholarly presentation replete with more references to literature, to history, to Latin invective, and to puns, and it was the part about the buttons that really got to me, I must say.

Also, let the record reflect for the duration of this debate I am not sitting between the gentleman from Iowa and the gentleman from California.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 5 minutes to the aforementioned distinguished gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the House, the amendment is not large, but the principle is important, and that is that we are now living under a zero-sum situation within the Federal Government in an effort to balance the Federal deficit, and that is what makes some of the things we have done in the ordinary course of business in this Congress in the past not possible in the ordinary course of business today because we have that mandate to meet.

The fact is, yes, we have transferred fish hatcheries in the past and we did not charge the States. That is before we were living under these rules of today.

The gentleman from Iowa cites a number of transfers between agencies of the Federal Government which he suggests is analogous to this, and the fact of the matter is it is not. The California desert was created out of Federal lands currently owned. The fact is the moneys that go into the hatchery in California are there because Federal actions have devastated the fisheries in that general area in the northern part of the State.

And the fact is this hatchery, once it is transferred, will continue to receive Federal funds for its operation, as do many of the other hatcheries. So this is not a question of Iowa only. There will be Federal funds, $2 million a year, to go to the State for the operation of this and other hatcheries.

The fact is the Federal Government operated this hatchery for 44 years, and I do not see anybody complain about that. Yes, Iowa operated it for 22 years. The point is this: We have 60 acres on a prime piece of land next to the Mississippi River that we could call this surplus. We could put it out and let it go. We are doing the State of Iowa a favor because we are continuing the hatchery program by making this available to them so that they can continue to have a program which, like the gentlewoman from Arkansas said, is a vital interest to that State for sport fishing revenues, recreational revenues, for all the revenues the State receives from those efforts, and apparently also for the people who live in the small town.

The point is this, though, in the transfer of that we ought to receive for

the taxpayers of this country fair market value. The suggestion is it is only $717,000. The fact is, again, we do not know that. It has been suggested it might be as much as $2 million. But $717,000 is half again as much as all of the taxes that an average family will pay to the Federal Government after working a lifetime.

So we hear very often, and I think quite correctly, that from time to time we have got to check what we have been doing before. This gentleman has, in this Committee of Natural Resources for many years, forced the receipt of fair market value in land exchanges and land trades and land transfers to levels of local governments, and I have been doing that for 20 years. And in most cases that is what the Federal law requires.

In this particular case, we simply are desiring to make a gift to the people of Arkansas, the people of Iowa, the people of Minnesota to a program that we hear is vitally important to them, very, very helpful to their economies, and simply saying the taxpayer will walk away from it.

All I am suggesting is we ought to get an appraisal. We ought to find out fair market value. This is not an attempt to gouge. We will give them credit for the improvements they have put into the facility, and everybody will be happy in their work as we transfer this facility.

Again, I would say that there is tremendous local benefit to the transfer of this project, the facility, to the State, ongoing benefit in terms of their economy, in terms of, I believe, this hatchery is even used in the private sector in aquaculture and other commercial ventures, and all I am saying is when you have got that, you know, we constantly go before town hall meetings, people, what do they say to you all the time? ''Why don't you run the government like a business?'' And the point is we ought to run the government like a business. And in this case, when you transfer an asset, what tenant would be able to go and say, ''I would love to fix up this building so I can do a better job in this building; I am not going to do it if I don't own it, but you have to give it to me for free.'' I have never met that landlord, except the U.S. Government, that would say, ''Oh, okay, take it for free, and then we will be on our merry way.''

I think that is the point, is that that we have got to make this effort, as I said before; there will be a rationale made for each and every one of these projects coming out of this committee. Some of them are far grander than this in terms of transferring the assets that the people of this country have invested into the projects or the ideas or the purposes of a single region.

I think we ought to make some effort to provide for the recapture of that investment. We are not talking about recapturing the money that was spent for 44 years. We are not talking about recapturing the Federal money that will be spent after this. We are not talking about capturing the Federal money being spent today in this or any other hatchery. We are talking about the fair market value for the real estate transaction of this facility to the State of Iowa.

I think it is a very, very small thing to ask in behalf of the taxpayers of this country.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of H.R. 584, a noncontroversial bill to transfer the Fairport National Fish Hatchery to the State of Iowa.

This facility is an important component of Iowa's fish hatchery system. The State has operated this hatchery with their own funds since 1973, and it is one of three warm-water facilities within the State's program. The Fairport facility fills the need for several fish, including large-mouth bass, blue gills, and channel catfish. These fish are utilized throughout the State as part of their fisheries resources program.

While the Iowa Department of Natural Resources wants to modernize the upgrade this facility, they cannot justify the expense of these improvements as long as the Federal Government holds title to this property.

H.R. 584 was introduced by our distinguished colleague from Iowa, JIM LEACH It is strongly supported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which indicated by letter that the Service has ''no present, or foreseeable need for a hatchery at this site and recognizes the importance of this facility to the fishery resources program of the State of Iowa.''

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and I compliment the gentleman from Iowa for his outstanding leadership in this matter.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there further debate on the bill?

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. All time for general debate has expired.

Pursuant to have the rule, the bill is considered as having been read for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The text of H.R. 584 is as follows:

H.R. 584

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF THE FAIRPORT NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY TO THE STATE OF IOWA.

(a) CONVEYANCE.—Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the State of Iowa without reimbursement all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the fish hatchery described in subsection (b) for use by the State for purposes of fishery resources management.

(b) HATCHERY DESCRIBED.—The fish hatchery described in subsection (a) is the Fairport National Fish Hatchery located in Muscatine County, Iowa, adjacent to State Highway 22 west of Davenport, Iowa, including all real property, improvements to real property, and personal property.

(c) USE AND REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—The property conveyed to the State of Iowa pursuant to this section shall be used by the State for purposes of fishery resources management, and if it is used for any other purpose all right, title, and interest in and to all property conveyed pursuant to this section shall revert to the United States.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there amendments to the bill?

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. MILLER OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. MILLER of California: In section 1(a) (page 1, beginning at line 5), strike ''Within'' and all that follows through ''without reimbursement'', and insert ''Upon the provision of consideration by the State of Iowa in accordance with subsection (c) within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the State of Iowa''.

Amend section 1(c) (page 2, beginning at line 12) to read as follows:

(c) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Interior shall require that, as consideration for any property conveyed by the Secretary under subsection (a), the State of Iowa shall—

(A) pay to the United States an amount equal to the fair market value of the property conveyed by the Secretary under subsection (a), reduced in accordance with paragraph (3); or

(B) convey to the United States real property that the Secretary determines—

(i) has a fair market value not less than an amount equal to the fair market value of the property conveyed by the Secretary under subsection (a), reduced in accordance with paragraph (3); and

(ii) is useful for promoting fish restoration and management.

(2) APPRAISAL REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall determine fair market value of property for purposes of this subsection after considering an appraisal of the property prepared for the Secretary after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) REDUCTION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE OF PROPERTY CONVEYED.—For purposes of subparagraphs (A) and (B)(i) of paragraph (1), the fair market value of property conveyed under subsection (a) shall be reduced by the value of any capital improvements to the property that were made by the State of Iowa before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) DEPOSIT OF PAYMENT.—

(A) DEPOSIT.—Amounts received by the United States as payment under this subsection shall be deposited into the Sport Fish Restoration Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund established by section 9504 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9504), commonly referred to as the Wallop-Breaux Fund.

(B) LIMITATION ON USE OF DEPOSITS FOR PURPOSES NOT RELATED TO FISH RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT.—Section 9504(b)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9504(b)(2)(B)) does not apply to amounts deposited under this paragraph.

Mr. MILLER of California (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

□ 1445

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I rise in support of the amendment. This amendment has been previously explained in the debate, would provide for an appraisal of the fair market value of the 60 acres and facilities that the Federal Government would transfer to the State of Iowa for the continued use of a fish hatchery at Fairport, IA, a national hatchery. The purpose of this amendment, as I stated previously and with the previous amendment, is to try and assure that we have some ability to recapture the Federal investment in this facility as we transfer it to the State of Iowa. As I said earlier, we operated this facility for 44 years. Previously the State took it over at one point determining it was in such interest to the State that they would then run the annual operating expenses of this to continue to provide for the feedstocks that are developed at this hatchery, and now they seek to gain clear title to the facility. I have no problem with the State gaining clear title to that facility, the State taking this over and the Federal Government getting out of this business. It all sort of makes sense. My problem is I think, when we exit there, when we turn over this 60 acres of real estate, that we owe it to the public to get an appraisal and to get fair market value for this facility, and the amendment also provides for the offsets for the moneys that the State has put into improving that facility during their tenancy in that facility.

Mr. Chairman, I would ask for a favorable reporting of this amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there any further debate on the amendment?

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to the amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

Mr. Chairman, this proposal was debated at length during our subcommittee and full committee deliberations, and it was also deliberated at some length earlier today on the amendment when the gentleman offered an amendment on the Arkansas bill. While on the surface the amendment may appear to have certain amount of appeal, there are certain facts that are indisputable. I think I will just reference them very quickly.

First, Iowa has operated this hatchery with State funds for decades and have done so effectively for more than 23 years—22 years. Furthermore, Iowa has spent millions of dollars to operate the hatchery and to improve the infrastructure surrounding it.

Second, this bill contains language requiring the property to revert to the Federal Government in as good or if not better condition at the time that any transfer may be contemplated.

Third, this is not the first time the Federal fish hatchery has been transferred to a State at no cost. It has been done several times, as recently as the last Congress. This bill simply transfers an asset from one level of government to another to continue the partnership that is so important relative to this hatchery.

Fourth, recent real estate appraisals have not been conducted on this facility, and it would cost the Federal Government thousands of dollars to make such an assessment and would be a waste of the taxpayers' money.

Finally, this bill is an important partnership with the State, and we will benefit, and it will benefit, thousands of Americans who enjoy recreational opportunities that abound from it.

So, I believe the choice is clear. By supporting the Miller amendment precious funds would be squandered on real estate assessments and appraisals. The hatchery would be in jeopardy of closing if the State of Iowa decided not to purchase it, and these important fish stocking programs would cease to exist, and so I urge a no vote on this amendment and support the committee's position.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, first there are two issues under consideration with this amendment. One relates to the concept of an appraisal, and I would say the gentleman from California has a point that the last appraisal was done 12 years ago. I would affirm to the gentleman that most Iowa small towns have not seen property appreciate in levels above the inflation rate, and generally it is less than that.

I would acknowledge that in terms of view, Fairport enjoys one of the most spectacular views in the world, every bit comparable to Big Sur; in fact, probably exceeding. On the other hand, great land and seascape portraits in Iowa are valued far differently than they are in other parts of the country, and I cannot say that on a dollar basis that view value would be reflected. But even if the property value were 50 percent higher than the 1983 appraisal, 100 percent higher, 200 or 300 percent higher, the point still holds that that would not be a credible reason for not making the transfer, and so I would suggest that the concern for an appraisal, while being of 12 years of age, does not constitute a compelling point.

The second issue is the issue of what is equity between the parties. Should the State of Iowa pay the Federal Government? And I would say that the gentleman's points would be not only more plausible, but very compelling, if this were a transfer of land from the U.S. Government to a private sector source. This is not. This is a transfer between two levels of government. The public interest is the same. The constancy of the public interest has to be considered a factor of some significance, not precluding other factors, but a factor of serious significance.

In this regard it also should be stressed that there is a reversion clause in this agreement. If the State of Iowa were to sell the property for another use or use it itself for another use, the property rights would revert back to the U.S. Government.

I would also like to stress, and I tried to lay it out in my opening statement to this body, that because the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] has a point in the abstract and a point that also could well be valid in concrete circumstances, it is important to lay down criteria where transfers might take place without proceeds involved. I would suggest five relevant criteria:

First, when the purpose is to maintain a public service which would otherwise be dropped; second, when the cost is de minimis; third, when there is no intent to take advantage of anyone or any institution; fourth, when the public body which the property is transferred to has an historical commitment to and investment in the property or program in question; and fifth, when all relevant professional bodies, private and governmental, are in concurrence.

With these five criteria met, I would suggest that there is no credible reason whatsoever not to proceed with this transfer, leaving open the philosophical question that the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] raises that there might well be a philosophical circumstance in which these criteria are not met in other kinds of situations. But I would stress to the gentleman, to the committee and to this body that to act on a line of reasoning because of something that might exist in another circumstance that does not relate to this precise circumstance where a series of very careful weighings have taken place and where, by the way, and I would stress again, this administration and its professionals, as well as the Iowa administration and its professionals, are in concurrence, would be a mistake.

I leave myself open to supporting the kind of amendment that the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] or any other member of this body may raise in other contexts at other times, but in my judgment to apply it to the Fairport fish facility, a facility with two full-time employees and one part-time employee, a facility that is serving the interests of the State and the Midwest, would be a mistake of not large, but symbolically quite sad proportions.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words to remind Members the question before us is for all intents and purposes identical to the one that was before us in the preceding bill, although we have spent an unaccountably longer period of time discussing it, and I would urge Members, for reasons particularly stated by the gentleman from New Jersey and the gentleman from Iowa, to vote as they did before, in opposition to the amendment.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I just want to say to my good friend from California that God loves a repentant sinner, and I remember in the Bible when Paul is on the road to Damascus, then called Saul, and Christ appeared to him,and he had a miraculous conversion and became, instead of a zealot against Christ, he became a supporter and became one of the greatest apostles of all, and the gentleman from California has been, at least to my recollection, one of the bigger spenders in the body, and apparently he has some new found fiscal conservatism, and I just like to say, I really appreciate that conversion, and I hope that conversion continues when we get to the appropriations bills later in the year, because later in the year we'll have the opportunity to make some major cuts in spending, and since this new found conservatism has risen in this gentleman's psyche, I hope it continues, and I would congratulate him on becoming a fiscal conservative.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the gentleman's remarks, but they are somewhat off target. The fact of the matter is that in these issues before the committee, which I have now sat on for 20 years, my position has always been that the Federal Treasury and the Federal taxpayer, whether it is in my district in California, in the Western United States or anywhere else, is entitled to fair market value for the resources. Most of these pieces of legislation that have made it to the floor the gentleman from the well has voted against for, I am sure, other reasons than those reasons, but the fact is we have voted, whether it is in water subsidies, mining subsidies, timber subsidies, and tried to regain for the people some control over those, that has been my historical record, and it has happened no matter without question where the project existed or elsewhere, and so the gentleman's arrow is somewhat misplaced at this point, but I appreciate his support for the concept that I am expressing here and expect his vote on this amendment because that road to Damascus was started with one small step, and the gentleman can take it here today. I am sure the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LEACH] will have some other literary reference at some point——

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Reclaiming my time, let me just say that I am happy to see that the gentleman is moving in the right direction, and I hope, when we get to the appropriations bills later this year, that he will continue to be fiscally conservative.

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I am concerned that we try to maintain a certain level of consistency, and I would point out to the gentleman from California that in November of 1993 he did vote for legislation that included the nonreimbursed advance of the hatchery in Senecaville, OH, and I am curious that now he has seen that this is no longer a good policy, he would like to depart from that.

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I heard somebody a minute ago from the other side of the aisle mention the National Taxpayers Union, and I think it is appropriate to point out the lack of credibility that that organization has with most Members of this House and certainly with most Members of the other body. Some may wonder why that is. Let me remind Members that when the Senate was controlled by the Republican Party, and the House was controlled by the Democratic Party, the National Taxpayers Union used double standards in order to rank and rate Members' votes about whether they were conservative enough or liberal enough. Whatever it was, they were going to make the report. So, when you pass an appropriations on this side of the House and voted for it, it was a bad vote for the National Taxpayers Union. That same bill passing the Senate, however, was not counted as a bad vote against a Senator.

So, I think it is appropriate, Mr. Chairman, that any time somebody gets up and touts that particular organization, that those of us who understand that they use a double standard ought to stand up and say so.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER].

The amendment was rejected.

□ 1500

The CHAIRMAN. If there are no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) having assumed the chair, Mr. CAMP, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill, (H.R. 584) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa, he reported the bill back to the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mrs. Sara Emery, one of his secretaries.

NEW LONDON NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY CONVEYANCE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 146 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 614.

□ 1502

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 614) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility, with Mr. CAMP in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] will be recognized for 30 minutes, and the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. STUDDS] will be recognized for 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON].

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I suspect this debate will be somewhat shorter than the last one. I cannot think of anything that can be said that has not already been said, including references to outside organizations and other such debate. But this bill, which is brought to us by the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. MINGE] with reference to the New London National Fish Hatchery in Minnesota, is substantively the same as the previous two bills. It is of the same level of importance as the previous two bills. I would hope that, once again, this bill would proceed to be passed without amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. STUDDS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, ditto. I really join the gentleman from New Jersey in being utterly unable to conjure anything that has not been said at least three times before.

I take that back, I can think of one thing. I understand the desire of the new majority to tote up on the scoreboard the number of open rules that they have successfully adopted, but I would enter just one personal plea to go back to the old system of suspensions.

The gentleman from New Jersey and I and the gentleman from Alaska and I and others in the old days would have been finished these three bills approximately 1½ hours ago. We could be well on our way toward dinner. There are matters that require the time of the House, but with all due respect, these three bills, which are very good and should be passed, do not require that much time. We should proceed.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 614, a bill to transfer title of the New London National Fish Hatchery to the State of Minnesota.

The New London hatchery has been operated by the State of Minnesota under a memorandum of understanding with the fish and Wildlife Service since the early 1980's. It produces walleye and muskies for a wide range of State fishery programs.

The State of Minnesota has made some minor improvements to the facility, and it is now interested in making more significant capital investments. In order to do so, the State first needs title to the property. This bill would give title to the State and protect the interests of the Federal Government by requiring that title revert to the Fish and Wildlife Service in the event that Minnesota no longer wants to operate the facility as a fish hatchery.

This is standard language we have used to transfer many facilities in the past and two more hatcheries we are transferring today. It is supported by both the State and the administration, and I urge Members support.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. MINGE].

(Mr. MINGE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Chairman, the previous speakers are indeed correct. Virtually everything has been said about fish hatchery bills today that needs to be said. There are two things, however, I would like to add, two comments.

The first is that you need to recognize that we have had extended discussion this afternoon about the importance of the Federal Government being compensated for assets that transfer to State and local governments and to other parties. I wholeheartedly embrace that principle, and I applaud the gentleman from California for having raised our sensitivity to that important concept. I will not applaud out loud, but I will just do so figuratively.

I do think it is important, however, to recognize the context in which these transfers are occurring. The gentleman from Iowa has certainly laid out a five-part test for whether or not we ought to go through the exercise of appraisal. If all five parts of his test are met, I would suggest that it is a futile expenditure of taxpayer funds to go through that appraisal process.

In the context of the Minnesota facility, I would like to mention two considerations which I think are important and also indicate that this property is of de minimis value to the Federal Government.

First, all of the land that is included in the Minnesota situation has been classified as wetlands. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has advised me of this. This means that this land is not suitable for development. Indeed, it cannot be developed under State and Federal law. The Federal Government and the policies that we have developed in the Clean Water Act, swampbuster, as a part of the farm bill, and other legislation, all indicate that it is inconsistent with Federal policy to so develop land.

The other point that I wish to make with respect to the Minnesota property is that the Federal law already authorizes the transfer of this property by the Secretary of the Interior to the States without compensation so long as it is used for the designated purpose.

The difficulty that we would face in using this Federal procedure is that we would have to shut down the operation of the fish hatchery to confirm that it indeed is surplus property. To shut down the operation of the fish hatchery, go through the exercise of determining that it is a surplus property, and then in turn conveying it to the States, simply adds to the complexity and the cost of the process. Historically we have operated in a very informal and expeditious fashion with these assets in Congress, and I see no reason to go back to the ad hoc disposal of this by the Secretary of the Interior in a more complex fashion. Therefore, I urge that this bill be approved.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I hate to burn up the time, but I just feel as if I have to just say a word. When the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. STUDDS] made note that these bills were being considered under an open rule, which for people who are not familiar with that gives any Member of the House the opportunity to stand, as the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] has on two occasions so far, and undoubtedly will again on this bill, to offer an amendment of his or her choice, this has come about because as I experienced during the time that I was here as a Member of the minority for 10 years, we did not enjoy, as Members of the minority, the opportunity to offer amendments very often under an open rule.

Some here may remember a few months ago there was a document that became quite the talk of the town called the Contract With America. Part of the Contract With America was a provision or statement or series of statements that promised that we would open the process.

This is an example of, where possible, we are trying to open the process. If it were not for this open process, it is true that we would have consumed perhaps an hour total on these three bills, and the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] would have been precluded his opportunity to make his statement in the form of amendments on these bills.

So there has been a great deal said in this session about promises made and promises kept. It is not always comfortable on either side to spend the time or the effort to keep promises. But today is a part of the promises that were made during the 1994 campaign, and once again a promise kept.

So I hope the gentleman will appreciate the opportunity that the new majority has provided for the purposes of these types of discussions and these types of amendment procedures, which are a relatively new phenomenon around here. We are quite proud to say we are keeping our promise.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SAXTON. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Chairman, I guess like my budget cutting tendencies, they were well kept secrets around here, but I just wanted the gentleman to know as the staff on your side knows, I never both brought a bill to the floor from this committee under a closed rule. They were always open rules. As the gentleman from California [Mr. LEWIS], who sits behind you can testify, we had the most open rule and the longest debate in the history of the Congress.

I want to commend the minority for, hopefully, what will be an increasing commitment to open rules because I think it is the only way to do business. But I knew it was a well-kept secret.

Mr. SAXTON. I believe you the gentleman meant to say ''commend the majority.''

Mr. MILLER of California. Majority, soon to be minority.

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Mr. Chairman, I am not going to prolong this, God help us all. But I cannot help but help observing that the debate on this bill under this rule could go on all night and tomorrow and for the rest of next week and into next month. For that degree of breathtaking openness, we are indebted to the new majority.

I must also observe the $16-billion-plus bill we are going to take up in 10 minutes teminates in 6½ hours. This might be called selective openness, not where we need it, but do not need it.

I would also observe in a personal matter that in my first term here, I thought open rules were a very good idea. Since then I have come to reconsider. The function of the Committee on Rules, it seems to me, ought to be to look at those major propositions that are before the House and to allow them to be voted on. But to let us go on indefinitely I think is a mistake. In any event, I shall cease going on indefinitely, and with great relief I will yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, I support H.R. 614, which was introduced by the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. MINGE].

This legislation would transfer the ownership of the New London Fish Hatchery facility from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the State of Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources. H.R. 614 would convey all rights, title, and interest of the United States to the State of Minnesota. This includes all property, buildings, water rights, and easements of the New London facility.

It is my understanding that the hatchery has been operated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Fish and Wildlife Service under a memorandum of agreement [MOA] since 1983. This MOA, which was extended in 1993, expires in 1998.

The hatchery facility is actually located on two separate pieces of land. One is located outside the town of New London and is owned

by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The other is located within the town of New London; the State had owned the property but transferred it to the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1939.

Finally, the bill stipulates that this property revert back to the Federal Government if the State of Minnesota decides it no longer wishes to operate the hatchery as a fishery resources management facility.

The Fish and Wildlife Service supports this transfer and I urge my colleagues to vote "aye" on this measure.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. All time for general debate has expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill and the amendment printed in the bill are considered as having been read for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The text of H.R. 614 is as follows:

H.R. 614

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF NEW LONDON NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY PRODUCTION FACILITY.

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the State of Minnesota without reimbursement all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property comprising the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility, located outside of downtown New London, Minnesota, including—

(1) all easements and water rights relating to that property, and

(2) all land, improvements, and related personal property comprising that production facility.

(b) USE OF PROPERTY.—All property and interests conveyed under this section shall be used by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Minnesota fishery resources management program.

(c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—All right, title, and interest in and to all property and interests conveyed under this section shall revert to the United States on any date on which any of the property or interests are used other than for the Minnesota fishery resources management program.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the committee amendment.

The text of the committee amendment is as follows:

Committee amendment: Page 2, line 19, strike lines 19 through 24 and insert:

(c) USE AND REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—The property conveyed to the State of Minnesota pursuant to this section shall be used by the State for purposes of fishery resources management, and if it is used for any other purpose all right, title, and interest in and to all property conveyed pursuant to this section shall revert to the United States. The State of Minnesota shall ensure that the property reverting to the United States is in substantially the same or better condition as at the time of transfer.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN. If there are no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) having assumed the chair, Mr. CAMP, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 614) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility, pursuant to House Resolution 146, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1515

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1561, AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The pending business is the question of agreeing to the resolution (H. Res. 156) providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1561) to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 252, nays 168, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 357]

YEAS—252

Allard
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Bevill
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blute
Boehlert
Boehner
Bono
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clinger
Coble
Coburn
Collins (GA)
Combest
Condit
Cooley
Cox
Cramer
Crane
Crapo
Cremeans
Cunningham
Davis
de la Garza
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dingell
Dooley
Doolittle
Dornan
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Fields (TX)
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Frost
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutknecht
Hall (TX)
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Horn
Hostettler
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jacobs
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Longley
Manton
Manzullo
Martini
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Meek
Metcalf
Meyers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Montgomery
Moorhead
Moran
Morella
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Ortiz
Oxley
Packard
Parker
Payne (VA)
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Roberts
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roth
Roukema
Royce
Salmon
Sanford
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
Seastrand
Sensenbrenner
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stockman
Stump
Talent
Tate
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Traficant
Upton
Vucanovich
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Ward
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wolf
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

NAYS—168

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Andrews
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Beilenson
Bentsen
Berman
Bishop
Bonior
Borski
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant (TX)
Cardin
Chapman
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coleman
Collins (IL)
Collins (MI)
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Danner
DeFazio
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dixon
Doggett
Doyle
Durbin
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Fields (LA)
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Frank (MA)
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Geren
Gibbons
Gonzalez
Gordon
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchey
Holden
Hoyer
Jackson-Lee
Jefferson
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnston
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Klink
LaFalce
Lantos
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lincoln
Lipinski
Lowey
Luther
Maloney
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McDermott
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Menendez
Mfume
Miller (CA)
Mineta
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Orton
Owens
Pallone
Pastor
Payne (NJ)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Rahall
Rangel
Reed
Reynolds
Richardson
Rivers

Roemer	Stark	Velazquez
Rose	Stenholm	Vento
Roybal-Allard	Stokes	Visclosky
Rush	Studds	Volkmer
Sabo	Stupak	Waters
Sanders	Tanner	Watt (NC)
Sawyer	Taylor (MS)	Waxman
Schroeder	Tejeda	Williams
Schumer	Thompson	Wise
Scott	Thornton	Woolsey
Serrano	Torres	Wyden
Skaggs	Torricelli	Wynn
Slaughter	Towns	Yates
Spratt	Tucker	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—14

Bonilla	Lofgren	Riggs
Cubin	Lucas	Tauzin
Hayes	Paxon	Waldholtz
Houghton	Pelosi	Watts (OK)
Kleczka	Peterson (FL)	

☐ 1535

Messrs. FLAKE, VOLKMER, MOAKLEY, SCHUMER, and SERRANO changed their vote from ''yea'' to ''nay.''

Mr. HANSEN and Mr. NUSSLE changed their vote from ''nay'' to ''yea.''

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMERICAN OVERSEAS INTERESTS ACT OF 1995

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to House Resolutions 155 and 156 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1561.

☐ 1538

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1561) to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes, with Mr. GOODLATTE in the Chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, May 24, 1995, amendment number 42 offered by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. HASTINGS] had been disposed of, and the bill was open for amendment at any point.

Pursuant to House Resolutions 155 and 156, 6 hours and 35 minutes remain for consideration of the bill under the 5-minute rule.

Only the following further amendments to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified and amended, are in order:

Pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate;

Amendments printed before May 25, 1995, in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD;

Amendments en bloc described in section 2 of House Resolution 155 comprising only amendments printed before May 25, 1995; and

One amendment offered by the chairman of the Committee on International Relations.

Are there further amendments to the bill?

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC, AS MODIFIED, OFFERED BY MR. GILMAN

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I offer amendments en bloc, as modified.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendments and report the modifications.

The Clerk designated the amendments en bloc and proceeded to read the modifications.

Mr. GILMAN (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the modifications be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The text of the amendments en bloc, as modified, is as follows:

Amendments en bloc, as modified, offered by Mr. GILMAN:

Amendment No. 12 offered by Mr. LANTOS: After section 3211, insert the following new section:

SEC. 3212. CENTRAL ASIAN ENTERPRISE FUND.

Notwithstanding section 201(d)(3)(A) of the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (22 U.S.C. 5421(d)(3)(A)), the Central Asian-American Enterprise Fund may, in lieu of the appointment of citizens of the host countries to its Board of Directors, establish an advisory council for the host region comprised of citizens of each of the host countries or establish separate advisory councils for each of the host countries, with which such Fund shall periodically consult with respect to the Fund's policies and proposed activities. Such host country citizens shall satisfy the experience and expertise requirements set forth in section 201(d)(3)(A) and (d)(3)(C) of that Act.

Amendment No. 13 as modified, offered by Mr. LIVINGSTON: Page 47, strike line 9 and all that follows through line 20 (section 348(e) of the bill), and insert the following:

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 8(a) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 1465f(a)) is amended in the second sentence by striking ''United States Information Agency'' and inserting ''Department of State''.

In section 2101(a)(1)(B), strike ''only''.

In section 2101(a)(2)(B), strike ''only''.

In section 2102(b)(2)(A)(i), strike ''only''.

In section 2102(b)(2)(B)(i), strike ''only''.

In section 2102(b)(2)(C), strike ''to be made available''.

In section 2102(b)(2)(D), strike ''only''.

In section 2102(b)(2)(E), strike ''only''.

In section 2102(b)(2)(G), strike ''only''.

In section 2106(4)(B), strike ''only''.

In section 2106(4)(C), strike ''only''.

In section 3222(a)(1)(A), strike ''shall'' and insert ''should''.

In section 3222(a)(1)(B), strike ''shall'' and insert ''should''.

In section 3222(b), strike ''shall'' and insert ''should''.

In section 3222(c), strike ''shall'' and insert ''should''.

In section 3227(a), strike ''shall'' and insert ''should''.

Amendment No. 30, as modified, offered by Mr. CONDIT: After chapter 2 of title XXXIV (relating to special authorities and other provisions), insert the following new chapter (and redesignate the subsequent chapter accordingly):

CHAPTER 3—FOREIGN AID REPORTING REFORM ACT OF 1995

SEC. 3421. SHORT TITLE.

This chapter may be cited as the ''Foreign Aid Reporting Reform Act of 1995''.

SEC. 3422. ANNUAL FOREIGN ASSISTANCE JUSTIFICATION REPORT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In conjunction with the submission of the annual requests for enactment of authorizations and appropriations for foreign assistance programs for each fiscal year, the President shall submit to the Congress a single report containing—

(1) an integrated justification for all foreign assistance programs proposed by the President for the coming fiscal year; and

(2) an assessment of when the objective of those programs will be achieved so that the assistance can be terminated.

(b) SPECIFIC INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED.—Each such report shall include the following:

(1) INFORMATION REGARDING A FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GENERALLY.—For each foreign assistance program taken as a whole—

(A) the total amount of assistance proposed to be provided under that program;

(B) the justification for that amount;

(C) the objectives that assistance under that program is intended to achieve;

(D) an explanation of the relationship of assistance under that program to assistance under other foreign assistance programs; and

(E) the President's estimation of the date by which the objectives of that program will be achieved and the program terminated.

(2) INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS.—For each country or organization which is a proposed recipient of assistance under any foreign assistance program—

(A) the amount of each type of assistance proposed;

(B) the justification for providing each such type of assistance;

(C) the objectives that each such type of assistance is intended to achieve;

(D) an explanation of the relationship of each type of assistance proposed to other types of assistance proposed for that recipient; and

(E) the President's estimation of the date by which the objectives of assistance for such recipient under each foreign assistance program will be achieved and assistance under that program to that recipient terminated.

The information required by subparagraphs (A) through (E) shall be provided on a recipient-by-recipient basis.

(3) INFORMATION REGARDING CENTRALLY-FUNDED PROGRAMS.—For each centrally-funded program under a foreign assistance program—

(A) the amount proposed for such program;

(B) the justification for such program;

(C) the objectives each such program is intended to achieve;

(D) an explanation of the relationship of such program to other types of assistance proposed under that foreign assistance program and under other foreign assistance programs; and

(E) the President's estimation of the date by which the objectives of such program will be achieved and such program terminated.

SEC. 3423. DEFINITION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

As used in this chapter, the term ''foreign assistance program'' includes—

(1) any program of assistance authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (such

as the development assistance program, the economic support fund program, and the international military education and training program) or authorized by the African Development Foundation Act, section 401 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1969 (relating to the Inter-American Development Foundation), or any other foreign assistance legislation;

(2) any program of grant, credit, or guaranty assistance under the Arms Export Control Act;

(3) assistance under the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962;

(4) assistance under any title of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954;

(5) contributions to the International Monetary Fund;

(6) contributions to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Development Association, or any other institution within the World Bank group; and

(7) contributions to any regional multilateral development bank.

Amendment No. 33, as modified offered by Mr. GILMAN: At the end of chapter 6 of title XXXI (relating to other provisions of defense and security assistance), add the following new section:

SEC. 3194. RETURN AND EXCHANGES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES PREVIOUSLY TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT.

(a) REPAIR OF DEFENSE ARTICLES.—Section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(l) AUTHORITY.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may acquire a repairable defense article from a foreign country or international organization, if such defense article—

''(A) previously was transferred to such country or organization under this Act;

''(B) is not an end item; and

''(C) will be exchanged for a defense article of the same type that is in the stocks of the Department of Defense.

''(2) LIMITATION.—The President may exercise the authority provided in paragraph (1) only to the extent that the Department of Defense—

''(A)(i) has a requirement for the defense article being returned; and

''(ii) has available sufficient funds authorized and appropriated for such purpose; or

''(B)(i) is accepting the return of the defense article for subsequent transfer to another foreign government or international organization pursuant to a letter of offer and acceptance implemented in accordance with this Act; and

''(ii) has available sufficient funds provided by or on behalf of such other foreign government or international organization pursuant to a letter of offer and acceptance implemented in accordance with this Act.

''(3) REQUIREMENT.—(A) The foreign government or international organization receiving a new or repaired defense article in exchange for a repairable defense article pursuant to paragraph (1) shall, upon the acceptance by the United States Government of the repairable defense article being returned, be charged the total cost associated with the repair and replacement transaction.

''(B) The total cost charged pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be the same as that charged the United States Armed Forces for a similar repair and replacement transaction, plus an administrative surcharge in accordance with subsection (e)(1)(A) of this section.

''(4) RELATIONSHIP TO CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW.—The authority of the President to accept the return of a repairable defense article as provided in subsection (a) shall not be subject to chapter 137 of title 10, United States Code, or any other provision of law relating to the conclusion of contracts.''.

(b) RETURN OF DEFENSE ARTICLES.—Section 21 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2761), as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(m) AUTHORITY.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may accept the return of a defense article from a foreign country or international organization, if such defense article—

''(A) previously was transferred to such country or organization under this Act;

''(B) is not significant military equipment (as defined in section 47(9) of this Act); and

''(C) is in fully functioning condition without need of repair or rehabilitation.

''(2) LIMITATION.—The President may exercise the authority provided in paragraph (1) only to the extent that the Department of Defense—

''(A)(i) has a requirement for the defense article being returned; and

''(ii) has available sufficient funds authorized and appropriated for such purpose; or

''(B)(i) is accepting the return of the defense article for subsequent transfer to another foreign government or international organization pursuant to a letter of offer and acceptance implemented in accordance with this Act; and

''(ii) has available sufficient funds provided by or on behalf of such other foreign government or international organization pursuant to a letter of offer and acceptance implemented in accordance with this Act.

''(3) CONDITION.—Upon acquisition and acceptance by the United States Government of a defense article under paragraph (1), the appropriate Foreign Military Sales account of the provider shall be credited to reflect the transaction.

''(4) RELATIONSHIP TO CERTAIN OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW.—The authority of the President to accept the return of a defense article as provided in paragraph (1) shall not be subject to chapter 137 of title 10, United States Code, or any other provision of law relating to the conclusion of contracts.''.

(c) REGULATIONS.—Under the direction of the President, the Secretary of Defense shall promulgate regulations to implement subsections (l) and (m) of section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act, as added by this section.

Amendment No. 34, as modified, read by Mr. GILMAN: At the end of chapter 1 of title XXVI (relating to miscellaneous foreign policy provisions), add the following new section:

SEC. 2604. REPEAL OF TERMINATION OF PROVISIONS OF THE NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION PREVENTION ACT OF 1994.

Part D of the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act of 1994 (part D of title VIII of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995; Public Law 103–236; 108 Stat. 525) is hereby repealed.

Amendment No. 35, as modified, read by Mr. GILMAN: Page 203, line 2, strike ''for such fiscal year''.

Amendment No. 43, as modified, offered by Mr. HOKE: At the end of chapter 2 of title XXXIV of division C (relating to special authorities and other provisions), add the following new section:

SEC. 3420. PROHIBITION ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS NOT IMPLEMENTING EXTRADITION TREATIES.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the President may not provide foreign assistance to the government of any country determined by the President to have refused to implement an extradition treaty between such country and the United States with respect to one or more individuals of significant concern to the United States who have been charged with or who have committed felony offenses.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The President may provide foreign assistance to the government of a country that would otherwise be prohibited from receiving such assistance under subsection (a) if the President—

(1) determines that the provision of such assistance is in the national interest of the United States; and

(2) notifies the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate of such determination.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

(1) FELONY OFFENSE.—The term ''felony offense'' means an offense punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.

(2) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.—The term ''foreign assistance'' means any funds made available to carry out any program, project, or activity under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 or the Arms Export Control Act, except such term does not include funds used to provide humanitarian assistance.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibition contained in subsection (a) applies with respect to the provision of foreign assistance on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Amendment No. 49 offered by Mr. KING: Page 196, after line 13, insert the following section:

SEC. 2712. POLICY TOWARD IRAN.

(a) IRAN'S ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.—The Congress makes the following findings with respect to Iran's acts of international terrorism:

(1) As cited by the Department of State, the Government of Iran was the greatest supporter of state terrorism in 1992, supporting over 20 terrorist acts, including the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires that killed 29 people.

(2) As cited by the Department of State, the Government of Iran is a sponsor of radical religious groups that have used terrorism as a tool. These include such groups as Hezballah, HAMAS, the Turkish Islamic Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP—GC).

(3) As cited by the Department of State, the Government of Iran has resorted to international terrorism as a means of obtaining political gain. These actions have included not only the assassination of former Prime Minister Bakhitiar, but the death sentence imposed on Salman Rushdie, and the assassination of the leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran.

(4) As cited by the Department of State and the Vice President's Task Force on Combating Terrorism, the Government of Iran has long been a proponent of terrorist actions against the United States, beginning with the takeover of the United States Embassy in Tehran in 1979. Iranian support of extremist groups has led to the following attacks upon the United States as well:

(A) The car bomb attack on the United States Embassy in Beirut killing 49 in 1983 by the Hezballah.

(B) The car bomb attack on the United States Marine Barracks in Beirut killing 241 in 1983 by the Hezballah.

(C) The assassination of American University President in 1984 by the Hezballah.

(D) The kidnapping of all American hostages in Lebanon from 1984–86 by the Hezballah.

(5) The Government of Iran provides several hundred million dollars annually in financial and logistical support to organizations that use terrorism and violence as a

tool to undermine the Middle East peace process.

(6) The Government of Iran provides financial, political, and logistical support and safe haven to groups that seek the violent overthrow of secular governments in the Middle East and North Africa.

(b) IRAN'S PROGRAM TO ACQUIRE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND THE MEANS BY WHICH TO DELIVER THEM.—The Congress makes the following findings with respect to Iran's program to acquire weapons of mass destruction and the means by which to deliver them—

(1) the Government of Iran has intensified its efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction and the means by which to deliver them:

(2) given Iran's petroleum reserves, the desire of the Government of Iran to obtain gas centrifuge equipment and light water nuclear power reactors clearly demonstrates what had already been apparent, that Iran seeks to develop its nuclear weapons capability; and

(3) Iran has been relentless in its attempt to acquire the missiles needed to deliver nuclear and chemical weapons.

(c) IRAN'S VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.—The Congress makes the following findings with respect to Iran's violations of human rights:

(1) As cited by the 1991 United Nations Special Representative on Human Rights, Amnesty International, and the United States Department of State, the Government of Iran has conducted assassinations outside of Iran, such as that of former Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhitiar for which the Government of France issued arrest warrants for several Iranian governmental officials.

(2) As cited by the 1991 United Nations Special Representative on Human Rights and by Amnesty International, the Government of Iran has conducted revolutionary trials which do not meet internationally recognized standards of fairness or justice. These trials have included such violations as a lack of procedural safeguards, trial times of 5 minutes or less, limited access to defense counsel, forced confessions, and summary executions.

(3) As cited by the 1991 United Nations Special Representative on Human Rights, the Government of Iran systematically represses its Baha'i population. Persecutions of this small religious community include assassinations, arbitrary arrests, electoral prohibitions, and denial of applications for documents such as passports.

(4) As cited by the 1991 United Nations Special Representative on Human Rights, the Government of Iran suppresses opposition to its government. Political organizations such as the Freedom Movement are banned from parliamentary elections, have their telephones tapped and their mail opened, and are systematically harassed and intimidated.

(5) As cited by the 1991 United Nations Special Representative on Human Rights and Amnesty International, the Government of Iran has failed to recognize the importance of international human rights. This includes suppression of Iranian human rights movements such as the Freedom Movement, lack of cooperation with international human rights organizations such as the International Red Cross, and an overall apathy toward human rights in general. This lack of concern prompted the Special Representative to state in his report that Iran had made ''no appreciable progress towards improved compliance with human rights in accordance with the current international instruments''.

(6) As cited by Amnesty International, the Government of Iran continues to torture its political prisoners. Torture methods include burns, arbitrary blows, severe beatings, and positions inducing pain.

(d) UNITED STATES POLICY AND RESPONSE.—The Congress makes the following findings with respect to United States policy and response to Iran:

(1) The actions by the Government of Iran identified in subsections (a), (b), and (c) threaten the national security and offend the democratic values of the United States and many other nations in the Middle East and elsewhere.

(2) In response to this record of violent, destablizing, and antidemocratic conduct, it has been the policy of the United States to seek to isolate the Government of Iran diplomatically and economically, thereby making the continuation of such conduct increasingly costly.

(3) The policies the United States has pursued in an effort to pressure the Government of Iran diplomatically and economically have included refusing to conduct normal diplomatic relations with Iran; barring the importation of Iranian oil and other products into the United States; prohibiting the export or reexport to Iran of weapons or of goods or technology with potential military uses; voting against all loans to Iran by international financial institutions; and, most recently, imposing a total economic embargo on Iran.

(4) To further increase the cost to the Government of Iran of its objectionable conduct the United States has urged other countries with economic ties to Iran to take equivalent steps to isolate Iran economically and diplomatically.

(e) CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATIONS.—The Congress makes the following declarations:

(1) The imposition of an economic embargo on Iran by President Clinton was an important and necessary measure to increase economic and political pressure on Iran.

(2) The President should, as a matter of the highest priority, intensify efforts to persuade Iran's leading trade partners and creditors to join with the United States in ceasing all trade with Iran and ending any rescheduling or other relaxation of debts owed to them.

(3) The President should take whatever steps are appropriate to dissuade those who are aiding Iran's efforts to develop nuclear weapons and the means by which to deliver them from continuing such assistance.

(4) The United States should convene a special summit of the world's leading heads of state to address the issue of international terrorism and the means for improving the efforts to combat international terrorism.

(5) The Secretary of State should promptly take steps to strengthen each of the existing multilateral nonproliferation regimes to make them more effective in counteracting rogue regimes such as Iran.

(6) The President should make the development of a multilateral economic embargo on Iran a top priority on the agenda at the meeting of the G–7 industrial partners scheduled for June 1995 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Amendment No. 59, as modified offered by Mr. ROEMER: At the end of title XXVII of division B (relating to congressional statements), add the following new section:

SEC. 2172. CONFLICT IN CHECHNYA

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) Russian troops advanced into Chechnya on December 10, 1994, and were met with strong resistance from Chechen rebels who have now moved to the Caucasus mountains where they are engaging in what even the most optimistic Russian military officers predict will be a drawn-out guerrilla war.

(2) The cost of the Chechen battle is estimated to cost the Government of Russia at least $2,000,000,000 and could exacerbate the budget deficit of the Government of Russia.

(3) The United States has approved over $2,400,000,000 in loan guarantees through the Export-Import Bank of the United States and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

(4) The United States has provided Russia with significant direct assistance to promote a free market economy, support democracy, meet humanitarian needs, and dismantle nuclear weapons.

(b) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—The Congress declares the following:

(1) United States investment in Russia has been significant in promoting democracy and stabilizing the economy of Russia and this progress could be imperiled by Russia's continued war in Chechnya.

(2) the inability to negotiate an end to this crisis and the resulting economic implications could adversely affect the ability of Russia to fulfill its commitments to the International Monetary Fund, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

(3) In further contacts with President Yeltsin, it is imperative that President Clinton repeat his call for an immediate end to the war in Chechnya.

Amendment No. 61, as modified, offered by Mr. ROHRABACHER: At the end of title XXXIII (relating to regional provisions), add the following new sections:

SECTION 3314. ASSISTANCE FOR LAOS.

(a) It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) a permanent waiver on the prohibition of foreign assistance for Laos should be granted following the fullest possible accounting of all outstanding POW/MIA cases involving Laos;

(2) the United States should continue to improve its relationship with Laos as the mutual cooperation between the two countries on POW/MIA issues improves;

(3) no Lao citizen or government official should be held accountable by the United States for activities involved in holding American POW/MIAs if those citizens or officials cooperate with efforts to return such POW/MIAs alive or to otherwise account for such POW/MIAs;

(4) the future relationship of the United States with Laos should be characterized by economic cooperation and friendly diplomatic ties;

(5) such bilateral relationship will improve as respect for human rights in Laos improves, including human rights for Hmong people; and

(6) in the event an American POW/MIA is returned alive from Laos, the United States should view this action as a positive development and as strong incentive for the United States to rapidly improve our economic and diplomatic relationship with Laos.

(b) Notwithstanding section 620 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, foreign assistance may be provided for Laos for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 only if the President determines and certifies to the Congress that the Government of Laos is cooperating with the United States on outstanding POW/MIA cases involving Laos.

Amendment No. 63 offered by Mr. ROTH: Add a new Section 2604 as follows:

SEC. 2604. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

The Secretary of State shall assess the impact of the foreign policy of the United States on the ability of United States entities engaged in the manufacture, sale, distribution, or provision of goods or services to compete in foreign markets. The Secretary shall provide such assessments annually to the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and shall publish such assessments in the Federal Register.

Amendment No. 65 offered by Mr. SAWYER: At the end of title XXVII (relating to congressional statements) insert the following new section:

SEC. 2712. UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN BEJING.

It is the sense of the Congress that the United States delegation to the Fourth World Conference on Women should include at least one representative of a United States-based nongovernmental organization representing Tibetan women.

Amendment No. 66 offered by Mr. SAWYER: At the end of chapter 6 of title XXXI (relating to other provisions of defense and security assistance), add the following new section:

SEC. 3194. ANNUAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE REPORT.

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by inserting after section 654 (22 U.S.C. 2414) the following new section:

"SEC. 657. ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND MILITARY EXPORTS.

''Not later than February 1 of each year, the President shall transmit to the Congress an annual report for the fiscal year ending the previous September 30, showing the aggregate dollar value and quantity of defense articles (including excess defense articles) and defense services, and of military education and training, furnished by the United States to each foreign country and international organization, by category, specifying whether they were furnished by grant under chapter 2 or chapter 5 of part II of this Act, by sale under chapter 2 of the Arms Export Control Act, by commercial sale license under section 38 of that Act, or by any other authority.''.

Amendment No. 69 offered by Mr. SMITH of New Jersey: In section 2102(b)(2)(C) (relating to voluntary contributions for the war crimes tribunal for the former yugoslavia)—

(1) in the heading strike ''FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA'';

(2) strike ''budget for the tribunal'' and insert ''combined budgets for the tribunals''; and

(3) after ''Yugoslavia'' insert ''and the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda''.

Amendment No. 71 Offered by Mr. TORRICELLI: At the end of Title XXXII (relating to regional provisions) at the following new section:

SEC. 3314. RESTRICTIONS ON ASSISTANCE FOR GUATEMALA.

(a) RESTRICTION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated for grant assistance under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763; relating to foreign military financing) or for assistance under chapter 5 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2347 et seq.; relating to international military education and training) may be made available to the Government of Guatemala unless the Secretary of State determines and certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(1) substantial progress has been made in the prosecution of all those responsible for the human rights abuses against Michael DeVine, Nicholas Blake, Griffin Davis, Dianna Ortiz, Myrna Mack, and Efrain Bamaca Velasquez;

(2) former Guatemalan Lieutenant Colonel Carlos Rene Ochoa Ruiz, who is under indictment in the State of Florida for narcotics trafficking, has been extradited to the United States; and

(3) substantial progress has been made in the dismantling of the Voluntary Civil Self-Defense Committees, curbing their patrols, and returning their weapons to the Guatemalan military.

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—For purpose of this section, the term ''appropriate congressional committees'' means the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

Amendment No. 78 Offered by: Mr. ZIMMER: At the end of title XXXIII (relating to regional provisions), add the following new section:

SEC. 3314. PROHIBITION ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR ARMS TRANSFERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITANIA UNLESS APPROPRIATE ACTION IS TAKEN TO ELIMINATE CHATTEL SLAVERY.

(a) PROHIBITION.—The President may not provide economic assistance, military assistance or arms transfers to the Government of Mauritania unless the President certifies to the Congress that such Government has taken appropriate action to eliminate chattel slavery in Mauritania, including—

(1) the enactment of anti-slavery laws that provide appropriate punishment for violators of such laws; and

(2) the rigorous enforcement of such laws.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.—The term ''economic assistance'' means any assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) and any assistance under chapter 4 of part II of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.) (relating to the economic support fund), except that such term does not include humanitarian assistance.

(2) MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR ARMS TRANSFERS.—The term ''military assistance or arms transfers'' means—

(A) assistance under chapter 2 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2311 et seq.) (relating to military assistance), including the transfer of excess defense articles under sections 516 through 519 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 2321j through 2321m);

(B) assistance under chapter 5 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2347 et seq.) (relating to international military education and training);

(C) assistance under the ''Foreign Military Financing Program'' under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763); or

(D) the transfer of defense articles, defense services, or design and construction services under the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), including defense articles and defense services licensed or approved for export under section 38 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 2778).

Amendment No. 80 Offered by: Mr. BILBRAY: Page 100, line 10, strike ''$12,472,000'' and insert ''$19,372,000''.

At the end of the bill, add the following:

DIVISION D—ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

TITLE XLI—FOREIGN BUILDINGS

SEC. 4001. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Notwithstanding section 2101(a)(4), there are authorized to be appropriated for ''Acquisition and Maintenance of Buildings Abroad'', $369,860,000 for the fiscal year 1997.

Amendment No. 82 Offered by: Mr. BURTON of Indiana: In paragraph (1) of section 3309(b) (relating to the future of the United States military presence in Panama)—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), strike ''a new base rights'' and insert ''an''; and

(2) strike subparagraph (B) and insert the following new subparagraph:

(B) to ensure that the United States will be able to act after December 31, 1999, to maintain the security of the Panama Canal and guarantee its regular operation, consistent with the Panama Canal Treaty, the Treaty Concerning the Permanent Neutrality and Operation of the Panama Canal, and the resolutions of ratification thereto; and

Amendment No. 83: Offered by Mr. CHABOT: At the end of the bill, add the following:

DIVISION D—ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

TITLE XLI—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 4101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding section 3101 of this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated for grant assistance under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763) and for the subsidy cost, as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, of direct loans under such section—

(1) $3,274,440,000 for fiscal year 1996; and

(2) $3,216,020,000 for fiscal year 1997.

(b) ECONOMIC SUPPORT ASSISTANCE.—Notwithstanding section 3201 of this Act, section 532(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 234a(a)) is amended to read as follows:

''(a) There are authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry out the purposes of this chapter $2,346,378,000 for fiscal year 1996 and $2,238,478,000 for fiscal year 1997.''.

(c) DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR AFRICA.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of section 3221(a) of this Act, there are authorized to be appropriated $649,214,000 for fiscal year 1996 and $634,214,000 for fiscal year 1997 to carry out chapter 10 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2293 et seq.).

Amendment No. 86 Offered by: Mr. Gilman: After section 510, insert the following new section:

SEC. 511. TRANSFER OF FUNCTION.

Any determination as to whether a transfer of function, carried out under this Act, constitutes a transfer of function for purposes of subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 5, United States Code, shall be made without regard to whether or not the function involved is identical to functions already being performed by the receiving agency.

Amendment No. 87 Offered by: Mr. Hamilton: On page 286 after line 19, amend the subsection ''(e)'' which would be added to Section 222 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, by adding at the end a new sentence as follows:

''The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to guaranties which have been issued for the benefit of the Republic of South Africa.''

Amendment No. 96, as modified, offered by Mrs. SCHROEDER: At the end of title XXVII insert the following new section:

SEC. 2712. FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) female genital mutilation is a violation of women's basic human rights;

(2) female genital mutilation constitutes a major health risk to women, with lifelong physical and psychological consequences; and

(3) female genital mutilation should not be condoned by any government.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the President should seek to end the practice of female genital mutilation worldwide through the active cooperation and participation of governments in countries where female genital mutilation takes place; and

(2) steps to end the practice of female genital mutilation should include—

(A) encouraging nations to establish clear policies against female genital mutilation and enforcing existing laws which prohibit it;

(B) assisting nations in creating culturally appropriate outreach programs that include

education and counseling about the dangers of female genital mutilation for women and men of all ages; and

(C) ensuring that all appropriate programs in which the United States participates include a component pertaining to female genital mutilation, so as to ensure consistency across the spectrum of health and child related programs conducted in any country in which female genital mutilation is known to be a problem.

Amendment No. 98, as modified, Offered by Mr. TRAFFICANT: At the end of title XXVII (relating to congressional statements), add the following new section:

SEC. 2712. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS REGARDING SYRIAN OCCUPATION OF LEBANON.

It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the Government of Syria should comply with the Taif Agreement and withdraw all of its troops from Lebanon;

(2) the United States should use its contacts at the highest level of the Syrian Government to encourage the Government of Syria to withdraw all of its troops from Lebanon within a timeframe to be negotiated between the Syrian and Lebanese Governments; and

(3) the Secretary of State should inform the Congress as to the actions the United States has taken to encourage withdrawal of all Syrian troops from Lebanon.

Amendment No. 99, as modified, offered by Mr. TRAFICANT: At the end of chapter 2 of title XXXIV of division C (relating to special authorities and other provisions of foreign assistance authorizations), add the following new section:

SEC. 3420. LIMITATION ON PROCUREMENT OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

(a) Funds made available for assistance for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, for which amounts are authorized to be appropriated for such fiscal years, may be used for procurement outside the United States or less developed countries only if—

(1) such funds are used for the procurement of commodities or services, or defense articles or defense services, in the country in which the assistance is to be provided, except that this paragraph only applies if the total of such procurement for a project or activity in that country would cost less than procurement from the United States;

(2) the provision of such assistance requires commodities or services, or defense articles or defense services, of a type that are not produced in, and available for purchase from, the United States, less developed countries, or the country in which the assistance is to be provided;

(3) the Congress has specifically authorized procurement outside the United States or less developed countries; or

(4) the President determines on a case-by-case basis that the procurement outside the United States or less developed countries would result in the more efficient use of United States foreign assistance resources, including to meet unforeseen circumstances such as emergency situations.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term ''less developed countries'' includes the recipient country if that country is not a developed country.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 155 and House Resolution 156, the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] will be recognized for 5 minutes, and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] will be recognized for 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN].

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, the House is not in order.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN. Members and the guests in the gallery are advised that participants in this debate are entitled to be heard, and they should not conduct conversations on the floor of the House or in the gallery.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 1 minute.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to offer this amendment, which hopefully will speed up and simplify the process of consideration of this bill.

The amendment has been agreed to on both sides, and I want to thank the ranking Democratic Member, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON], for his cooperation in putting together this list of amendments. These are noncontroversial amendments.

There is only one amendment in this en bloc amendment that affects funding levels. At the suggestion of the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. CHABOT] we have shifted another $20 million per year into the Development Fund for Africa. This money comes from the Economic Support Fund and Foreign Military Financing functions of the budget.

It does not increase the deficit or the overall spending levels in this bill.

I would like to point out to my colleagues that once we will have passed this amendment, the Africa Development Fund will get 85 cents for every dollar the general development assistance account receives for the rest of the world. Right now, the Africa Fund only gets 62 cents for every dollar the general fund receives. Although we are cutting many accounts, comparatively speaking, Africa is being treated very well in this bill.

Mr. Chairman, the en bloc amendment contains new language affecting the transfer of functions between the various agencies to be consolidated into the State Department under this Act.

Under the law, when functions are transferred, the employees performing those functions are likewise transferred, and the employees in the new combined agency may or may not be subject to a reduction in force, depending on the needs of the agency.

However, an unduly restrictive interpretation of the phrase ''transfer of function'' has cropped up in a little known case from the Merit Systems Protection Board, and the ruling in that case has unfortunately been adopted in recent regulations by the Office of Personnel Management.

Without this amendment, the rights of employees whose functions were shifted to the Department of State would be adversely affected if they performed a function similar to a function already carried out in the Department of State, even if they were the best qualified employees, were entitled to veterans preference, or otherwise ought to be retained.

In my opinion, the rights of employees should be protected in a merger regardless of whether some other employees performing their function works in a gaining Department. The gaining Department should have the right and duty to retain the best personnel of the combined agency work forces, consistent with RIF regulations, without giving special preference to Department of State employees.

Accordingly, this section changes the definition of ''transfer of function'' for the purposes of this Act. This change rejects, and it is my explicit purpose to reject for the purposes of this Act, the restrictive definition of the phrase ''transfer of function'' in the Office of Personnel Management's current regulations at 5 C.F.R. Section 351.203 (1995), and the restrictive interpretation of that phrase by the Court of Claims in *Childress* v. *United States*, 650 F.2d 285, 222 Ct. Cl. 557, 558 (1980), and by the Merit Systems Protection Board in *Kentner* v. *National Transportation Safety Board*, 20 M.S.P.R. 595 (1984). This provision is meant to ensure that employees affected by a transfer of function and any attendant reduction in force are covered by OPM's regulations on transfers of functions, 5 C.F.R., Part 351, Subpart C.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, the en bloc amendment, as modified, has been cleared by this side of the aisle. I want to express my appreciation to the chairman of the committee for his cooperation in working with us, and his willingness to do so, to modify several of the amendments so they could be included in the en bloc.

Mr. Chairman, I urge support of the en bloc amendment, and I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. GEJDENSON].

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, while I have grave reservations about many parts of the bill, the en bloc is certainly acceptable. I want to commend the gentleman from New York [Mr. KING] for the work we have done together on the Iranian provision within it. There is no country in the world today that is more active in the support of terrorism that is trying to derail the peace process in the Middle East to the degree that Iran is.

☐ 1545

The signal that we must send from this Congress and from every government official in this country is that that kind of behavior is unacceptable, the United States will continue to resist it, and clearly the President's leadership on this issue is something we need to stand behind.

As we learned in the first instance where Americans were taken hostage in Iran, Iran may begin terrorism elsewhere on the globe but the pain will inevitably come back to us in the United States. This is something we need to get our European allies to join us on.

The efforts of this date are tremendous, but they are not sufficient without getting Europe to join us in this effort. Again, I would like to thank the gentleman from New York [Mr. KING] for working together on this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to co-sponsor this amendment with my colleague from New

York, Mr. KING, who has been a leader on this issue. This resolution puts our allies and others on notice that the Congress expects their cooperation in isolating Iran. The administration has no objection to this amendment.

On April 30, the President took a bold and decisive step by imposing a total embargo on Iran. It left no room for interpretation. The United States considers Iran to be an outlaw and is simply unwilling to make believe that Iran is among the family of civilized nations. President Clinton has done the right thing and the smart thing.

There seems to be little in the way of disagreement as to the United States objectives in regard to Iran. Iran needs to end its support for terrorism, much of which is designed to undermine the Middle East peace process. Iran must cease its development of weapons of mass destruction and the missiles by which to deliver them. Iran must significantly alter its abhorrent record on human rights.

The burden is now on our allies to come along. Thus far, the strategy of constructive dialogue embraced by many of our allies has, to put it delicately, been less than successful; to put it bluntly, Iran has paid no price for its support for international terrorism or its efforts to obtain weapons of mass destruction.

There are countries, even those with which we have significant differences, where a constructive dialogue could serve to further our objectives. Iran is not among them. It is a rogue regime hell bent on fomenting unrest in the region and determined to acquire weapons of mass destruction so that it can terrorize not only the region but the world.

Unlike North Korea, Iran is by no means isolated. Iran exports $15.5 billion of goods each year, $14 billion of which is comprised of oil. In addition, Iran has approximately $25 billion in foreign debt, $12 billion of which was re-scheduled last year, most of it by our allies. So, those who purchased Iranian oil and those who chose not to compel payment of Iranian debts contributed upwards of $15 billion to Iran's ability to obtain weapons of mass destruction and train terrorists.

I fully support efforts to deny United States exports to Iran. For the last 5 years I have sponsored legislation that would deny dual use technology to Iran. To maximize the impact of the embargo, we must get multilateral cooperation in denying Iran dual use and military equipment, and other items that Iran seeks to purchase. More important, we must forge a multilateral consensus to restrict imports from Iran and to limit relief to Iran on the terms of its foreign debt. We must deny to Iran the resources it needs to support terrorism and develop weapons of mass destruction.

Our allies must understand how serious we are about Iran. An Iran with a nuclear bomb and the means by which to deliver it is a blueprint for international chaos. It is encumbent on the administration to apprise our allies on a regular basis of Iran's actions in supporting international terrorism and developing weapons of mass destruction. The administration must continue to express at the highest levels the need to isolate Iran. The upcoming G–7 meeting in Nova Scotia is an appropriate place to raise this issue in very clear terms.

Again, I join with Mr. KING in offering this amendment and I urge my colleagues to vote for it.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida [Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN].

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Chairman, I support the Chabot amendment to the en bloc, which would increase funding for the Development Fund for Africa, because there are important developmental and humanitarian assistance needs on that continent.

I am also pleased that the amendment of the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. ZIMMER] on slavery in Mauritania has been accepted. It is long past time for us to take action against any Nation that tolerates slavery. The State Department reports that there may be up to 90,000 slaves in that country. Just one person held as a slave is reason enough for us, I believe, to refuse aid to the government that permits slavery to exist.

Finally, I commend the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SMITH] for his amendment to allow some of the funds authorized for the War Crimes Tribunal in Yugoslavia to be used for a similar tribunal in Rwanda. We must bring to justice those guilty of the crime of genocide in Rwanda.

I thank the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN], the chairman, for including these important Africa-related amendments in the en bloc amendments.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI].

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

The Chairman, in the last several months the American people have learned a great deal about Guatemala. Ten Americans lost, disappeared, brutalized or raped. Their families have come forward to tell the story of their horrors in Guatemala.

The Drug Enforcement Agency has told us a story that nearly one-third of all the cocaine reaching the United States is now warehoused in Guatemala before being shipped to our own cities and towns. Yet 11 Guatemalan military officers indicted in the United States are protected by that country's laws where extradition is refused.

Against this, the backdrop of 150,000 people in Guatemala who have lost their lives in the last 30 years through a genocidal campaign against their own people, led by civil defense patrols who roam the countryside harassing, exploiting and murdering poor civilians who are defenseless.

Mr. Chairman, in the weeks since we have learned many of these things in the tragic history of Guatemala, President Clinton has suspended United States military assistance to that country's armed forces, demanding cooperation in the investigation of the deaths of Americans, insisting on cooperation in the extradition of military officers involved in cocaine trafficking.

I have included in the en bloc amendment an insistence that until there is cooperation on narcotics, on ending human rights abuses and on investigating the deaths and abuse of American citizens, that there be no further assistance. This is indeed legislatively the equivalent of what President Clinton has already done unilaterally.

I urge its adoption in the bill. I thank the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN], the chairman of the committee, for its inclusion in the en bloc amendments, and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] for his support, as well. It is simply a proper statement in this bill.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SMITH], chairman of the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights of the Committee on International Relations.

(Mr. SMITH of New Jersey asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I thank my good friend the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Chairman, first I would like to thank the gentlewoman from Florida [Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN] and the gentlewoman from Georgia [Ms. MCKINNEY] for cosponsoring this amendment with me, and for their leadership on the issue of trying to provide a modest amount of funds to the War Crimes Tribunal for the people who has suffered in Rwanda.

Mr. Chairman, the outbreak of warfare in Rwanda was accompanied by an outbreak of genocidal violence all too reminiscent of what happened in the former Yugoslavia. Under cover of long-standing tribal rivalries, an effort was launched by leaders of one tribe to bring about the systematic extermination of another.

It is important that the international community show that this kind of crime against humanity will be detected, prosecuted and punished. The Rwanda tribunal was created by Security Council Resolution 955 on November 8, 1994. Many Members no doubt remember that date for other reasons, but for Rwandans it was an important sign of hope that the world had not forgotten their sufferings and there would be a prosecution for committing these heinous crimes.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California [Mr. FILNER].

(Mr. FILNER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the en bloc amendment designated as number 80 which is a combination of amendments submitted by Congressman BILBRAY and myself, to restore funding required by the International Boundary and Water Commission [IBWC] to operate a critical sewage treatment facility soon to be completed in San Diego.

As many of you know, we are building a critically-needed $240 million

sewage treatment plant in San Diego, CA. This plant is under construction and will soon be completed. It is imperative that we provide the funds necessary to operate this treatment plant—and that we fulfill our commitment to the thousands of American citizens who suffer from the raw sewage that flows downhill from Mexico through our community and contaminates the Tijuana River and our beaches. This sewage is more than a nuisance, it is a health hazard!

While this is only a minor technical correction in the context of the State Department's overall budget, this amendment is critical for the IBWC to operate the soon-to-be-completed sewage treatment facility. Our failure to operate this facility would present a serious health threat to San Diego and threaten our Nation's ability to fulfill an international treaty obligation.

The failure of the federal government to operate this facility, after it is built, would be the height of absurdity—and would mark a tragic new day in our Nation's history, I urge my colleagues to support the bipartisan, Filner-Bilbray amendment!

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER].

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time, and I thank my colleagues for putting a generic form of my amendment into this area.

Mr. Chairman, this is very historic, in that it is the first time this body will speak out and say that our government should recognize female genital mutilation as a major health risk to women and a major human rights violation, and we also should do everything we can to make sure that countries do not allow this practice to continue. This was important.

I had wanted to target this to Egypt, since we give so much aid to Egypt and since this practice is so rampant there, and especially since their government has recently tried to medicalize it rather than condemn it. This is a more generic form, but I approve it, and I think very much all of my colleagues who worked very hard to take this very, very important step of saying violations against women are also human rights violations and not just cultural violations. There has never been any religious reason for this. There has never been any reason except cultural, and we are making a great progressive step today.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York [Mr. KING], a member of our committee.

Mr. KING. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] for yielding me the time.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the en bloc amendment. Iran is an outlaw state, the major destabilizing force in the Middle East, and is desperately attempting to obtain nuclear capability. I am proud I have been able to join my colleague, the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. GEJDENSON], in sponsoring this amendment, amendment 49, which will establish on the record as a sense of Congress that Iran is an outlaw nation.

In addition to that, Mr. Chairman, this amendment will go one step further than the President's boycott announcement of April 30, where the President announced a unilateral boycott against Iran. This was a very important first step but it is not enough.

It is essential that all our allies join this embargo, and the sense of Congress resolution which is encompassed in amendment 49 will call upon the President to make the development of a multilateral economic embargo on Iran a major priority at the Halifax G–7 meeting.

I want to thank the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. GEJDENSON] for his support in working with me. I want to thank the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN], the chairman, and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON], the ranking member, for their support, and I urge support of the en bloc amendment and indeed final passage of the entire bill.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, with regard to the amendment offered by Mr. KING, I would like to congratulate the gentleman on his amendment and his leadership on our effort to combat Iran and its terrorist policies. This amendment makes a positive contribution to our policy toward Iran and puts a much-needed multilateral focus on the President's Executive order of May 8 prohibiting U.S. trade and investment with that country.

This amendment clearly identifies how Iran's policies pose a threat to our interests and to those of our allies in the region and urges the administration several policy initiatives that would help to isolate this outlaw regime.

In particular, it directs the President to intensify his efforts to persuade Iran's leading trade partners and creditors to join with the United States in ceasing all trade with Iran and ending any policy of rescheduling of debts owed to them.

Furthermore, the President is directed to convene a special summit of world leaders to address the issue of international terrorism. It would also call on the President to develop a comprehensive multilateral policy toward Iran with the goal of putting Iran on the agenda of the upcoming G–7 meeting in Canada and bringing consensus on the need to isolate this regime.

This administration has finally begun to transform its rhetoric into a more realistic approach to limiting the ability of this one country to finance and support terrorism around the world. The adoption of this amendment will ensure that the administration remains focused and committed in our fight against state-supported international terrorism.

Our allies still seem to believe that they can reap a short-term profit at our expense by continuing a policy of business as usual with Iran. They should be aware that there will be a long-term cost to our relationship and alliances if some kind of multinational consensus is not achieved on this issue.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. CHABOT], another member of the committee.

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN], the distinguished chairman, and the gentlewoman from Florida [Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN], the chair of the Subcommittee on Africa, for their leadership in getting this amendment accomplished, and also the gentleman from California [Mr. ACKERMAN], the cosponsor on the other side of the aisle, for his assistance in this important amendment.

While the African continent is making great strides toward democracy, economic development, free markets and human rights, many African nations continue to face terrible hardships. This modest amendment will provide much-needed help to Africa without costing American taxpayers any additional dollars.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. CHABOT] for his involvement and for his addition to our work.

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the chairman of the International Relations Committee and his staff for their assistance with my amendment which is included in the amendments en bloc before us.

Mr. Chairman, during the cold war our arms control efforts were directed at what was clearly the greatest threat to international security at that time—nuclear weapons. When we did undertake efforts in the realm of conventional weaponry—they were directed at large-scale strategic weapons such as planes, missiles, and tanks which could alter regional balances of power.

Well, times have changed, but unfortunately our thinking on arms control is still mired in the Cold War experience.

Today, the greatest threat to international security and stability are the growing number of wars of ethnic hatred and the increasing cases of government oppression. In these conflicts, it is light weaponry—AK47s, hand grenades, and land mines—that are the weapons of choice. The ample supply, falling prices, and ease of purchase of these weapons has helped to increase the ferocity and number of conflicts we are witnessing across the globe—from Liberia to Rwanda to Kashmir.

Of course, I do not mean to downplay the importance of arms control efforts directed at strategic weapons. I only wish to point out that the vast trade in light weapons, which is a real source of instability today, receives, comparatively little attention.

Before we can begin any control efforts for small arms, we need an effective mechanism to monitor their trade. What types and how many of these deadly weapons are being sent where and by whom? We need answers to these questions.

My amendment would reinstate a reporting requirement which existed from fiscal years 1978 through 1980. During those years the State Department and the Defense Security Assistance Agency produced an annual report

listing all U.S. military transfers and sales on a country-by-country basis.

The information for this report is maintained in a readily accessible data base. Producing the report would not require much more than the hitting of a print command key and binding the pages together. In other words, this is not an onerous reporting requirement.

Congress has a right and, indeed, an obligation to review the information contained in that data base. However, in 1993, I was denied a request for such information by the DSAA.

Once we begin to produce this report, we can use it as leverage to encourage other arms producing nations to provide greater transparency for their own activities. With a comprehensive understanding of the small arms trade, we can begin to work towards a regime to control this scourge.

But without good information, we can't formulate an effective policy. We will be left to witness the devastating effects of small arms proliferation and to pay the price both in terms of costly relief activities and in diminished international security.

The better approach is to take preventive action—to avert crises before they begin. This amendment is the first step in that process.

I urge support for the amendments en bloc.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to make special mention of Mr. BERMAN and Mr. ROSE who are coauthors of this amendment. I also would like to thank the chairman and ranking members of the International Relations Committee and the International Operations Subcommittee.

Mr. Chairman, when a government hosts an international conference, it also accepts certain obligations. The host government must abide by the terms which govern such gatherings and must uphold agreements it makes.

Unfortunately, Mr. Chairman, the Chinese Government has demonstrated that it does not intend to be a good host for the Conference on Women being held in Beijing this summer. The principle of openness, which is crucial to the success of this gathering, has run afoul of the communist instinct to suppress opposing points of view.

The Chinese Government has worked quietly to exclude groups representing Tibetan women from the women's conference. Mr. Chairman, this is not right, and it is not what the international community expected when it agreed to hold the conference in Beijing.

China's reneging on its obligations does not stop with the exclusion of groups it disagrees with. Originally, the Chinese had agreed to allow a gathering of nongovernmental groups in a downtown stadium near the official conference site.

However, as the time for the conference drew nearer, the Chinese Government began to fear the consequences of their citizens coming into contact with the thousands of foreigners participating in the nongovernmental gathering. Mysteriously, the stadium where the NGO's were to meet was declared structurally unsound.

The Chinese Government now wants to hold the NGO gathering an hour from Beijing in a remote location near the Great Wall.

Mr. Chairman, China's leaders need to be sent a message that they cannot impose their intolerant standards on the rest of humanity, and that they cannot turn this gathering into a platform for advancing their narrow agenda.

My amendment would urge the administration to include a representative of a U.S.-based group representing Tibetan women in the official U.S. delegation. This would ensure that Tibetan women have a voice at this conference. More important, it would send a message to the Chinese that we do not appreciate their attempt to muzzle groups with which they disagree.

Mr. Chairman, the Chinese Government has challenged the international community by excluding these groups. If we allow them to succeed in this, we are legitimizing their actions, and we should expect more of the same in the future.

I urge adoption of this amendment.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendments en bloc, as modified, offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN].

The amendments en bloc, as modified, were agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there further amendments to the bill?

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. HYDE

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendmemt offered by Mr. HYDE: Strike section 2707 (relating to recommendations of the President for reform of war powers resolution) and insert the following new section:

SEC. 2707. REPEAL OF WAR POWERS RESOLUTION.

(a) REPEAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93–148; 50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.) is repealed.

(2) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 1013 of the Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (50 U.S.C. 1546a) is repealed.

(b) CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS.—

(1) PRIOR CONSULTATION.—The President shall in every possible instance consult with Congress before introducing United States Armed Forces into hostilities or into situations where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances.

(2) CONSULTATION AFTER INTRODUCTION OF ARMED FORCES.—The President shall, after every such introduction, consult regularly with Congress until United States Armed Forces are no longer engaged in hostilities or have been removed from such situations.

(c) REPORTING TO CONGRESS.—

(1) INITIAL REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the President shall, in the absence of a declaration of war, submit a report to Congress in any case in which United States Armed Forces are introduced.—

(i) into hostilities or into a situation where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances;

(ii) into the territory, airspace, or waters of a foreign nation, while equipped for combat, except for a deployment which relates solely to supply, replacement, repair, or training of such forces; or

(iii) in numbers which substantially enlarge United States Armed Forces equipped for combat already located in a foreign nation.

(B) EXCEPTION.—The requirement that the President submit a report to Congress in accordance with subparagraph (A) shall not apply if the President determines that to submit such a report would jeopardize the operational success of United States Armed Forces in a situation described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of such subparagraph.

(2) TIME AND CONTENT OF REPORT.—A report under paragraph (1) shall be submitted within 48 hours of the introduction of United States Armed Forces described in that paragraph. Each such report shall be in writing and shall set forth—

(A) the circumstances necessitating the introduction of United States Armed Forces;

(B) the constitutional and legislative authority under which such introduction took place; and

(C) the estimated scope and duration of the hostilities or involvement.

(3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The President shall provide such other information as Congress may request in the fulfillment of its constitutional responsibilities with respect to committing the Nation to war and to the use of United States Armed Forces abroad.

(4) PERIODIC REPORTS.—Whenever United States Armed Force are introduced into hostilities or into any situation described in paragraph (1), the President shall, consistent with the constitutional responsibilities of the President and so long as such Armed Forces continue to be engaged in such hostilities or situation, report to Congress periodically on the status of such hostilities or situation as well as on the scope and duration of such hostilities or situation.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I am offering an amendment that repeals the War Powers Act and sets up a structure for consultation and reporting by the President.

This amendment that I am offering does three things: In addition to repealing the War Powers Resolution, it requires ongoing consultation between Congress and the President, the President to consult with Congress, before the introduction of troops, ongoing consultation while they are there and after the troops are introduced, and the third thing it does, it requires timely and comprehensive reports to Congress, within 48 hours of the engagement, and in detail. These also are ongoing.

Mr. Chairman, the War Powers Resolution was passed in 1973. In casting about for the best way to describe it, I came up with the inelegant phrase ''wet noodle,'' but that is about what the War Powers Act has been. It has never been used. No President have ever acknowledged that it is there or that it is constitutional. The vice, the flaw, the fault with the War Powers resolution is that the President must withdraw troops within 60 days after he has committed them unless Congress acts specifically to endorse the deployment.

Congress can halt a deployment after 60 days by doing nothing, by dithering, by debating. If Congress is unsympathetic or opposed to the commitment of troops, Congress can pass a bill cutting off the funding. The ultimate weapon, the ultimate power of the purse under the Constitution, remains with Congress. Therefore, that is all the authority we need to halt, to bring to a screeching halt, any commitment of troops. But to have on the books a law that says by doing nothing, by inaction we can halt and reverse and turn around a military commitment of troops is really an absurdity. What it does is provide our enemies with a statutory timetable. They can wait it out to see if Congress and the President are not getting along.

There are a couple of things we ought to always bear in mind. First of all, the Constitution says that President is Commander in Chief. That is true whether Ronald Reagan, George Bush, or Bill Clinton is President. We are talking about the institution and constitutional powers that devolve on the President, whoever that may be.

The second unshakable, immutable, important point is we always have the purse strings clutched in our hand. We can pass a bill, and we have passed several to withhold funding for certain military operations. That is the effective way to work our will should we disagree with the President.

Congress alone can declare war but the President who is charged with the responsibility of defending this country needs flexibility, he needs to act quickly, and he should not, and the law should not provide our enemies, whether it is Saddam Hussein or Raoul Cedras or anybody else, with the hope, with the expectation that in 60 days they will all have to come home.

□ 1600

That is a disincentive to settle a dispute and to negotiate.

So, I think that is a mistake and I think it has been on the books too long and it ought to be taken off.

No President has ever considered the war powers resolutions as constitutional. I have letters from President Ford, President Jimmy Carter, President George Bush. Henry Kissinger said it should be repealed; it is misleading and ineffective. Howard Baker when he was the majority leader in the Senate said it is an attempt to write in the margins of the Constitution. It is confusing and gives comfort to our opponents.

Congress has used its power of the purse to limit and even halt military operations, many, many times, and I have a list here from the congressional reference service. During the Vietnam war in December of 1970 we prohibited the use of funds to finance the introduction of ground combat troops into Cambodia or to provide advisers to or for Cambodian military forces. In 1973 we cut off funds for combat activities in Indochina after August 15, 1973. We did. June 30, 1973, no funds herein or heretofore appropriated may be obligated or expended to finance directly or indirectly combat activities by U.S. military forces in or over, above the shores of North Vietnam, South Vietnam, Laos, or Cambodia.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. HYDE was allowed to proceed for 5 additional minutes.)

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, we set a personnel ceiling of 4,000 Americans in Vietnam 6 months after the enactment and 3,000 within a year; in Somalia we did the same. In Rwanda we did the same. And interestingly enough, the congressional reference service says, and I quote, ''With respect to your question regarding the number of instances when the Congress has utilized the War Powers Resolution, since its enactment in 1973, to compel the withdrawal of U.S. military forces from foreign deployments, we can cite no single specific instance when this has occurred.''

So it is a useless anachronism and we ought not to have it on the books. No Supreme Court test is even possible. Several attempts have been made to test it. The courts have said they are not justifiable. It did not stop what we did in Somalia, it did not stop what we did in Haiti. We had a vote on Desert Storm but nobody conceded that was pursuant to the War Powers Resolutions.

It provides a false hope to our adversaries; it is confusing.

My amendment does not just wipe the books clean of the War Powers Resolution, it requires adequate, timely, prompt consultation with Congress, and notice of what the President is going to do, and reporting, comprehensive reporting. There is a Presidential waiver, but that is for the Entebbe sort of situation and we still hold the ultimate weapon which is the purse.

We cannot get, as I say, a constitutional test on it, but it emboldens our adversaries while hamstringing the President when he most urgently needs the authority and the flexibility to act.

Permit me just to read from George Bush's letter of April 17, this year. ''Deal Henry, you are 100 percent correct in opposing the War Powers Resolution as an unconstitutional infringement on the authority of the President. I hope that you are successful in your effort to change the War Powers Resolution and restore proper balance between the Executive and Legislative Branches. George Bush.''

Gerald Ford: ''Dear Henry, I share your views that the War Powers Resolution is an impractical, unconstitutional infringement on the authority of the President, I opposed it as a Member of the House. As President I refused to recognize it as a constitutional limitation on the power of the commander in chief.''

Jimmy Carter to Congressman HENRY HYDE: ''I fully support your effort to repeal the War Powers Resolution. Best wishes in this good work,'' et certa.

So I just say to my colleagues, they are not yielding anything, they are retaining the power of the purse, which is the ultimate weapons. But my amendment requires notice, consultation, and reports, and with that in one hand and the power of the purse in the other, we are yielding no autonomy on the issue of committing troops, but are clearing off the books of unconstitutional infringement on the President's power, And are giving the President flexibility that the President may need over a weekend when something happens. And we are not giving hope and comfort to our adversaries that if they just wait it out, 60 days, will elapse, we will be dithering, we will be debating, and nothing will happen and the military engagement will end.

So I respectfully request the support of the Members in adopting my amendment.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, I must say I rise to discuss the amendment by the distinguished chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary because I know he has given this very serious thought. But I think I come down on the other side and say maybe this is too hasty at this moment, and to move forward right at this time without more serious debate is very troubling.

The gentleman from Illinois and I were both here when this amendment went through, and I would be the first to concede it has not worked as well as many of us had hoped it would work when it was passed in 1973.

But let me talk about what I thought the driving factors were of that war powers amendment. If we go back and look at the history, the Constitution says in article I, section 2, the Congress is the one, the Congress is the one that gives the money and raises the army. We are the ones that must do that. And the President is the commander-in-chief.

If you also look at President Washington's speeches about foreign entanglements and many other such things, I think it is very clear that our forefathers and foremothers never really foresaw a day when we would be deploying hundreds of thousands of troops overseas. One of the incredible, unique things about this country is it had unloaded upon it, whether it wanted it or not, a world leadership role where even though we are only 3 percent of the world's population, we have been carrying a very heavy burden of maintaining freedom on this globe in this century, and the War Powers Act was a modification that came in this century.

Part of that was we have been one of the very few governments on the planet that would deploy hundreds and hundreds of thousands of our most precious treasures, our young people, overseas for someone else's freedom. This War Powers Act would not have occurred if we had only been acting within our borders to protect our borders as most countries do and is much more traditional.

But when you start deploying them overseas, and we had seen in both the Korean and the Vietnam war many hundreds of thousands deployed overseas without a declaration of war, without a consultation of Congress, and we were suddenly left there under article I, section 3 having to raise the money, and raise the number of troops through drafts and many other things, and so this body said no, no, no, there should be, when we are doing these massive deployments overseas, a little more consultation at the beginning.

The only area I can think of where this has worked very well since then has been the gulf war where we had a very historic debate on this House floor, and I must say I thought it was very valuable for the whole Nation. All over the Nation you could hear people listening to this debate, and when this debate ended and when one side won, everybody shut up and supported those troops that were over there until it was time to bring them home.

I think that is important, because otherwise, if you allow a President to decide when we are going to commit troops, whether it would be today in Bosnia, say the President of the United States today decided OK, we are going to go into Bosnia, that is probably option 3. Option 1 would be you help them withdraw. Option 2 would be we do nothing. Option 3, we are going to go gangbusters, we are going to take a side and we are going to be in there. In fact, there are some Members out there now saying that is what we should do. Do you want the President of the United States to be able to make that decision, send off a half a million men, which is about what it would take, men and women, and go over there and just come tell us about it after they did it, and our only choice would be that we cut out the money? I think the War Powers Act has had an effect, and I think with the demise of the cold war I do not see any reason that we cannot work out a way to maybe make this better, to maybe make it more efficient, but I am not sure we need to do it in a haste right now where we just withdraw as Members of Congress and say we are going to let all of that fall on the shoulders of the President of the United States, and of course if he messes up or she messes up, then we all have the prerogative to jump up and down and scream at him. I would think that the last few days of Bosnia would be the greatest reason for why we should not do this right now, because you see no matter what the President does you have all sorts of other voices jumping up and down saying no not that, oh why did he do this, oh, you cannot connect the dots on his policy, oh, he is not being consistent. He should do more; he should do less.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mrs. SCHROEDER was allowed to proceed for 1 additional minute.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that what we would be saying is we want to be able to criticize, but do not give us any responsibility. I would think the American people would think that if the President decided we were going to take a side in the Bosnian war, he would do more than just come tell us, consult us, and send someone to brief us on it. I think they would want their representatives to be involved in that debate at the beginning, so that we stay behind those troops when they are overseas in that difficult point.

But I keep saying the War Powers Act came because of the new missions the United States had heaped upon it as a world leader after World War I and World War II. And I think it is a very, very, important addition, and I hope very much that maybe we take the concerns of the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] into consideration and we all work very hard to figure out is there a better way to do this. But I think to back off and say we are giving it up would be the wrong way to go.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my strong support for repealing the War Powers Resolution with the consultations as set forth in the Hyde amendment. I understand the history of the resolution that is described by the gentlewoman from Colorado, and I appreciate that, but it is my belief that this 22-year relic of the Vietnam era is both unconstitutional and ineffective. I want to commend the gentleman from Illinois for raising this issue, for bringing forth the amendment today and for all of his efforts over the years on this.

I served in the Bush White House in the counsel's office, so I saw firsthand just how this resolution can interfere with the President's ability as the commander-in-chief to defend U.S. interests. I think the Constitution has its right, particularly in this dangerous world where rapid deployment is vital, vital to success. The President must maintain his authority as commander-in-chief to protect U.S. interests around the globe. Under the War Powers Resolution, however, as the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] stated earlier, if Congress fails to explicitly endorse the deployment of troops, the troops must return home. I think this is a flagrant intrusion on the President's constitutional rights inherent as commander-in-chief to defend and protect the Nation. There is a reason that all four former Presidents, Democrat and Republican, support repeal. The Constitution struck the right balance. It granted the President the right to act as commander-in-chief to protect U.S. interests. It also provided appropriate checks for leaving the authority for funding military operations with Congress. The War Powers Resolution tips that healthy balance, tips it too far, by allowing Congress to override the President's constitutional authority by mere inaction. If Congress simply fails to act, 60 days after deployment U.S. troops engaged in hostilities must be withdrawn. In my mind this is a taking. It is Congress taking authority away from the President to act as commander-in-chief.

As important, the practical application of the War Powers Resolution is essentially rendered ineffective. We have seen that over the years. It was noted earlier by both speakers. It has also increased the danger to U.S. personnel and interests. By requiring the withdrawal of troops within 60 days unless Congress acts, the resolution permits Congress to drag its feet until policy is established by inaction. More troubling I think is that the resolution unwisely undermines U.S. policy. It is dangerous. Our enemies have a strong incentive if the War Powers Act acts as intended to resist negotiations and wait out the 60 days. Why should they not? In other words, the effect of the War Powers Act is really to embolden our enemies and endanger our military personnel overseas unnecessarily.

Whether we are dealing with Raoul Cedras, Manuel Noriega, or Saddam Hussein, we cannot simply afford to send our enemies the message that the actions of our military and the President are not the actions of the United States, do not constitute the will of Congress and the people. They must, until Congress explicitly acts otherwise. If we insist on keeping the War Powers Resolution, I would urge this Congress to make changes to it to force Congress to face the issue.

□ 1615

Let us vote up or down on the issue. Let us openly confront the question of deployment.

Under the war powers resolution, we have got it both ways. We have got the best of both worlds. We can tie the hands of the President and avoid a direct up-or-down vote on an often tough issue whether to deploy or not. If we keep the resolution, I think it would be better to establish expedited procedures during that 60-day period, forcing to act by joint resolution on an up or down vote, either authorizing action or requiring disengagement.

As President Nixon noted in his veto of the War Powers Act in 1973, ''One cannot become a responsible partner unless one is prepared to take responsible action.''

Let us act responsibly today, 22 years later, and end this congressional encroachment.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PORTMAN. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the gentleman yielding, I appreciate his comments and certain parts of his argument I find very compelling.

Mr. PORTMAN. What part does the gentleman not find compelling?

Mr. BERMAN. The part I am going to get into right now. You spoke about working in the Bush White House and the War Powers Act tended to create some uncertainty, tended to immobilize the administration in some fashion, undercut the administration's aims.

I would like to develop this more extensively because the way I look at the War Powers Act, it is a law that no President recognizes, no court is willing to enforce, and as you pointed out, in almost every instance the Congress

is not willing to step up to the plate anyway because they do not want to take a firm position because they want to see how it is going before they jump on the bandwagon.

Mr. PORTMAN. Reclaiming my time, the gentleman has made an excellent case for repeal of an ineffective act. Presidents have ignored the War Powers Act on an official basis. However, our enemies overseas know it exists. It is on the books. Frankly, it is a consideration taken into consideration as Presidents decide whether or not to go to Congress, as we saw with the Gulf War, to receive, and in that case approval, so it is something that is not working. It is unconstitutional.

The reason it is not working, I believe, goes to the Constitution. In other words, the constitutionality of it is the reason it is not working.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] has expired.

(On request of Mr. BERMAN, and by unanimous consent, Mr. PORTMAN was allowed to proceed for 2 additional minutes.)

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will yield further, is the gentleman saying that without the existence of the War Powers Act, the President would not have asked Congress to take a position authorizing the use of force in the Gulf?

Mr. PORTMAN. The answer to that question, reclaiming my time, I would say that is a consideration that every President has to factor in is that it is a law on the books. It is a pressure applied to the executive branch. It is a factor when one is considering deployment, and necessarily so. I think it would also lead to a lot less ambiguity, as I said earlier, with regard to our foreign adversaries.

Mr. BERMAN. If the gentleman wil continue to yield, I started out thinking that I would vote for the repeal of this act. But if the consequences of repealing the act, if the existence of the act did in fact argue for the President to come to Congress to ask for authorization for the use of force, you have given me the most serious, important, and useful purpose, more than I ever thought that I had.

Mr. PORTMAN. I would encourage the gentleman to take a look at the Hyde amendment carefully because it requires the kind of notification and the kind of consultation that, frankly, I do not think we have now. I think, under this new iteration, with repealing the War Powers Act, by being required to come to Congress for notification and for consultation, I think you would find that in fact Congress would be more of a partner with the executive branch in the future.

Mr. BERMAN. If you just would yield one more time, but that sort of begs the question. Consulting, we have all kinds of consultations, and all kinds of notifications, the fact is Desert Storm was a carefully planned, date-certain decision to use force. If it was not a war, then there is not any.

You are telling me, it sounds like, that in the Bush White House one of the reason they decided to come to Congress, to not consult, not notify but to seek authorization for the use of force, was the existence of the War Powers Act, which makes a case for the existence of that act and an argument against the repeal. I think, perhaps more than any I had though of, making me change my mind.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] has again expired.

(On request of Mr. HYDE and by unanimous consent, Mr. PORTMAN was allowed to proceed for 2 additional minutes.)

Mr. PORTMAN. I thank the gentleman.

I thank my colleague from Illinois may have some salient comments on this. Let me say the power of the purse, to my friend on the other side of the aisle, is far more powerful and is a much more powerful inducement, I believe, to that President and other Presidents, than any other. Congress could always have acted to force us to withdraw troops from the Gulf had we used the power of the purse and pulled the appropriations. That is ultimately where I think our power derives. I think also, if you look at the amendment, you will see there is consultation and notification that would actually take place.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PORTMAN. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. HYDE. I would just tell my friend from California at that time in history I was ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee and, therefore, I got invited into the consultations, and we spent a lot of time, many, many days at the White House, Dante Fascell, Senator NUNN, everybody who had any connection with the military, foreign affairs and intelligence sat around and this was fully, fully debated. There was no question that the President was going to do something without Congress's knowledge and acquiescence.

So I do not know what the gentleman doubts, because we require prior consultation, during consultation, after consultation, notification within 48 hours, and reports, detailed reports.

Mr. BERMAN. If the gentleman will yield, I understand there was all kinds of consultation, and I was in some of those meetings as well.

But what the gentleman in the well is saying is, in the end, the decision to come to Congress and ask for authorization was at least in part made because of the existence of the War Powers Act.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. PORTMAN] has again expired.

(On request of Mr. HYDE, and by unanimous consent, Mr. PORTMAN was allowed to proceed for 2 additional minutes.)

Mr. HYDE. If the gentleman will yield, I would just say to the gentleman from California [Mr. BERMAN], and I hope I do live to see the day that you are President, I would be very thrilled and applaud that good judgment by our American voters, but I would say this——

Mr. BERMAN. Would you endorse me for reelection.

Mr. HYDE. I did not catch that. What did you say?.

Mr. BERMAN. I said would you just endorse me for reelection?

Mr. HYDE. I would not mind. I do not know who your opponent is.

Mr. PORTMAN. Reclaiming my time——

Mr. HYDE. You are getting me in trouble here. I would work very hard for the gentleman's vote.

Let me just say this to you: There is no question that a law on the books has to be taken into account by a President. He may think it is unconstitutional, but to just deliberately flout a law that is on the books and has not been declared unconstitutional would be very foolish. So I do not think you can read into the fact that they considered the existence of this law that it animated them to do anything. Common sense and the President's own military experience and service in Congress required him to consult, and he did.

Mr. BERMAN. If the gentleman would yield, but in the end, the Constitution gives the warmaking power to the Congress. Obviously, statute cannot repeal or modify or limit the power. I would have thought that the President would feel compelled to come to the Congress and that the use, authorization for use of force was the substantive equivalent of a declaration of war, and if in fact that is not the case, that was not the constitutional power of that provision that motivated him to come to Congress but, in part, was one of the considerations, it makes me a little concerned about what was, when I got up, an inclination to vote for repeal of this law.

Mr. PORTMAN. Reclaiming my time for what little time remains, I would just say I would like to echo the comments of the gentleman from Illinois. I think it has to be a consideration when it is on the books. I think it is ineffective. I think it violates the constitutional rights of the commander-in-chief. I think the reason previous President may have come to Congress, including the case the gentleman from California mentioned, perhaps that was a factor, but there are other considerations that were overriding.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, the situation in the world today, there is a lot of focus on Bosnia.

If this Congress votes to exclude itself in any active way from the process of engaging military forces around the globe, it will be very difficult for either

Republicans or Democrats to come back here if American troops are committed in a serious way to Bosnia, and say, ''Wait a minute, we want to get at this some way.''

And what is the response going to be? ''Well, you have got consultation. You are guaranteed to be consulted with. They will call you in and they will explain there are now troops on the way to Bosnia.'' You will say, ''We want to do something about it.'' ''Well, there is going to be another consultation as soon as the troops get there. When we get time to take the troops out, you will get another consultation.''

The war powers provisions are not perfect. This is not a world that can easily accommodate the two branches of government involved in the decision to commit American forces in war with a time frame that is often instantaneous.

But there is no question that the war powers provision, as is evident from the comments of the gentleman who just spoke, have forced Administrations to recognize the need to involve the Congress.

Now, is there an advantage to giving the Congress an opportunity to view the President's policy before making a commitment? Well, I would tell you that many of the Members of Congress who voted for the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution wish that they had not done so.

Why? The most difficult act in American politics is not to be wrong, it is not to be even voting against your constituents' interests. It is to be inconsistent, and it is impossible to explain that the circumstances have changed.

We all remember Mr. Romney when he ran for President changed his position on Vietnam. He said he was brainwashed. Well, that was probably a bad choice of terminology. But he was dead.

It is very hard for a Congress that has at the ground level jumped in the boat on a strategy to then review that strategy. It is almost impossible for an executive. An executive in his first term, looking at reelection, takes a course of action, and then he is going to come back and say to the American people, ''I made a mistake. We lost 5,000, we lost 10,000, we lost 300 men. But it was a mistake being there.'' No, he has got to stay the course. That is what seems to sell politically.

It is a lot better to have a Congress that has maybe sat back, in some instance out of lack of courage, I will grant you, but it is also timely, often, to sit back and view a policy and make a decision after more of the facts are in.

This is not a perfect process. But it is no question that simple consultation, and I think the desires of the gentleman from Illinois here are honorable, there is no question he is frustrated by what we have done in Congress all too often, and that it sat back as Presidents took action, fearful to take a public position, and he is also probably frustrated by Presidents who did not come to the Congress and demand we get engaged, but the Presidents do have that authority.

The President did not come here and ask us to give a declaration of war. The President can come here, as President Bush did, and ask for support for what he is doing, which may not be technically meeting of standards of being committed to war, but certainly was basically telling the same thing to the American people, that both the President and the Congress were on the same side of this particular issue.

The war powers provisions, I think have worked. They have worked to force the dialogue, to force the President to take into account what Congress might do, what Congress's actions could be if things do not turn out as rosy as the generals and the CIA tell them they are going to be.

To change the war powers provisions is for Congress to abdicate any serious role in the commitment of troops on the ground.

Again, whether in the next 4 years or in the next 5 years, whether a Republican or a Democratic President, think of yourself as a Member of Congress who voted to get rid of the war powers provision, think about yourself at a town meeting, and they are saying, ''Congressman, my son is in a battlefield today. I want you to bring him home.'' Your answer is going to be, ''I get to be consulted by the President.''

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GEJDENSON. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, why does the gentleman assume paralysis on the part of Congress when it comes to appropriating money? Is the gentleman not aware that we have cut off funds time and time again for military operations? And the gentleman, as a Member of Congress, could join in the consensus that can be developed and cut the water off immediately.

Mr. GEJDENSON. The problem with simply dealing with the funding issue, we saw at the tail end of the Vietnam war, we have seen it in so many other instances, that the Administration, one has multiple resources.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. GEJDENSON] has expired.

(On request of Mr. HYDE, and by unanimous consent, Mr. GEJDENSON was allowed to proceed for 1 additional minute.)

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, Administrations have multiple resources for smaller wars that they can operate without direct funding, and additionally, what it leaves us with is only one option to review the process, and often an option that is very difficult to bring to the floor.

My HYDE. I just think the gentleman underestimates the power of Congress.

Mr. GEJDENSON. I have been here not as long as has the gentleman from Illinois, but there is no question the power of Congress is enhanced by a law that gives us a role and a positive action in the process rather than simply being consulted.

□ 1630

The consultation process again is a very weak situation to find yourself in. The President fulfills the law if he calls up the Congress and tells them what he is doing. I think it is much better, both for Congress' responsibility and the President's responsibility, to force Congress to either take an action or, through its lack of action, to give the President support for his policies, and also clearly to give Congress and the American people some time to view the developments in the field.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, this is an extremely important debate. Although I was not going to talk on this issue, this is an issue that can affect the lives of many, many Americans, and I think that we all have to have our say. I rarely disagree with my friend, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE]. He is one of the best members, by far, that we have on this committee, and I have sat next to him in the International Relations Committee for 10 years.

On this particular issue, which is of paramount importance, I listened closely to the comments from our former Presidents that were quoted here on the floor and from the people who worked in the White House. They are very eloquent. But, as my colleagues know, every president finds Congress inconvenient and an intrusion, but we are a democracy, not a monarchy, and that is why it is so important for Congress to be involved.

The American people have a right to have a say, and the American people, especially on issues of war where we send or sons and daughters into harm's way, certainly should have a right to speak out.

I once went on TV and debated the repeal of the War Powers Act with Representative Solarz. While debating, I said, yes, we have to repeal the War Powers Act. But when we stop to consider what we have seen since 1973, there is a reason why the War powers Act resolution was passed by this Congress. The history shows as I see it, that there are only two central issues involved in the War Powers Act: first, how to ensure that the president consults with Congress before U.S. troops are sent into hostilities; and second, that Congress must approve the use of forces or else they will be withdrawn within 60 days.

Now in the last 22 years there have been 40 occasions when the Presidents have consulted with Congress under provisions of this act, and these have covered events from Lebanon, to the Persian Gulf, to Haiti, Somalia and even to Bosnia. Twice Congress has invoked the act in authorizing the use of troops in combat, in Lebanon and also in the gulf war.

However, the crux of the law, which is forcing the withdrawal of U.S. troops when Congress does not approve, has never been invoked. There are some 12 cases that have come before the courts, and the courts have not become involved. This is the history of the War Powers Act.

But let me suggest to the members that this is probably the most important time to debate this resolution, because we are on a brink of war today. I mean that last night we had some 1,500 troops ordered out of Germany and flown down into Italy to get ready to jump into Bosnia, into that civil war. So this is the time to debate this issue, because the deepening crisis in the Balkans may lead us at some point to invoke the war powers to withdraw these forces.

After all, the American people are not in favor of this intervention. In matters of months, or weeks, or even days we may be grateful that we have the War Powers Act on the books. I want to be able to go back home and tell my people, You're darned right, I spoke up on the floor of Congress about this. This is an issue that involves the lives of young men and women here in our country, and it's important for us to speak out.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROTH. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. HYDE. I want to suggest to the gentleman I am as concerned as he is with the lives of young people. I have been in combat, I was in an invasion, so I am very sensitive to that.

Now will the gentleman tell me why is it, does he believe, that Congress is impotent to stop within one day any military engagement if we cut off the funding? Is the gentleman aware of how many times we have done that?

Mr. ROTH. Yes, I will——

Mr. HYDE. Why are we impotent? Why do we need this act which is a nullity——

Mr. ROTH. Let me take back the balance of my time, and I will be happy to respond. I say to the gentleman: With war powers you're giving the President 60 days to withdraw those troops. If he doesn't withdraw those troops, Congress is intervening.

I feel that Congress has not only a right, but has an obligation, to speak out in cases of America getting into war. That is why I think that the war powers resolution at certain critical times is something that we should have. We should have the power——

Mr. HYDE. When has it been used?

Mr. ROTH. I think twice, once in Lebanon and once in the gulf war.

Mr. HYDE. Nobody ever conceded that that was for the War Powers Act.

Mr. ROTH. I know that is your view, but let me take back the balance of my time and say the reason the President, I think, has been more sensitive to Congress is because we have had the war powers resolution on the books. I think, if we had not had the war powers resolution on the books, the President may not have been that sensitive to Congress.

I do feel that it is very important for the Congress to speak out. In my opinion, repealing war powers is like abolishing the fire department just because there has not been a fire in the last couple of years. We are facing an intervention in Bosnia right now. Just because Congress has not used the War Powers Act——

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. ROTH] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. ROTH was allowed to proceed for 3 additional minutes.)

Mr. ROTH. For example, I think we are facing a very perilous time right now in Bosnia, and, as I mentioned before, there is a looming crisis. If we repeal the War Powers Act now in the face of a wider war in the Balkans, this Congress could, in my opinion, be guilty of dereliction of our duty to the American people and the young Americans whose lives may be at risk.

I feel that we in Congress have an obligation to speak out, and I am sorry that we have not been speaking out more forcefully in Bosnia. If the President is going to put 25,000 troops in Bosnia, why is this Congress not speaking out? Why are we not debating that issue on the floors?

On Friday we lost a pilot in Bosnia, one man, one American, and today it is Wednesday. We still have not found him. We do not know if he is alive or dead. Now we are getting ready to put 25,000 troops into Bosnia, and this Congress is not debating this issue.

I think we are being derelict in our duty, quite frankly, and I think that is why the war powers resolution is important, because it keeps Congress in the act. But if the President, as we have seen, is listening to people other than Congress, I think that is why the war powers resolution is so important.

How many of my colleagues here are aware just how close we are to fighting in Bosnia? I certainly hope we are aware of it. The Clinton Administration has promised to send some 25,000 ground troops into Bosnia. This is very serious; it is serious for our troops.

Sure, the people here are not going to be fighting, but the kids off the dairy farms in Wisconsin, small cities of Wisconsin, are going to be fighting, and I do not want them going into Bosnia without my having a right to speak up on the floor and having this entire Congress debating that issue. That is why this is important.

We all too often have been derelict in our duty. We have had 40 engagements since the War Powers Act was instituted, and only twice, only twice, have we invoked the war powers, and I think it is very important, especially at a time like this, that we not repeal the war powers resolution.

It has not harmed our foreign policy. We have had it for 22 years. Show me one instance where it has done any harm. It has not done any harm, so why repeal it?

With this administration seemingly bent on jumping into the quagmire, we simply cannot afford the risk.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROTH. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. HYDE. Can the gentleman envision Saddam Hussein taking comfort in the fact that after 60 days maybe the troops would be withdrawn while Congress dithered?

Mr. ROTH. Reclaiming my time, I say to the gentleman, Congress did not dither. I was here on the floor, and so were you, and so was everybody else when we voted to give George Bush, the President, the power to go into the Gulf War. So we were in that decision, and it didn't stop, hinder, us in any way because we had the war powers resolution.

I do not think that the war powers resolution ties the hands of a President, and I say, You're never going to be able to do that, but I think what it does is put Congress into the equation, into the debate. When we go into these issues of life and death overseas, I think it's not only right but it's proper, and it's our duty to do that.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROTH. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. HYDE. I just want to say I was here in 1975, and I remember it was 2 o'clock in the morning, and we were debating, and we debated—the total debate lasted three weeks, and President Ford wanted authority to send troops to get our people out of Saigon, and Congress never could reach a decision, and I remember John Connolly—John Conlan, I guess his name was, from Arizona—standing there saying, ''It's Dunkirk over there. We're getting pushed in the sea.''

Congress could never come to closure. The President finally sent the troops anyway, but that is what it was——

Mr. ROTH. Reclaiming my time, in the 22 years that we have had the War Powers Act on the books, it has not inhibited the President for a second in any particular time, and the Congress has got to be involved in these important issues.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. ROTH] has expired.

(On request of Mr. BERMAN and by unanimous consent, Mr. ROTH was allowed to proceed for 1 additional minute.)

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Chairman, would the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. ROTH. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. BERMAN. Through the gentleman I would like to ask the gentleman from Illinois:

''I think there is a good case that the 60-day provision creates a level of uncertainty and can create an expectation in the enemy that doesn't serve

U.S. national interests. But you don't need to repeal the War Powers Act to do that. You need to deal with the 60-day requirement, and I just wonder how the gentleman feels about that particular concern, given that it is not enough to say the appropriations process. If you are talking about rescinding the appropriations for the military in the middle of a fiscal year, you are talking about getting the votes to pass it to override a veto. It's very different than the majority of the Congress cutting off—as simple as cutting off the appropriations in the middle of the year. That can't happen.''

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I want to thank my colleague from Illinois for graciously letting me go out of sequence here, although it does keep a continuity of pro-con, pro-con, and I will try and be brief here because I have pride of ownership here.

H.R. 1111 was the only bill in either body all year building up to this debate. I am indebted to my friend, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], for carrying this. I am going to put Mr. HYDE'S article, which I think says it all, when we go back into full House, and I will ask permission to do that at the end of the debate, and I am really curious to see how this debate is going to turn out because it has been a excellent debate, and I have got friends all over this.

As a matter of fact, the reason I am a bit antsy and about to get a hernia to get my chance is I have got the Secretary of Defense, William Perry, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Shalikashvili, sitting there in the National Security Committee, and I do not want to send one single American young man or woman, not even fighter pilots, not ''Deny Flight,'' not top cover, not close air support. No American from this country, or Canada for that matter, should die for Europeans again in another civil war inside Bosnia-Herzegovina, and look what is seemingly contradictory. I am trying to give the President more power to act, and the reason I ask for that number 1111 is because this gives the Commander-in-Chief the ability to move quickly, effectively, unilaterally in our national interests before a prolonged debate here brings in Europe, Asia and Africa's opinions, and it enables him to move decisively.

Now obviously I am doing this for future Presidents. Nobody thinks about some of these military expressions like over hill or over dale, or off we go into the wild blue yonder, when you think of our Commander-in-Chief, let alone Semper Fidelis or Semper Paratus. However, I am doing this for history, for the Presidents to come. I would not go back through all the President's letters.

Suffice it to say this:

''Somalia proved the point of Mr. HYDE and myself, Mr. FUNDERBURK. Somalia proved that the current chain of command is more concerned about meeting requirements of the war powers resolution than ensuring that we deploy adequate combat power when necessary. If it weren't for this darned War Powers Act, we never would have thought twice about lending one M–1, one tank, or one Bradley. They had six of those at Waco. We didn't have one to blow through those road blocks on the ground in those filthy alleys of Mogadishu. We would have had our AC–130 Specter gunships in there. American troops would have had the support they needed, and maybe not one or most of the 19 of best-trained sergeants and helicopter crews would have died in the alleys of Mogadishu.''

Please support the Dornan-Hyde amendment. It is time to repeal the War Powers Act, and I look forward to an overwhelming vote today, and I tell the gentleman in front of my colleagues, ''Mr. DURBIN of Illinois, I owe you one.''

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I respect my colleague, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], and I respectfully disagree with his amendment.

□ 1645

One of the saddest responsibilities of any Member of Congress is to stand at the funeral of a fallen soldier. Many of us have had to do it. After the crack of the rifles, after the honor guard has folded the flag from the casket into a neat tri-corner and handed it to the family, it is often our responsibility to walk over to the family of the fallen serviceman and to strain to find some words to say.

I do not know that I could walk up to the family of a soldier who has died in the invasion of a foreign land, and say I am very sorry, but Congress voted just a few weeks ago not to have any voice in the decision as to whether your son or daughter would go to war. You elected me as your Representative, but I had no voice in a premeditated declaration of war which ultimately took the life of your son or daughter. You gave me your voice in Congress to represent you, and I gave it away. I could not say that.

Our Constitution could not make it clearer. Article I, section 8, clause 11 of the Constitution confers on Congress, the House of Representatives and the Senate alone, alone, the power to declare war, and the War Powers Act, imperfect though it may be, is an effort to carry out the intent of our Constitution, the clear unambiguous intent of that Constitution, to require Congress, and the American people through them, to enter into a debate and deliberation before we send our sons and daughters off to die.

I think today, 22 years after the fact, we may have forgotten the circumstances of the creation of this War Powers Act. It is said that those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it. This act was enacted in 1973 over the veto of President Richard Nixon. It followed the Vietnam war. It was an extraordinary situation. Congress came together, Democrats and Republicans, and rebuked the sitting President of the United States and said ''We have learned our lesson. Vietnam has taught us a bitter lesson. Never, never, never again will this country allow so many wonderful young men and women to give up their lives without the kind of full-scale national debate of this Nation through its Congress.''

Then we enacted the War Powers Resolution, after 58,000 Americans lost their lives in an undeclared war which Robert McNamara now concedes as unwinnable in his infamous apologia. An America ravaged by the divisive national debate over Vietnam, an America devastated by the loss of so many good men and women in that war, an America cynical over being lied to and misled by Presidents of both political parties, that America of 1973 passed this law and vowed to do everything in its power to avoid any repetition of the national tragedy of Vietnam.

So today, 22 years later, we come to repeal the law, to walk away from it, to basically abdicate our congressional responsibility, to say to this President and every President to come, it is your responsibility. It is your war. Come see us, consult us, talk to us. If we get upset with it after it is done, we will probably try to address it through an appropriations process.

Like so many other actions we have taken over the last several months, this is a further erosion of the power of everyone sitting in this gallery and everyone listening to my voice who elects a man or a woman to come and stand in this well before this microphone and speak for them. It takes away that power. It takes away the authority of your family to be represented in that national debate.

As I reflect on what I have accomplished in the years that I have served in the House of Representatives, one of my proudest moments was to cosponsor a resolution with former Congressman Charles Bennett before the Persian Gulf war. That resolution brought every Member of the House of Representatives to the floor in an all-night session to express their most heartfelt views as to whether or not we should engage in war. It was the finest hour of this Chamber in all the years that I have served. We stood tall for the constitutional principle that it was our responsibility to declare that war and to decide whether anyone's life would be risked. And we passed that resolution, saying it was the congressional responsibility, by a bipartisan vote of 302 to 131. We then went on to vote on the question.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. DURBIN was allowed to proceed for 3 additional minutes.)

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Chairman, as was alluded to by the gentlewoman from Colorado, after that debate, after the bipartisan decision that it was Congress' responsibility to decide whether we would go to war, we voted on the question. You could have heard a pin drop in this Chamber. People were waiting to see what would happen. It prevailed. President Bush's position prevailed. And even those, and I was one, who were critical of the idea of engaging in that war then said the debate is over. We stand behind the men and women whose lives are on the line. And we went forward, united as a Nation, to a swift and decisive victory.

Now, I know when the Constitution was written wars were conducted in a much different fashion. It took months, sometimes years, to muster an army and to bring about a war. There was plenty of time for deliberation. We live in a different time. The Commander in Chief of the United States, the President, has that express authority in the Constitution. He must respond to emergencies immediately. He cannot wait for Congress to debate it. The President of the United States as Commander in Chief must take defensive actions immediately. He cannot wait for a committee hearing.

But in a Persian Gulf war situation, with a premeditated deliberation, we had a chance as a nation to decide as a nation what we would do. This decision today, if we adopt the Hyde amendment, completely walks away from this congressional opportunity and responsibility.

To argue that we could take the funds away once the war has started, sure, that could happen, over months, maybe even over years, as we debate back and forth the right language, whether an appropriation will be changed, whether we can override a veto. Sure, Congress has a voice in it, but only a voice, and a muted one, because of this amendment.

I implore my colleagues not to seize this amendment as the opportune moment today in today's circumstances, but to reflect on the history that led up to this war powers resolution, the history of Vietnam, the history that taught us as a country and as a Nation we must stand together as a people and debate whether or not we engage in premeditated war.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to oppose the Hyde amendment.

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FUNDERBURK. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I just want to say I listened awestruck by what the gentleman from Illinois just got through saying. It appears to me that he really believes this act, this war powers resolution, which the Congressional Reference Service 2 days ago said, with respect to your question regarding the number of instances when the Congress has utilized the war powers resolution since its enactment in 1973 to compel the withdrawal of U.S. military forces from foreign deployments, we can cite no single specific instance when this has occurred.

It has never been used. The gentleman seems to imply that Congress would be in a state of paralysis if we got into a combat situation. I would tell the gentleman, but he knows this, we have a Committee on Appropriations, a Committee on Armed Services, a Committee on International Relations, and they would be vigorously holding hearings and disbursing legislation, and we control the purse. The existence or nonexistence of the War Powers Act is utterly irrelevant.

I thank the gentleman.

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Chairman, I am proud to stand with Chairman HYDE and Congressman DORNAN as an original sponsor of this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, there is no more vocal critic of this administration's foreign policy and its misuse of the military than this Member. My district borders Fort Bragg. The soldiers of the 18th Airborne Corps have borne the brunt of the Clinton administration's misadventures in Somalia and Haiti. As we speak the Clinton administration is even contemplating action in Bosnia. But, the issue here is not the competence of Bill Clinton. The issue is whether we will be faithful to the Constitution and restore the delicate balance of power between the President and the Congress.

There will be some who say that the timing of this amendment is wrong. They argue that with war in Bosnia looming we should maintain the status quo. That argument is wrong on two accounts. First, adhering to the original intent of the Framers is never wrong. Second, the repeal of the War Powers Act increases the President's responsibility for explaining to the American people the reasons for expanding our role in Bosnia. Repeal the War Powers Act now and Mr. Clinton can't say his Bosnian policy was hamstrung by the Congress.

Mr. Chairman, despite events in Bosnia, this isn't a partisan fight. Every President since 1973, Republican and Democrat, has urged the repeal of the War Powers Act. Plain and simple, it is a ticking time bomb. If we don't diffuse it now, at a time of relative peace, it has the potential to explode during a great national crisis. In a strange way, this act, first promoted by the so-called peace movement of the 1960's and 1970's, reduces deterrence, increases the risk of war, and places our combat troops in greater danger.

Let me put this debate in some historical context. The conflict between congressional and Presidential war powers is as old as the Constitution. But, until the twin disasters of Watergate and Vietnam, the President's authority over the deployment of American troops had been relatively undisputed. The War Powers Act, passed over the veto of President Nixon in 1973, changed that. The act was the centerpiece of the activist, radical Vietnam/Watergate Congress.

As Ambassador John Norton Moore notes, the first problem is that the act itself is a product of a myth—the myth that somehow the Vietnam war was ''a presidential war'' and if Congress only had a veto over the President's war powers there would have been no lives lost in Indochina. That myth is nonsense. From the time of the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin resolution, the Congress passed appropriation after appropriation to pay for the increase in troop levels and material requested by the White House. The late Sam Ervin, the primary opponent of the War Powers Act and the leading constitutionalist in the Congress, argued that each Vietnam resolution and appropriation was a ''declaration of war in the Constitutional sense.''

Congress was a full and equal partner in the decision to prosecute the war. Only when the war became unpopular did the Congress try to shift the blame and the result was this misguided legislation.

This act is clearly unconstitutional. At its heart is an attempt by the Congress to define the war powers of the President. The Congress has no such authority. The President's power comes solely from the Constitution of the United States not a temporary majority on Capitol Hill. Congress has the power to provide the President with an Army and a Navy and to declare war but it has no constitutional authority to deny the President his right to deploy and engage Americans forces in any action short of offensive war.

Section 5 of the act contains the most egregious violations of the Constitution.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. FUNDERBURK] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. FUNDERBURK was allowed to proceed for 2 additional minutes.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Chairman, it requires the President to withdraw troops in any situation in which hostilities are possible within 60 days of the deployment. It gives the Congress a legislative veto over the constitutional prerogatives of the Executive. This is a flagrant attempt by the Congress to exercise the Commander-in-Chief authority vested by the Framers in the President.

Section 5 is also practically dangerous. It tells friend and foe alike that the President's commitment of force is only good for 60 days, after that American resolve is left to the whim of 535 Secretaries of Defense in the Congress. It sends a signal that if the Congress can't determine the propriety of the President's actions, this act automatically assumes that the President is wrong and it works as a silent veto over his decision. Knowing that American forces will disappear in 60 days

might encourage an enemy to fight harder or wait us out in order to gain a political victory.

We have been lucky so far. But we can't continue to gamble with American security. What happens during a crisis to a President who considers the War Powers Act unconstitutional? The President must either give up his right to uphold and defend the Constitution or force a fight with the Congress at a moment of maximum danger to America. Can we afford to have such a momentous decision left up to the unelected justices of the Supreme Court? Let's head that disaster off right now. Mr. Chairman, it is long past time to repeal this dangerous legacy of the Vietnam era—it is time to dispose of the War Powers Act.

Support the Hyde-Dornan-Funderburk amendment.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that all debate on this amendment and all amendments thereto be limited to 30 minutes, to be equally divided and controlled by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON].

□ 1700

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. HAMILTON. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, we are prepared on this side at some point to enter into a limitation of time and agree to a unanimous consent request. We do have a bit of a problem here, because there is an important briefing going on now in the Committee on National Security on Bosnia. I am informed that several of those Members would like to speak.

May I ask if the gentleman would defer his request for maybe 15 or 20 minutes, and we will try to reach an agreement.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HAMILTON. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I will be pleased to defer for another 15 minutes.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for his cooperation.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my unanimous consent request.

The CHAIRMAN. The unanimous-consent request is withdrawn.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, it is interesting, if you followed the debate, the discussion of the repeal of the War Powers Act, what we have here actually is a partial repeal of the War Powers Act without due deliberation.

The committees of jurisdiction, the Committee on International Relations, has held no hearings and has marked up no legislation; the Committee on National Security, which is vitally concerned, has held no hearings and has marked up no legislation. Yet before us suddenly springs full blown a proposal to partially repeal the War Powers Act and to substitute a shadow of the constitutional powers delegated to the Congress by the Constitution.

We would be better served if this were an absolute repeal. It would be cleaner, and it would not give anyone the impression that the role of Congress was ''the President shall in every possible instance,'' that is a pretty big loophole, ''consult with,'' does that mean, Congress, who are they? All 435? I am a member of Congress. Would I be consulted with? Would I have an opportunity to represent the people of my district? No. A few people could be selected; one person could be selected. What does it constitute? This is a shadow of the authority that was granted to the Congress by the Constitution.

I admit that the War Powers Act is, in fact, effective and at the end of my 5 minutes I will sketch out a fix. But to partially repeal it and instead impose a very weak, prior consultation loophole-ridden provision certainly gives solace to those who believe that the commander in chief, the president, is preeminent. Unfortunately, none of the Framers of the Constitution felt that was a very good idea.

If you would refer to James Madison's notes on the Federal Convention, he quotes:

> Mr. Sharman thought it stood very well. The Executive should be able to repel and not to commence war. ''Make'' better than ''declare,'' the latter narrowing the power to much.
>
> Mr. Gerry never expected to hear in the Republic a motion to empower the executive alone to declare war.
>
> Mr. Mason was against giving the power of war to the Executive because not safely to be trusted with it; nor to the Senate, because not so constructed as to be entitled to it. He was for clogging rather than facilitating war; but facilitating peace. He preferred ''declare'' to ''make.''.
>
> On a motion to insert ''declare'' in place of ''make,'' it was agreed to.

That is reserved to the United States Congress, as is the power to raise armies.

The gentleman, the esteemed gentleman from Illinois has pointed out, certainly we have the powers of the purse, but once you of deployed troops, secretly, after consultation with one or more Members of Congress, if the opportunity arose and it was convenient for the President, once those troops are on the ground, under hostile fire, is this Congress going to stand up and repeal the funds immediately? No. Member after Member will come to the well and say, we must stand with the Commander in Chief, we must stand behind those troops, no matter how ill-intentioned the initial deployment. This Congress is not going to have anymore guts to cut off the funds than it does to use the implementation of the act and to require that the President submit a report, which has not happened during my time in this Congress.

The key here is prior restraint before we get into a shooting war, before we have had casualties, before emotions run high. Prior restraint was in the Senate version of the War Powers Act and, had we adopted the Senate version instead of the more watered-down House version, we would have an effective War Powers Act. We can fix the War Powers Act. We can require prior restraint and require consultation as the Framers of the Constitution intended.

It is no surprise that four former Presidents have said, ''Repeal the War Powers Act.'' Of course, every Executive, as the Framers of the Constitution pointed out, is wont to foreign adventures without the restraint of this body, without having to go through a torturous debate before the U.S. Congress on the passing of resolutions.

But remember, again, if we are to do this through the appropriations of the powers of the purse, if a President has gone forward and if the Congress, a majority of the elected representatives of the people should say,'' Let us restrain the President, let us bring the troops home,'' the President could veto that resolution and it would require a supermajority of the Congress to exert our constitutional role.

Under this act, if we adopt this amendment, this is not a repeal of the War Powers. If we adopt this amendment to the War Powers Act, future Congresses will require a two-thirds majority in order to restrain the President's war-making authority, certainly nothing that the Framers of the Constitution would have envisioned, nor endorsed.

There is a fix to War Powers. It is possible. Three modifications: a return to the concept of prior restraint, as was in the original Senate bill, defining in advance those uses of the armed forces in hostilities for which the President needs no prior authorization; a prohibition on any other use of the Armed Forces in hostile situations and on any of the permissible uses lasting longer than 60 days.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. DEFAZIO] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. DEFAZIO was allowed to proceed for 1 additional minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. A prohibition on any other use of the Armed Forces in hostile situations and on any of the permissible uses lasting longer than 60 days, unless such use is authorized by Congress, and using purse string restrictions to enforce the prohibition; and providing for judicial review.

This is key. I am one who has gone to try and defend the constitutional prerogatives of the Congress several times in the last decade. But the courts will not act. We need to give standing so we need to provide for judicial review by conferring standing to bring suit upon Members of Congress in the event of presidential noncompliance and limiting the court's discretionary powers to dismiss such cases.

That would fix War Powers. That would reassert the war-making powers

of the United States Congress. But if we adopt this amendment to War Powers, not repeal, we will superimpose and put in place a mere shadow of the power of Congress. And, yes, some Members of Congress might be consulted if it is convenient for the president and then we will have a war. I do not believe that that is what the American people want.

Mr. COX of California. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, the preceding speaker in the course of his remarks acknowledged that the War Powers Resolution that we have before us that has been in effect for the last 22 years is toothless and weak. It is the weak version that was adopted that contains no restraint whatever on the Commander in Chief exercising the war power legitimately given to the Congress under the Constitution. In fact, it is a 60-day grace period during which this resolution unconstitutionally purports to confer that power for a time on the president.

I rise in wholehearted support of the amendment of the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] to repeal the War Powers Resolution. It is now, and has been every day since it was passed, unconstitutional.

As has been pointed out several times in the course of this debate, President Clinton, President Bush, President Reagan, President Carter, President Ford and President Nixon all have said that this War Powers Resolution in effect for the last 22 years is injurious to the national security of the United States.

It is harmful to the United States. This resolution weakens both the President and the Congress. It is that bad. In time of crisis, it actually increases the risk of war. Most importantly for purposes of this debate, it offends two centuries of our constitutional history.

First let us take a look at how it weakens the Congress. It is very important to recognize that that is exactly what this is all about. It is a 60-day abdication of Congress's legitimate war-making power. Article I, Section 8, clauses 1 and 11 of the Constitution give to Congress the power to provide for the common defense and to declare war. There is no requirement that the Congress wait 60 days in order to exercise its constitutional authorities in these respects.

But the War Powers Resolution with its 60-day grace period purports to give the President carte blanche to wage war for a full 2 months without any congressional authorization, just as President Clinton did in Haiti. The War Powers Resolution has provided political cover for this Congress to sit back and do nothing for months, to abdicate its responsibility so that later it can take political pot shots at the President and the Commander in Chief after our troops are already in the field.

It has bread flabbiness in the real war-making power of this Congress. It has caused this body to retreat utterly and shamelessly as it did in Haiti when the then-Speaker of the House went so far as to prevent this House of Representatives from even debating the use of force in Haiti.

It weakens the Congress as well as the President. Here is how it is weakening the President. The vesting clause, Article II, section 1 of the Constitution, unambiguously grants to the President, not to the Congress, the totality of the executive power. Article II, section 2 of the Constitution provides that the President shall be the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy. For centuries American Presidents have relied on these sweeping grants of authority to use our Armed Forces in a host of contexts without prior congressional action such as responding to attacks or threats on American forces, citizens or property, or when secrecy or surprise are essential.

No one thinks that we ought to have weeks and weeks of debate before the Commander in Chief could act in those circumstances or where the necessity for an immediate military response leaves no opportunity for congressional action. But the War Powers Resolution in effect over these last 22 years purports to shrink these historic inherent Presidential powers to just one circumstance: a direct attack on the United States.

Thankfully the War Powers Resolution was not on the books for a single one of the major wars in which our Nation has been involved over 200 years. It is a distortion of our Constitution. It ignores the entire course of our constitutional history. If it were correct, then Presidents Adams, Jefferson, Lincoln, Grant, Wilson, FDR, Truman and Eisenhower were all lawbreakers.

No American President of either party, including President Clinton, has ever recognized perversion of our constitutional order. None has ever pretended to follow its terms. It is instructive that in the course of this debate not a single Member has pointed to a single instance in which the War Powers Resolution was in fact invoked to withdraw U.S. troops from combat. It has not ever happened.

The War Powers Resolution claims to force an end to hostilities in 60 days unless Congress has affirmatively acted. This unwise and inflexible rule has emboldened our enemies. They have every reason to doubt our resolve.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from California [Mr. COX] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. COX of California was allowed to proceed for 2 additional minutes.)

Mr. COX of California. It has tempted our enemies to think that America's staying power in any conflict is limited to those 60 days. It is ironic that this measure enacted 22 years ago ostensibly for the purpose of limiting the use of force, minimizing it, has vastly magnified the risks of war, and it will continue to do so every day that it is on the books.

The War Powers Resolution illegitimately pretends to allow Congress by simple concurrent resolution to compel the President to break off military action. That is a flatly unconstitutional legislative veto. As the chairman, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], has pointed out so eloquently, through the exercise of its legitimate constitutional powers this Congress has ample means to achieve the same result.

Mr. Chairman, we can redress a grave constitutional injury today. We can improve the stature and the standing of Congress. We can protect our legitimate war-making prerogative by repealing the War Powers Resolution. We can strengthen the Commander in Chief simultaneously and restore his legitimate constitutional authority. And we can better defend the national security against tyrants and other external enemies by letting the world know our staying power in any conflict extends beyond a mere 60 days.

Mr. Chairman, our Constitution is right. The War Powers Resolution is wrong. Let us repeal it today for the sake of our national security and for the peace of the world.

□ 1715

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, let me say first of all that I think the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. HYDE, has performed a genuine service here in bringing this amendment forward. There just is not any doubt at all that the War Powers Act just has not worked well.

The gentleman from Illinois has a serious amendment. It needs to be and is being carefully discussed. He very well points out that there are serious flaws in the War Powers Resolution. He is correct when he says that no President accepts the War Powers Resolution in its current form. He is correct, I think, when he says that the 60-day clock provision means the Congress can control by inaction, and thereby play into the hands of an adversary.

He is correct, I think, when he says that the concurrent resolution mechanism does not work. Put aside constitutional questions, which are serious, but that mechanism does not work. The statute does not define hostilities, and that allows the executive branch to stretch the meaning of it beyond rationality. The consultative process could stand a lot of improvement. I concede all that. I acknowledge that.

On the constitutional level, although it has not been finally determined, the concurrent resolution mechanism has likely been rendered moot by the Chadha decision on legislative vetoes. The 60-day clock by which congressional silence or inaction requires a President to bring the troops home very likely steps over the line into the President's Commander-in-Chief powers.

Having said all of that, on the constitutionality of the core principle behind the War Powers Resolution, it is at that point that I think that the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] and I disagree. I believe that the Constitution absolutely requires that Congress share with the President the decision to send troops abroad for combat. We do not always do it, we often do not like to do it, but I do not think that we should cede the power away. That is the way I read the gentleman's amendment.

Mr. Chairman, it is very important to recognize the advantages of the War Powers Resolution. Despite all of its deficiencies, there are some real advantages to it. The decision to commit American forces to combat is the gravest decision that a government makes. Presidents are not infallible. They do make mistakes. They are surrounded by aides, almost invariably aides who favor the executive power. When faced with a judgment about committing troops abroad, I believe that the President needs the balanced judgment from the legislative branch.

The core principle behind the War Powers Resolution is that sending troops abroad requires the sound collective judgment of the President and the Congress. I do not think that principle should be abandoned. The War Powers Act provides a framework for shared decision making. It gives the President strong incentive to consider the opinion of the Congress, and I think most of us who served in the Congress before the War Powers Act and after the War Powers Act understand that presidents now are much, much more careful about consulting with the Congress with the War Powers Resolution than without it. It provides a precedent process to get congressional advice to consult with the Congress, and it does, I think, give the Congress some leverage on this key decision of sending troops into combat.

Mr. Chairman, the argument is made that the War Powers Resolution weakens the President's hand. I believe I would argue just the opposite. When the Congress goes on record in support of the President's judgment to send combat troops abroad, that collective judgment strengthens the President's hand. I think it strengthens the role of the United States in the conflict, because it shows that the Congress and the American people support the President. Absent the clear indication of support what a congressional authorization provides, the President and his policies are vulnerable to every blink of public reaction when U.S. forces face hostilities.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. HAMILTON was allowed to proceed for 3 additional minutes.)

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, we do a lot of signal sending in this body. I think the signal sending we do today is important. I have come down on the side that repealing the War Powers Act sends the wrong signal, because, as others have stated, it represents an abdication of our powers. It gives the President a kind of a green light for his action without the legislative branch, except consultation.

The argument is made, of course, that we have the power of the purse, and we certainly do, and that that is enough. I do not think I can agree with that. The power of the purse is not equivalent to Congress sharing the critical threshold decision, up front, about whether to send troops at all. The power of the purse is usually, not always, but usually exercised after the fact, weeks after the fact, sometimes months after the fact.

It is true that we can cut off funding any time for a given operation. It is very difficult to cut off funding before an operations starts, although we have done it on occasion, but it is difficult to do. Presidents are going to fight, as they should, to keep their options open. However, it is also difficult to cut funding after the troops are in the field. Senator Javits I think rightly pointed out that Congress can hardly cut off appropriations when we have American troops fighting for their lives in the field.

Mr. Chairman, I understand that the gentleman from Illinois has received a number of endorsements from former Presidents. However, I do not think that should surprise anyone. Former executives are not exactly disinterested parties in questions about war powers authority. This discussion goes to the very heart of what our institutional responsibilities are. Institutional prerogatives govern the war powers debate. It is not surprising that Presidents want fewer restrictions on their ability to take action.

However, I believe that the Congress should hold tenaciously to the power to share the tough decision about putting troops into battle. I look upon the act of repealing the War Powers Act as an act of abdication by the Congress of its power.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. HAMILTON was allowed to proceed for 1 additional minute.)

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, the Congress can stand against a President. The Congress can stand beside a President. What Congress must not do is to stand aside. Congress should not cede its constitutional responsibilities. We are a co-equal branch of government.

Of course, consultation is necessary and important, but it is not enough when it comes to the War Powers Resolution. This is an extraordinarily important debate that the gentleman from Illinois, [Mr. HYDE] has opened up. I know him well enough to know, and I have visited with him about it, that this amendment is the beginning, and not the end, of a serious dialogue on the war powers. It is my hope that his amendment, if it is adopted, is not the final proposal, but I do think our vote today sends a signal.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] has expired.

(At the request of Mr. HYDE and by unanimous consent, Mr. HAMILTON was allowed to proceed for 3 additional minutes.)

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, if we are prepared to cede congressional power on this important decision, then the vote is yes. However, if Members believe, as I do, that Congress has a role to play when we send these troops into action, that we ought to be in on that decision, even though we reluctantly take that decision, or try to avoid it, then I think Members should vote against this amendment.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HAMILTON. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I thank my friend for a thoughtful, well reasoned, and illuminating statement, which is typical of the gentleman. I just want to simply say in Vietnam there was not a bullet shot, there was not a gun held by a GI, that was not authorized and paid for by this Congress, and this Congress can stop it, or can make it go ahead any time it wants.

I suggest again to the gentleman that my amendment requires us to know, to be in at the take-off as well as the landing, to be not only informed but to be given reports, periodic reports. Then we have the power to stop it or go ahead, and be a full partner. We would be the dominating partner, because the President cannot wage war without our funding it.

Lastly, the lesson of Vietnam, to anybody who is not deaf, dumb, and blind, is that you cannot carry on a war without the support of the people. That means the support of Congress. We are, under the Constitution, under the power to appropriate and raise the money and spend it, we are full partners. We are the senior partner with the executive.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. HAMILTON was allowed to proceed for 1 additional minute.)

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, the gentleman from Illinois, of course, always states well and eloquently his position. I think the problem with the gentleman's position is that there comes a critical point, a very critical point when you have to decide to commit these troops or not. The power of the purse really is not involved at that point. We want the power at that critical point, at the threshold of the decision, to be part of that decision.

It is not enough just to be consulted. We have to be consulted, but it is not

enough. We are a co-equal branch of government. This is the most important decision a government makes, and we ought to be in on that threshold decision when it is made, not later when we take up the appropriations bill.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, we have now had 13 Members speak on this debate.

I ask unanimous consent that debate on this amendment and all amendments thereto be limited to 30 minutes, to be equally divided and controlled by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON].

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. HAMILTON. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, the problem I confront here is that we have a list of 8 speakers on our side remaining. That could easily jump by a couple. A cut-off at 6 o'clock, 15 minutes on each side, would just be extremely limiting.

Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the gentleman would agree to 6:30.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, we only have three speakers on our side. would the gentleman agree to 6:15 as a cut-off time?

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I would agree only to 6:30.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that debate on this amendment and all amendments thereto be limited to 1 hour, to be equally divided and controlled by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON].

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] is recognized for 30 minutes.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. UPTON].

□ 1730

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Chairman, I thank the author of the amendment for yielding me the time as he knows that I am opposed to his amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to this amendment for a number of reasons. As the previous speaker indicated, I do believe very strongly that we need a shared responsibility between the branches of the Government. I can remember well, probably the biggest vote that I have ever cast, certainly the biggest vote that I have ever cast was to give President Bush the authority to go into the gulf war. I view the War Powers Act as one of the major issues back then as to why the President came to this body and came to the American people and persuaded them convincingly that that was the right vote. I am not so certain that he would have done that had there not been a War Powers Act.

I have talked to Members of Congress on this floor today who have indicated that had he not come to the House floor, they probably would have voted to impeach him, and yet they still voted for the resolution as it passed that night in January on a fairly convincing vote.

Mr. Chairman, I remember well an earlier vote that same night, the Bennett resolution, a resolution that passed in this floor 302–131. It expressed the sense of Congress that the Constitution vested the power to declare war on Congress and that the President must gain congressional approval before any offensive military action could be taken against Iraq. That was a check and a balance. That is what this Government is about, a check and a balance.

As I look at the votes that were cast on overriding the President's veto, President Nixon back in 1973, I look at a number of my colleagues past and present. I passed one today, Larry Coughlin, who voted to override the President that day. But I look at some of the names, Mr. Edwards and Dickinson of Alabama, later became the ranking members on the Committee on Armed Services here in the House and served in a distinguished way and on Appropriations as well. I look at Mr. Rousselot from California who voted to override, at the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. CRANE], still in the House, and Mr. Erlenborn and Mr. Anderson. I look at TRENT LOTT, now the majority whip in the Senate, who voted to override. I look at my own former Members from Michigan, Bill Broomfield, who were ranking Members of this committee. I look at Mr. Frenzel.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. UPTON. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois. I wish the gentleman had been in the Congress in 1973.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I would just point out to the gentleman that there was another issue overhanging that debate and that vote. The President had just gone through the Saturday night massacre. There was nobody more vulnerable on this planet than Richard Nixon, and I dare suggest, without knowing, a lot of those people wished to show a lack of support for the President because of the problems he was having. I could be wrong but I would just like to offer that. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. UPTON. Again, I respect the gentleman from Illinois tremendously, but this is an issue that puts the Congress as a player in making decisions that are certainly, I think, the biggest ones that we make, sending, whether it is our children or our friends' and neighbors' sons and daughters off to war. I believe that it has to be more than a consultation process, it has to be one where we can take some action. Again, I look at the gulf war. I do not believe that President Bush may have come to this body seeking our approval without that hanging over his head. He did so, and he did so admirably. He made the point and we had strong bipartisan support. Thank goodness it was the right decision for all of us to live by.

I would just suggest that perhaps we do need reform of the War Powers Act, having seen it play now for 20 some years. But I do not know that revocation is the answer. I would certainly welcome hearings before the Committee on National Security and others to look at ways that we can improve the bill rather than repeal it. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] is recognized for 30 minutes. Does he choose to yield time?

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SKAGGS].

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SKAGGS].

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Colorado [Mr. SKAGGS] is recognized for 7 minutes.

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentlemen for yielding me the time.

Mr. Chairman, I have great respect for the gentleman from Illinois and believe that he has offered what is almost a good amendment. In a debate like this about one of the most significant powers that the Constitution grants to the Congress, I think it is well to look back to the thoughts of one of the Founders and perhaps the Father of the Constitution. Madison observed as follows about this power, and I quote:

> Those who are to conduct a war cannot in the nature of things be proper or safe judges whether a war ought to be commenced, continued or concluded. They are barred from the latter functions by a great principle of free government . . . .

In other words, the Executive who would be charged with the prosecution of the war should not be considered the proper authority for determining whether to commence one.

We clearly have constitutional problems with the current War Powers Resolution. I think in order to understand those, we really need to parse out the kinds of situations that we face that implicate the war power provisions of the Constitution.

First clearly we have those actions that truly involve the commencing of war in a constitutional sense. I would assume that the gentleman would agree that in those cases, the power of Congress is paramount. It is not a matter of consultation or reporting or a shared power. It is our responsibility, and no one else's, to make the decision.

Then there are all other cases, deployments of one sort or another, emergency responses, humanitarian efforts, all of the variations on the theme in which I believe we have to concede a good deal of constitutional authority to the President of the United States both as Commander in Chief and as the individual with authority under our system to conduct the foreign policy of the country.

The War Powers Resolution impinges on the constitutional authority on the one hand of the Congress, by ceding authority to the President in some instances where it is our paramount responsibility to act. And it impinges on the constitutional authority of the President as Commander in Chief in some instances, in those other wide-ranging examples that fall short of the commencement of war in a constitutional sense.

It is a defective statute constitutionally with respect to both the executive and the legislative branches and the responsibilities we each have under the Constitution.

This amendment is perhaps unfortunate in that it does not go far enough and simply repeal the War Powers Act in toto. Or better yet, we should attempt a constitutionally coherent effort to explain and to state the respective roles of the executive and the legislative branches with respect to military action abroad.

Instead, this partial repeal, I fear, will leave a remainder of the War Powers Resolution that carries an unfortunate implication. And that implication is that the presidential authority in war is restrained only by a consultative and reporting requirement. I do not believe that is what the gentleman intends. It is certainly not what the Constitution permits. But relative to the current state of debate as reflected in the War Powers statute, that I think is the only inference to draw from making this change.

I think we do a great disservice to the constitutional responsibility of the Congress under Article I if we appear to tilt too far in expressing deference to the executive.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SKAGGS. I yield to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I think it is a fact of modern history that declarations of war are gone. I think they are anachronistic. I do not think they will happen. Clearly the Constitution assigns the declarations of war function to Congress and only to Congress. But declaring war has consequences in a technologically advanced world that nobody wants to face.

Had we declared war against Vietnam, the fear was China and Russia would have had to declare war against us. So you get into a cascading snowball situation. Instead what you do is you call it a police action, as we did in Korea, or you call it something else, but you do not formally take that giant leap of declaring war.

So we are back to the President as Commander in Chief having the authority to move troops around but we always have the inescapable function of Congress, and that, too, is constitutional, to provide the appropriations. Without the appropriations, they cannot get a drink of water.

Mr. Chairman, I just suggest that requiring consultation does not exhaust Congress's authority. We have the untrammeled authority to unappropriate, disappropriate funds. That is the key, and that makes us the king of the hill. I suggest that by repealing the foolish, nonsensical, unusable parts of the War Powers Resolution and requiring the President to keep us informed comprehensively, we enhance the use, ultimate use of our appropriation authority.

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, I simply disagree with the way the gentleman characterizes the ultimate impact of what he is proposing. I think it really would be a default to the executive on the powers that we must hold.

I think the gentleman makes a good argument for amending the Constitution, perhaps, to reflect current times. I would disagree with that step, but that is the argument he is really making. In fact, I think we need a more constitutionally subtle and discrete approach to this issue than is encompassed in his amendment, perhaps one that would be the product of a full committee hearing and deliberation process in both the Committee on International Relations and Committee on National Security.

In any case, under these circumstances with this debate on this bill, I would reluctantly urge a ''no'' vote on the gentleman's amendment.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 4 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Missouri [Mr. SKELTON].

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Chairman, I have been in the Committee on National Security this afternoon listening to testimony by the Secretary of Defense and by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, and so I missed the earlier part of this debate.

I wonder if the gentleman from Illinois would answer some inquiries, some questions that I have regarding his amendment.

The first is, would you explain as briefly as possible just what you repeal. Second, would you please explain the purpose behind that.

I would like to add, if I may, is it not correct that Presidents in recent years, and my recollection is that during my term in Congress, which is the same as my friend from Illinois, that the Presidents have complied with the notification portions of the War Powers Act without acknowledging its force and effect.

Mr. HYDE. If the gentleman will yield, as a practical matter, the Presidents are wise enough to consult with Congress, let Congress know because you can not keep a secret when you move troops around the world. So the President has consulted. But no President has acknowledged it was pursuant to the War Powers Resolution. It was just common sense and comity between two co-equal-and-essential-to-each-other branches of government.

Mr. SKELTON. But would the gentleman answer my first question. Please explain what you repeal and the basic reason therefor.

Mr. HYDE. Yes. Section 2707(a)1, the War Powers Resolution, is repealed. That is the law that requires the President after 60 days to bring the troops home if we have not acted affirmatively to support the presence of the troops there. In other words, by doing nothing, the President has to call everybody home, which gives a false expectation to our adversaries, if they just wait us out. It has never been tested in court. No President ever, of either party, has recognized it as constitutional. It is unworkable. I am just trying to clean up the law so we have left a requirement of consultation and reporting timely and comprehensive and we always have that appropriations authority. You will remember the Boland amendments which cut off funds for the Contras. We passed one every year over my objection, but we did. Just one example of Congress cutting off funds for belligerencies we did not agree with.

Mr. SKELTON. My next question, if you recall, deals with a bit of history back in the 1940 era, early 1941, when President Roosevelt made certain actions, particularly with the United States Navy. How would the War Powers Act have affected him?

Mr. HYDE. It would not. What we did was transferred destroyers to Great Britain. He declared them surplus.

Mr. SKELTON. No, no, no. In his activities in having patrols acting against the submarines of the Nazis at the time in the North Atlantic. Does that ring a bell?

Mr. HYDE. If he was sending troops into hostilities or into a place where hostilities were imminent, that is the language of the War Powers Resolution.

Mr. SKELTON. So, in other words, the War Powers Act had it been in effect in 1940–41 would have affected what President Franklin Roosevelt did at the time, is that correct?

Mr. HYDE. I do not know what knowledge Congress had of what was going on. If they knew and were looking the other way, as I suspect was the truth, nothing would have happened.

Mr. SKELTON. I thank the gentleman.

□ 1745

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI].

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Chairman, every American schoolchild learns to respect and revere the Constitution of our country and those who wrote it. It is a near perfect document, an expression of extraordinary wisdom. But it was not without flaw.

Among those flaws has been a 200-year conflict in authority between the commander-in-chief and the powers incumbent upon him and the war-making

powers of this Congress. The problem was masked for many years. But time, changes in technology and diplomacy made a collision inevitable, the speed of war, the powers of weapons, the change of diplomacy. That collision came most dramatically in Vietnam.

The result was not simply the loss of life of thousands of Americans after a constituency for that war in this Congress and among our people had evaporated. There was another price, the near loss of legitimacy of this Government in its actions.

It has been suggested by the gentleman from Illinois that this Congress was not without recourse, at any moment we could have abandoned the providing of appropriations, withdrawn funding, and by doing so expressed the wishes of our constituencies and ourselves. And indeed in the final analysis, after more than 10 years of combat that is exactly what happened. But the War Powers Act was enacted because Members of Congress themselves found that that choice was inadequate. Members were not going to choose to take away appropriations from our own sons and daughters who were fighting and dying while they were in combat. They would not do it, and neither would we. It was not a sufficient power. We needed the right to express ourselves before the Nation engaged in combat.

The War Powers Act itself may not have been a perfect expression either. Indeed, from Grenada to Lebanon, for different reasons and different circumstances, we have seen the flaws in the act itself. But it has nevertheless in our own time been a valuable method of expression for this Congress, creating at a minimum a period of consultation, a consultation, a sharing of power between the Congress and the Presidency that did not exist when FDR invaded Nicaragua, or when Lyndon Johnson sent forces to the Dominican Republic.

In our own time that power has been shared and has been different. Would the marines have stayed in Haiti for 30 years if the Congress had had power when Woodrow Wilson acted. Would we have remained for a generation in Nicaragua when Roosevelt acted? It has been different and it has been better because of the War Powers Act.

Maybe George Bush never accepted its constitutionality. Maybe he did not agree and maybe today he would like to see us repeal it. But when he was faced with a judgment in the Persian Gulf, he was quick to bring Members of this Congress to the White House, and quick despite his objections to seek a congressional vote, because he understood not a problem, but an opportunity in the War Powers Act. He wanted Saddam Hussein to know that this was no Vietnam, you will not divide the American people in combat, that the Congress and the Presidency will act together, and so he did not seek to avoid a vote, he wanted it, because he knew of what it telegraphed to Iraq. That vote more than anything else brought the United States allies and showed solidarity.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from New Jersey has expired.

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent for 2 additional minutes.

The CHAIRMAN. The time is controlled by the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON].

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I regret I do not have the time.

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent the gentleman from Indiana have 2 more minutes on his time.

The CHAIRMAN. The Committee is operating under an existing unanimous-consent agreement which equally divides the time on the Hyde amendment.

Mr. HYDE. What was the gentleman's request?

Mr. TORRICELLI. I asked unanimous consent for an additional 2 minutes.

Mr. HYDE. We should have an equal division then.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman has asked unanimous consent that the amount of time be extended by 2 minutes.

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield 2 additional minutes?

Mr. HYDE. Of course I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding the time.

Mr. Chairman, there are many reasons why this system has survived for so long when so many other constitutional systems around the world have faltered, but there may be one which is more important, the idea of refusing to centralize power in the American constitutional system. Admittedly, this has been a conservative idea, central to conservative doctrine in the American political system, that no one individual and no one institution would monopolize power.

Ironically, a great Member of this House, a leader in the conservative movement, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], today would repeal this idea, and leading us back to a different time when one man, one institution in this Government could so control constitutional power.

I rise today in defense of that conservative idea, because cutting off appropriations is not an answer, and in an age with the technology today that exists, when the gentleman from Illinois is correct that war may no longer be formally declared, to give that power to one man is more dangerous than when Lyndon Johnson had it, more dangerous than when Franklin Delano Roosevelt had it. This constitutional system serves best by insisting that the Congress share in that right, and that the lessons of Vietnam and the opportunities of the Persian Gulf remain with us.

When there is a better way to distribute power, better than the Persian Gulf war lessons, better than the resolution we would repeal today, let us do it. It is not before this House today.

I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. HYDE. Would the Chair tell me how much time I have remaining?

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] has 17 minutes remaining, and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] has 20 minutes remaining.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. BERMAN].

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding the time.

Mr. Chairman, I came to the floor this afternoon planning to support the Hyde amendment, and have been giving it a lot of thought since then and have decided to change my mind, one of those rare times where the debate on the floor actually affects somebody's decision.

I agree with so much of what the gentleman says. First of all, the argument that this law could be at the center of congressional participation in the decisions about whether or not to go to war. When you get right down to a law that no President has ever considered constitutional, no court has ever been willing to enforce, and in most instances Congress has not even been willing to implement just does not I think, make a lot of sense to me.

This is law that at its heart and at the part that Mr. HYDE wishes to change and repeal, since once the President submits a report pursuant to the War Powers Act, within 60 days after the hostilities or the imminent threat of hostilities for U.S. forces within 60 days either Congress has to extend, has to grant that authorization for additional time or the forces must come back.

In the Lowry case, in the reflagging of the Kuwaiti tankers, the district court in response to the lawsuit seeking to compel a determination that the Presidential information on the reflagging of the Kuwaiti tankers constituted a report said we are not going to get into that, we are not going to declare it a report. If the report has not been made pursuant to the War Powers Act, the 60 days do not run. So the act becomes meaningless and it has become meaningless in any legal sense.

The more interesting question is whether the act serves a purpose. There has been some discussion on the floor. Initially it was stated on the floor that in fact President Bush decided to come to the Congress with the authorization for the use of force in the Desert Storm because of the existence of the War Power Act, and that that played some role in this decision. Others have said that really played no role in the decision, and of course I do not know the full story of what went on in his mind. But what I do know is that the Committee on International Relations should conduct hearings on this

subject. We should look at modifications. We should get rid of the 60-days requirement. I think we should change the threshold. There are a lot of times where our forces are in imminent threat of hostilities where we do not want to trigger any particular congressional action.

We should look at a meaningful consultative process that has an ongoing precedent the Executive Branch involved. If we pass the Hyde amendment today without more attention to what that consultative process will be, and that were to go into law, we have no leverage to get the more meaningful consultative process from a President who would like to see the repeal of the 60-day requirements and of the requirement for the report which triggers any time period set.

So I would suggest a better course, and I do it very reluctantly, is to vote against the Hyde amendment today, for the Committee on International Relations have hearings, to draw up a bill which goes to the heart of what the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. HYDE, does but provides for a more meaningful consultative process with the executive branch, and hand the administration a package which allows them to get out of a requirement which they do not consider constitutional, which, as the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] points out, in some cases give aid and comfort to our adversaries by giving them hope that the Congress will not act, even though no one argues that the President will listen to what the Congress said on this subject anyway or is legally compelled to listen, get rid of that 60-days requirement and substitute a more carefully drafted consultative process and I would urge, and thereby maintain some legislative role in those decisions.

So I would like to get a separation of two different kinds of questions. In Desert Storm I think the President was constitutionally compelled to come before Congress. I considered it would have been an impeachable offense for him to engage in that kind of attack with time for preparation, with a date certain set, without coming to Congress. I am not sure Mr. HYDE agrees with me. I would like to go through a process where we seek to separate the more minor incidents, which it does not work to have a congressional role, from the more serious incidents where we want to preserve the core congressional functions.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. TORKILDSEN].

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. TORKILDSEN].

□ 1800

Mr. TORKILDSEN. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to the amendment offered by my colleague, the distinguished gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], the Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Constitution grants the President the power of Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces. Yet, the Founding Fathers also granted Congress the authority to ''organize, arm, and discipline'' an army.

At our country's founding, we were insulated from attack by foreign powers by two vast oceans. Thus it wasn't necessary to keep large peacetime armies. Congress effectively limited the President's authority to make war by not funding large, peacetime standing armies.

The framers of the Constitution were so intent on keeping a too-powerful chief from making war, that not only did they give the power to make war to the Congress, they also specifically prohibited, in the Constitution itself, any appropriation to raise and support armies from lasting more than two years.

But as our country grew, and technology made the insularity of the oceans limited at best, it became necessary, in our own national interest, to keep and maintain large armies in peacetime as well as during conflict. However, in funding these large peacetime armies, Congress was giving up much of its constitutionally authorized role in determining whether or not make war.

The War Powers Resolution was passed in 1973 as one way to re-assert the Congress' constitutional authority to determine whether or not any President can make war in the name of the people of the United States.

With passage of the War Powers Resolution, Congress sought—rightfully so—to restore its legal authority to determine whether or not U.S. armed forces are involved in war.

Today we are faced with an amendment which would effectively repeal the War Powers Act, and replace it with a requirement for simple consultation by the President with Congress.

As a member of the National Security Committee, I am aware of many arguments for and against the War Powers Resolution. Clearly, the War Powers Act does need to be amended, both to take into consideration the many new missions we ask our troops to perform, and to make it work in times of crisis. Amending it is far different than repealing it.

Now is not the time for Congress to give up its role in determining whether or not troops are committed to combat. I urge my colleagues to defeat the repeal of the War Powers Act, and work together for the logical amendment the act requires.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, does the gentleman have further speakers?

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I have three more speakers left, and I understand, if I yield the gentleman 2 minutes, we will then be permitted to close.

Mr. HAMILTON. We are prepared to let you close, but let me make sure I understand how this debate plays itself out. My understanding is that you will want to call a quorum call?

Mr. HYDE. Correct.

Mr. HAMILTON. That would be toward the end here, after which there will be four speakers, two on each side? Is that correct?

Mr. HYDE. That is correct.

Mr. HAMILTON. Although we have the privilege of closing under the unanimous consent, it is my understanding the Speaker would like to speak, and we will be glad to yield him the privilege of speaking last.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman.

Does the gentleman require 2 additional minutes?

Mr. HAMILTON. We may before we are through. The gentleman may hold them in reserve.

Mr. HYDE. I will hold them in reserve. All right.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia [Mr. BARR].

Mr. BARR. Mr. Chairman, the War Powers Act has become a resolution without meaning, honored in its breach rather than in its compliance. It has cost us credibility at home and abroad. It is time to reform it.

It is time to get back to basics, to a basic understanding of the separation and the balance of powers in our carefully crafted system of government.

Coequal does not mean the same. While the executive branch has certain powers, Congress likewise has certain powers. From time to time, in certain areas, these may converge, but they do not coincide. There are differences and shall always and should always remain differences.

I have been honored over the years to work very closely on national security matters. As a matter of fact, at the time the war powers resolution was being debated and passed and enacted I was working in national security matters for the CIA. I know, as do other Members of this great learned body, how swiftly the affairs and matters of national security are, arguably, subject to the war powers resolution come up, how quickly they can change, how difficult it is to anticipate, except, of course, by our adversaries, how the War Powers Resolution would play itself out and constrict the ability of our commander-in-chief to operate.

We cannot tie the hands of our commander-in-chief, because when we do that, when we tie his hands, we cost the lives of our soldiers, and it is improper and unconscionable to put their lives at risk.

That is why, Mr. Chairman, for over 25 years our Presidents, Republican and Democrat alike, have found way after way after way around the War Powers Resolution, because it does not work. It will not work, Mr. Chairman.

The amendment fashioned by the learned chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary brings this long out-of-balance resolution and separation of

powers back into balance for both parties and for both branches of Government, and importantly, also in the eyes of our allies and adversaries alike in the world.

Let us remove this cloud, this fog hanging over the ability of our Government of which we are both a part, the Congress and the President, to conduct coherent and effective national security policy around the world in the most dangerous situations imaginable.

I rise in strong support of the amendment offered by the learned gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, can the Chair tell us how much time is remaining on each side?

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] has 15 minutes remaining, and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] has 14 minutes remaining.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The CHAIRMAN. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Members will record their presence by electronic device.

The call was taken by electronic device.

The following Members responded to their names:

[Roll No 358]

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allard
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Baldacci
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Beilenson
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Bevill
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Bliley
Blute
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bryant (TX)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Camp
Canady
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chapman
Chenoweth
Christensen
Clayton
Clement
Clinger
Clyburn
Coble
Coburn
Coleman
Collins (GA)
Collins (IL)
Collins (MI)
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cooley
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Crapo
Cremeans
Cunningham
Danner
Davis
de la Garza
Deal
DeFazio
DeLauro
DeLay
Dellums
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Dornan
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Durbin
Edwards
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Ensign
Eshoo
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Fawell
Fazio
Fields (LA)
Fields (TX)
Filner
Flake
Flanagan
Foglietta
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Frost
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Geren
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Green
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutierrez
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Hancock
Hansen
Harman
Hastert
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Hefner
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Hoyer
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Jackson-Lee
Jacobs
Jefferson
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E.B.
Johnson, Sam
Johnston
Jones
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Kim
King
Kingston
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
LaHood
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Lincoln
Linder
Lipinski
Livingston
LoBiondo
Longley
Lowey
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Manzullo
Markey
Martini
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McDermott
McHale
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Metcalf
Meyers
Mfume
Mica
Miller (CA)
Miller (FL)
Mineta
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Molinari
Mollohan
Moorhead
Morella
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Nadler
Neal
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Orton
Owens
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Parker
Pastor
Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Pickett
Pombo
Pomeroy
Porter
Portman
Poshard
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reed
Regula
Reynolds
Richardson
Riggs
Rivers
Roemer
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rose
Roth
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Sabo
Salmon
Sanders
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
Schroeder
Schumer
Scott
Seastrand
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stearns
Stenholm
Stockman
Stump
Stupak
Talent
Tanner
Tate
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Tejeda
Thomas
Thompson
Thornberry
Thornton
Thurman
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Torres
Torricelli
Towns
Traficant
Tucker
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Volkmer
Vucanovich
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Ward
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Williams
Wilson
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wyden
Wynn
Yates
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

□ 1828

The CHAIRMAN. Four hundred five Members have answered to their names, a quorum is present, and the Committee will resume its business.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. TANNER].

(Mr. TANNER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

□ 1830

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Chairman, I thank my friend from Indiana for yielding. I do not think I will take all of 2 minutes. I did not intend to speak on this matter, but I served on a committee with Larry Hopkins from Kentucky some years ago as we tried to perfect the War Powers Act. I served in the Navy during the Vietnam war, and I went into the Navy in 1968. By the time I got off of active duty or discharged in 1972, I saw our country divided as maybe never before, at least since the Civil War.

Now, as imperfect at the War Powers Act is, my friends, it does put the Congress in the mix to express the will of the people into the equation. I saw during those 4 years our country divided in a way perhaps it has not been since the Civil War.

My friends, it does put the Congress into the mix to express the will of the people. Any administration, be it the Kennedy, Johnson, or Nixon administration as it was in Vietnam, is going to get into matters that it cannot extricate itself. Never again let us go into war with bullets flying and people dying without the expressed will of the American people, at least with some resolution by the Congress, so that we do have that critical mass of popular support for whatever it is we may do. I really believe it is critical, even though it is imperfect, that we stay involved in the process.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] has 15 minutes remaining, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] has 11 minutes remaining.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. MURTHA].

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Chairman, let me speak from a practical standpoint in favor of the Hyde amendment. In the last couple years we have had real problems with peacekeeping, for instance, and I have always felt that the President should get authorization from Congress before be deploys troops in peacekeeping mission. But I separate peacekeeping from war making. And I think there is a distinctive difference, and I think it is very difficult for us to insist on the convoluted war powers requirements for a President to make decision on sending troops into battle.

Now, I remember vividly, and Vietnam war hangs over us with all the concerns and problems that we had, but I remember vividly going to meet with President Bush upstairs in the White House. And the thing we discussed it how long would the American public support a war in Saudi Arabia. As we discussed that, there were recommendations that probably the public would support it anywhere from 6 months to the next election. And this all grew out of the hostilities that were throughout the country during the Vietnam war.

My prediction was that the public would support this deployment for about 6 months. And after 6 months, if you remember, we started to get requests, or at least in my office I did, we started to get requests from people in my district that were serving overseas in the hardship position that these folks ought to come home. It is never popular to put people in harm's way. Nobody believed that the Congress would pass an authorization to send troops into harm's way.

As a matter of fact, I remember after talking to the public at home, I came up and called General Scowcroft, who was the national security advisor at that time, and I said to him, I think the Congress, because the public supports the need for national security and the importance of the Middle East and the energy supply, they will support an authorization to go to war. An awful lot of people did not agree with that. But when the Congress met and debated, one of the finest debates that this Congress has ever been involved in, we did the right thing. By an overwhelming margin in the House we authorized this great Nation to send our young people into harm's way.

It worked out fine, and that is the way it should be. We had public support. We called up the Reserves, and we did it the right way.

The danger in the War Powers Act in my estimation is by inaction. We can stop the President from making a decision. We should have to take action. It should be hard. No President is going to send troops into harm's way without a national security reason. It is not an easy thing.

I supported President Reagan all through the Central American crisis. I supported President Bush in Saudi Arabia. I opposed him in Somalia because I felt Somalia was a mistake and we would not be able to solve it. It was an internal problem. I oppose using ground forces in Bosnia except to extract U.N. forces under NATO.

But let me say this: I believe that when the American people elect a President, that President should have the leeway and the right to send people into harm's way with the advice and counsel of the Chiefs of Staff. I do not believe that in an emotional situation the Congress should be able to stop this in any way. I do not think there should be hope that because we have something on paper that the Congress of the United States is going to stop the President from making the right decision.

So I support very strongly what the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] is trying to do in getting rid of this. Now, can we do something in the future? I do not know. But at this time in our history, I think it is up to this Congress to step up and say that it is the President's prerogative, and if we want to take exception to that, we can stop the appropriation funds.

So I strongly support and urge the Members of this Congress to vote for the Henry Hyde amendment and to eliminate the War Powers Act.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California [Mr. DELLUMS].

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I was here many years ago when we debated the War Powers Resolution. It was back in my black haired days and many days have gone by. And I recall the debate vividly, Mr. Chairman. It was a significant debate. A freestanding resolution came to the floor as a product of a deliberative and substantive legislative process.

To the consternation of a number of my colleagues on this side of the aisle, I found myself, Mr. Chairman, in opposition to the War Powers Resolution and was one of the few Democrats who voted against the resolution. And I did so for several reasons. One, I felt that the War Powers Resolution diminished the clarity of the Constitution on the issue of Congress' role in war making.

Second, I felt that it was a mistake to allow the President to introduce American forces into a situation and seek retroactive approval from the Congress of the United States. I thought that our Founders thought brilliantly and thoughtfully and creatively about the issue of war making and war powers, because that was a grave decision that the body politic would engage in.

While I believe, Mr. Chairman, that the post-cold-war era has introduced a new period in American and world history and that the War Powers Resolution should be looked at, we may very well need a new instrument to guide us through this transitional period into the new world of the 21st century. But I would submit, though I believe in the need for a new instrument and while in the early 1970 I opposed the War Powers Resolution, I find myself today on the floor of Congress asking my colleagues to oppose the amendment before us for two reasons: One, on process, and, two, on substance.

With respect to process, Mr. Chairman, the War Powers Act is no small piece of legislation. The War Powers Act is not a minor instrument in our government. This is a high profile instrument. It is a contentious issue. There are thoughtful people on all sides of the question of what should be an appropriate instrument that guides us in the context of the post-cold-war world. I believe that this issue is so important that the policy with respect to war making, the role of the Congress of the United States vis-a-vis the President, is so significant, that it should not come to the floor simply and solely as an amendment. Though I would agree that there is some debate here, this is the end product of the legislative process, not where it should begin.

It should begin in subcommittee and in full committee, where we hear and understand the subtleties and the nuances of any significant policy that affects our lives and millions of people in this country and throughout the world. The War Powers Resolution does just that.

So I would suggest that we oppose it, first, because of the process being flawed. We should not come to the floor with policy considerations so exceptional and so profound and so extraordinary, and we simply debate them here on the floor of Congress. It needs to be substantive, deliberative, and thoughtful. Hearings were not held, markups were not held. This is much too large.

Second, to the issue of substance. As I understand the resolution, it, A, repeals the War Powers Resolution, and, two, puts in place the following: A consultative process. The President consults with the Congress of the United States, with reporting requirements that are weaker than in the present War Powers Resolution.

There are some of us, Mr. Chairman, in the body politic who believe that the role of Congress goes far beyond simply one of being consulted. There are times when this gentleman believes that we need prior approval.

I would remind a number of my colleagues, some of whom were not here in the context of the debate on the Persian Gulf that the distinguished former speaker spoke to, this gentleman took the President of the United States to court trying to protect and defend the Congress' constitutional prerogatives in war making.

So there are thoughtful and courageous people on both sides of the issue, some who think it is simply one of consultation, others who believe that we should embellish upon that with prior approval. I am simply saying that this does not get us here.

Finally, and in conclusion, I think that the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] is attempting to do something important. This is not the forum, this is not the product. I urge my colleagues to oppose the amendment.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the balance of my time on this side.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman is recognized for 6 minutes.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, let me begin by simply saying that I think that the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] has performed a genuine service in bringing before this body the question of a repeal of the War Powers Resolution. There is no doubt that the resolution has many defects to it. The gentleman from Illinois and others are quite right when they point out those defects.

There is no President that accepts the War Powers Resolution. You are right about that. The 60-day clock provision means that the Congress can control whether or not we have combat troops there by inaction. That does not make any sense. I acknowledge that.

□ 1845

The concurrent resolution mechanism does not work; so all of us agree,

I think, in this Chamber that the War Powers Resolution needs major revision. But I want to put out to you what the Hyde amendment says. In its very first substantive sentence, the War Powers Resolution is repealed. I want Members to think a little bit about what that means.

One of the mysterious attributes of this body is that we do not sometimes want the power that the Constitution gives us. And that is exactly what a repeal of War Powers means here. I believe that the Constitution absolutely requires the Congress to share with the President the decision to send troops into combat. Presidents make mistakes. Presidents are not infallible. And the gravest decision that a government makes, do you send young men and women into war, is a decision that should be made not by any person alone, even if that person is the president. It should be made with a collective judgment. And is that not the theory of the Constitution, that the war making power requires a collective judgment of the President and the legislative branch?

That is the core of the War Powers Resolution. The other parts of it need to be corrected; but do not cede away the core power of the resolution because, when you do that, you are walking away from the constitutional power of the Congress.

The War Powers Resolution has been helpful. Any of us in this Chamber who served before the War Powers Resolution and then served after the War Powers Resolution knows that presidents today consult a lot more with the Congress after the War Powers Resolution was enacted.

Now, what does the amendment do by the gentleman from Illinois, [Mr. HYDE]? It does not acknowledge that Congress should share in this most important decision to go to war. It means that on this most important decision we are not a coequal branch. We say: Mr. President, please consult with us. We do not even require him to consult. We just say in every possible instance consult. The President can ignore us under this amendment if he wants to. The Congress becomes on this most important power a junior partner who will be consulted or not as the President chooses. Do not cede away this power. Work with us to improve it.

I have talked with the sponsor of this amendment. He is a very reasonable man. I think he believes that this amendment is not the end but the beginning of a serious effort to revise and strengthen the War Powers Act. I believe that to be the case. But repealing the War Powers Act now sends a signal to the American people, and that signal is that we abdicate our power in this body and we give it to the President of the United States carte blanche, carte blanche authority. I do not see how we can do that. I do not see how we can do it and read the Constitution of the United States.

We give a green light unchecked to the President, and we send that message that we have no role up front.

Now, the point is often made that we have the power of the purse. But just think about that. There comes a critical point whenever you are making a decision to commit troops, we all know it, there is a critical point. And that critical point is when the decision is made to send them in or send them out. That is when you want the Congress involved, not months later when you are dealing with the power of the purse.

Sure, we can cut off funding. But it is very difficult to cut off funding beforehand because you want to keep your options open. It is very difficult to cut off funding after the fact because the troops are already in the field. I am not saying we do not ever do it. I am just saying it is extremely difficult to do it.

I think the Congress of the United States on this question of war powers can stand against the President. I think there are times when we should stand beside the President, but Congress should not stand aside when American soldiers go into combat; and that is precisely what this amendment puts forward.

I urge a vote in order to keep the constitutional powers of this institution. I urge Members to vote ''no'' on the Hyde amendment.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 1 minute.

I want to respond very briefly. There is no carte blanche authority given to the President by this amendment of mine. This amendment strengthens. There is nothing requiring notification in the War Powers Act. This amendment says the President shall in every possible—not may—shall report to Congress before, before the troops go in; and then after the introduction, the President shall. So we will be informed. The same thing goes for the report.

We are not required to leave our common sense out in the Rotunda. The facts of life are Lyndon Johnson could not even go to his own convention because the people did not support what he was doing in Vietnam. And that lesson has not been lost on anybody with a room temperature IQ. So do not think the War Powers Act forces the President to consult. No President who wants to survive another week will omit consulting.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 9 minutes to the Speaker of the House, the distinguished gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH].

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from Illinois for yielding time to me.

I rise for what some Members might find an unusual moment, an appeal to the House to, at least on paper, increase the power of President Clinton. And here we are in the middle of the Bosnian exercise with troops in Haiti and with all sorts of concerns, and yet I stand here to say that for America, the right thing to do is repeal these provisions, for America.

The reason is simple. First of all, I listened carefully to my good friend, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON], who I think is a very serious and a very committed scholar of this. But he said something that all of us need to be aware of. He said, he complained, ''We have no role up front.'' I want to make two points about this, because he is right. We have no role up front.

We have no role up front because in an age of instantaneous change, as we were tragically reminded in Oklahoma City, there are times and moments when you need what the Constitution called ''the Commander in Chief.'' And once we have designed the military and we have paid for the military and we have established the framework and we have created the laws, within the legal framework of those laws in an emergency the Commander in Chief has to actually act as the Commander in Chief.

And that has been true of both parties. In fact, it was true of George Washington. It was true of Thomas Jefferson. People who say I am a Jeffersonian conservative, well, Jefferson sent the Marines to Tripoli and then told this Congress.

So the fact is, in the real world, if we are going to be honest with our constituents, a Commander in Chief exercising those powers with American troops scattered across the planet and, I think, over 100 different countries, if you count various advisory groups, they are there. We did advise. We passed the appropriations. We said, we established the Congress. We maintained the Navy, to use the two terms, and we established the Army and maintained the Navy, and the fact is they are there.

And if tomorrow morning somebody were to attack our troops, there would be an instantaneous, immediate reaction. And I certainly hope, for one, they would not stand there taking casualties waiting for the President to come to the Congress to see if we could report out a resolution to allow our troops to defend themselves.

My good friend would say, the War Powers Act does not stop that. Exactly. What the War Powers Act says is if the President decides to notify us that the troops are in imminent danger, then we have 60 days. I have been through this drill. I was through this drill with President Reagan. I was through this drill with President Bush. I am now going through this drill with President Clinton. Let me tell you what happens.

We get committed somewhere. And then the military comes in and says, you could pass this. But if you pass this, you are now saying to every terrorist, why do you not kill some Americans to force them out? Do you want to set the standard that Americans are targets so that the Congress can be pressured and suddenly everybody in senior leadership in both parties. Somebody says, Well, maybe we do not

want to make Americans targets; maybe we do not want to set up Americans to get killed. What happens?

Let me give you an example from the Clinton administration. A letter, written July 21, 1993. It said about Somalia, in a situation where people were being killed, ''intermittent activity, intermittent military engagements involving U.S. forces overseas, whether or not constituting hostilities, do not count.'' So an ambush in Mogadishu, the loss of 18 American lives, that does not count. They are not in imminent danger.

Nobody jumped up, the Democratic leadership did not return to the floor, the then chairman of Committee on International Relations did not rush to the floor, did not say, 18 Americans have died. Clearly, are in imminent danger.

Instead everybody agreed, let us hold hands, let us not risk any additional Americans being killed.

Why, if that is the case, why am I for repealing this?

Because it sends exactly the wrong signal to both branches. It says the Congress is just enough involved to have everybody downtown wandering in circles and being confused, and it says to the Congress, oh, you really have a role. You want to cut off troops in Haiti or Somalia or you want to cut off troops in Bosnia, there is an easy way to do it. It is called the power of the purse.

In fact, we have done it before. In the case of Lebanon, we did it. In the case of Somalia we did it. We used the appropriations process exactly as the Federalist Papers described and exactly as the Founding Fathers wanted, and we had a clean and a decisive choice.

Where we are responsible, which is the money, we said, No, after this date get out, period, end of story.

Now, we negotiated to make sure the day was a safe one. We negotiated to protect our troops. But we exercised the power of the Congress without having a complicated, convoluted, and profoundly dishonest law. Because what this law does is it says to every administration, do not tell the truth. If Americans are in imminent danger, do not say it because if you say it, you will trigger the War Powers Act. And by the way, if it triggered the War Powers Act and we did not pass something and you had a strong President, they would promptly say, as the Clinton administration said last year, it does not count. And they would stay. And guess what, the only way you could get them out would be to pass an appropriations bill to cut off the funding or to impeach the President.

So what I am begging for is clarity. Let us return to a system that worked from the founding of the country to the mid-1970's. Let us return to a system that says, we in Congress have awesome power. If we do not pass an appropriations bill, nothing happens. There is no government. There is no Army. There is no Navy. But if we delegate powers to the President and we establish a framework of law and we agree to establish something to happen, let us actually allow the Commander in Chief to be Commander in Chief.

And I asked my good friend, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE], to allow me to close because I think the American nation needs to understand that as Speaker of the House and as the chief spokesman in the House for the Republican party, I want to strengthen the current Democratic president because he is the President of the United States. And the President of the United States on a bipartisan basis deserves to be strengthened in foreign affairs and strengthened in national security. He does not deserve to be undermined and cluttered and weakened.

When we get to disagreements, we will have the right place to have them. But this particular bill was wrong when it was passed. It has not worked in 20 years. And it is wrong now. And we should clean up the law, get it back to the constitutional framework and allow the President of the United States to lead in foreign policy with us deciding on key issues by our power of the purse.

□ 1900

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE].

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 201, noes 217, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 359]

AYES—201

Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baesler
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Ballenger
Barr
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blute
Boehner
Bono
Borski
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Canady
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chapman
Christensen
Chrysler
Clinger
Coburn
Collins (GA)
Combest
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Cremeans
Davis
de la Garza
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dornan
Dreier
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
English
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Fields (TX)
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Gillmor
Gingrich
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hoke
Holden
Horn
Hostettler
Hoyer
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kelly
Kim
King
Kingston
Klink
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaFalce
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Linder
Livingston
Longley
Manzullo
Martinez
Matsui
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHale
McHugh
McIntosh
McKeon
Mica
Miller (FL)
Mink
Molinari
Mollohan
Moorhead
Moran
Murtha
Myers
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Norwood
Nussle
Ortiz
Orton
Oxley
Packard
Petri
Pickett
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Pryce
Quillen
Radanovich
Roberts
Rogers
Ros-Lehtinen
Royce
Salmon
Sanford
Saxton
Schaefer
Seastrand
Sensenbrenner
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sisisky
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stenholm
Stockman
Talent
Tate
Taylor (NC)
Tejeda
Thornberry
Thornton
Tiahrt
Vucanovich
Walker
Wamp
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Wilson
Wolf
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

NOES—217

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allard
Andrews
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (NE)
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Beilenson
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berman
Bevill
Bishop
Boehlert
Bonior
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Camp
Cardin
Chenoweth
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coble
Coleman
Collins (IL)
Collins (MI)
Condit
Conyers
Cooley
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Cunningham
Danner
DeFazio
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Duncan
Durbin
Edwards
Emerson
Engel
Ensign
Eshoo
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Fields (LA)
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Geren
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gilman
Gonzalez
Gordon
Green
Gunderson
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hayes
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hobson
Hoekstra
Jackson-Lee
Jacobs
Jefferson
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnston
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
LaHood
Lantos
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lincoln
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lowey
Luther
Maloney
Manton
Markey
Martini
Mascara
McCarthy
McDermott
McInnis
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Metcalf
Meyers
Mfume
Miller (CA)
Mineta
Minge
Moakley
Morella
Nadler
Neal
Ney
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Owens
Pallone
Parker
Pastor
Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Pomeroy
Poshard
Quinn
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reed
Regula
Reynolds
Richardson
Riggs
Rivers
Roemer
Rohrabacher
Rose
Roth
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanders
Sawyer
Scarborough
Schiff
Schroeder
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Shuster
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Spratt
Stearns
Stokes
Studds
Stump
Stupak
Tanner
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Thomas
Thompson
Thurman

Torkildsen	Vento	Williams
Torres	Visclosky	Wise
Torricelli	Volkmer	Woolsey
Towns	Walsh	Wyden
Traficant	Ward	Wynn
Tucker	Waters	Yates
Upton	Watt (NC)	
Velazquez	Waxman	

NOT VOTING—17

Bonilla	Kleczka	Peterson (FL)
Bryant (TX)	Laughlin	Stark
Cubin	Lofgren	Waldholtz
Dicks	Lucas	Watts (OK)
Houghton	Montgomery	Wicker
Johnson (CT)	Paxon	

□ 1917

Mr. SCARBOROUGH changed his vote from ''aye'' to ''no.''

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that debate on the amendment about to be considered and all amendments thereto be limited to 60 minutes, to be equally divided and controlled by myself and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON].

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Chairman, reserving the right to object, I would like to ask the distinguished chairman if he has discussed this at all with the minority.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will yield, I do not believe it has been discussed with the minority.

Mr. ACKERMAN. In that case, I will be compelled to object, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Chairman, further reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, how many speakers does the gentleman have on his side on this amendment?

Mr. ACKERMAN. We are not sure right now, but we would be delighted to discuss it with the gentleman. We think it is in the neighborhood possibly of anywhere from 4 to 6.

Mr. GILMAN. If we could agree on some reasonable time, if the gentleman will yield further, we have until 9 o'clock to wind up this evening. We have one other major amendment to consider this evening.

Mr. ACKERMAN. I think that we would be very amenable to discussing it on a staff level at this point while this amendment is being debated.

Mr. GILMAN. We will be pleased to discuss it further with the gentleman's staff.

Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my unanimous consent request.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. ACKERMAN

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. ACKERMAN: On page 67, after line 9, insert the following new section:

SEC. 501. CONSOLIDATION REPORT.

(A) REPORT.—No agency of the United States Government may be abolished or its functions transferred or consolidated with another such agency pursuant to this division or any other provision of this Act relating to reorganization unless the Director of the Congressional Budget Office and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget independently calculate and submit to the Congress a joint report analyzing the costs and benefits of any such action.

(b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The cost/benefit analysis required by subsection (a) shall include, but not be limited to—

(1) An assessment of direct and indirect costs for the first five years associated with the implementation of the provisions of this division or any other provision of this Act relating to reorganization; and

(2) The effects of consolidation on personnel, management systems, real property, decisionmaking processes, administrative costs, and costs associated with terminating, amending, renegotiating, or negotiating existing and new contracts.

(c) FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL ACTION REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, if the Director of the Congressional Budget Office and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget either jointly or independently determine and report that the costs associated with the consolidation required by this division or any other provision of this act relating to reorganization exceed the fiscal year 1995 operating costs of the affected agencies, such provisions shall not become effective unless—

(1) the President determines that such consolidation is in the national interest of the United States; or

(2) a joint resolution is enacted specifying that such provisions shall become effective upon enactment of such resolution.

Redesignate sections 501 through 511 as sections 502 through 512.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Chairman, this amendment is modeled on principles that the majority has articulated in this chamber since January, and it is my hope that we will have strong bipartisan support for its adoption. Members on both sides of the aisle—whether they support consolidation within the State Department or not—should find this amendment very attractive. We should know what our actions will cost or save before we engage in a massive reorganization.

The amendment is designed to ensure that this body does not unknowingly write a blank check in the course of passing this bill, something that concerns all of us who are trying to save taxpayer dollars from frivolous Government spending.

For those who are not on the International Relations Committee, let it be known that there is presently no way of knowing if the bill, as reported, will save one penny as a result of reorganization.

Under this bill, we abolish three agencies and direct the former heads to report to work and assume new roles within the State Department. Yet there is no specific plan on how this will be accomplished.

There is no plan in place to reduce any staff. There is no plan in place to eliminate the cost of maintaining buildings, if indeed any are found not to be needed, and there is no plan in place to determine the costs and savings in buying out leases and service contracts. In fact, as the legislation is written, a consolidation plan is not required until March 1996.

How do we do this in the blind? Without this amendment we will be passing a blank check bill. At this point, there is simply no way to conduct a cost-benefit analysis because under the bill we won't even see a plan until March 1996.

To rectify this problem my amendment does the following:

First, it requires a joint report from the Director of OMB and the Director of the CBO, who is a Republican, requiring an analysis of the costs and benefits of the proposed plan for the first 5 years it is in effect. The report will cover effects of consolidation on personnel, management systems, real property, decision making processes, administrative costs and costs associated with terminating, amending or negotiating existing and new contracts.

What if the proposed consolidation doesn't save money, but actually costs more money? That might come as a surprise to some. But you may want to go forward anyway—and you can.

Second, if the report indicates that the costs of the reorganization exceed the fiscal year 1995 operating costs of the agencies, the President may determine it is in the national interest and proceed—and don't forget, this bill applies to the next president. If the President does not make that determination, the Congress must enact a joint resolution specifying that the consolidation, if more costly, may proceed.

My goal here is simple: It is to guarantee that the Congress know and understand the costs of its action, and then proceeds to act with that knowledge. This provision is consistent with the vision of the Republican majority who have shown a consistent dedication to rigorous application of cost-benefit analysis. I look forward to strong bipartisan support in adoption of this amendment.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the Ackerman amendment.

Mr. Chairman, our colleague, the gentleman from New York, has put forth an amendment, but in reality what the amendment really does is to put a hold, to absolutely gut the provisions of the bill. This bill, as written in this section, will allow the consolidation of ACDA, AID and USIA functions within the State Department.

Of the organizations that are in an unusual fashion expressing support for this bill today, the support is coming because we are in fact consolidating the agencies that now exist as separate agencies, AID, ACDA and, of course, USIA. That is the reason we are having the taxpayer groups and so many other conservative groups, who ordinarily would never come out and suggest that we ought to vote for a foreign assistance bill, but in fact it is one of the major ways that we are saving an extraordinary amount of money.

I want to call my colleagues' attention to a couple of changes that the committee made in the course of deliberations on the proposal to consolidate

these agencies. One of the most important concerns I had early in the process was the fact that we may be burying ACDA, the arms control agency, and their recommendations, too deep in the bureaucracy of the State Department. So in fact we amended that and moved the placement so that the director of ACDA will be making recommendations not through some layer of bureaucracy but directly to the National Security Council, to the President. It cannot be delayed, cannot have his recommendations deferred or set aside by some assistant Secretary of State or even the Secretary of State.

The other thing I wanted to mention is the fact that while the concept started in the other body and was once enunciated in the House bill at its earliest stage of having a separate foundation run what are now the programs of the Agency for International Development, that concept was jettisoned. Indeed, what we have kept is an assurance by the organization proposed that the programs of the Agency for International Development in its new home, it is not being eliminated, it is being placed and consolidated into the State Department, that those programs will in fact be a tool or set of tools to be implemented by the President of the United States.

□ 1930

After all, the development policies and the other programs run by the Agency for International Development ought to be under the direction of the President so that they can indeed serve our national interests, our foreign policy objectives.

So I would say to my colleagues, if they vote for the Ackerman amendment they are basically gutting the bill's savings provisions, the part that conserves our dollars and makes a better use of them, they are gutting the consolidation efforts that we have shown in this bill.

Importantly, the Ackerman amendment gives the Director of the Office of Management and Budget an independent veto over this consolidation. A new statute would be required to override the veto. Now those are the kind of decisions I think properly are left to the Congress of the United States and not to CBO and not to OMB. I do not think we need additional studies. If there are savings in this approach, I think it is a rather extraordinary circumstance that they would have to demonstrate. It is very clear that the savings in the bill are in significant part because of this consolidation.

So I urge my colleagues to reject the Ackerman amendment and to leave what we have crafted in the way of a consolidation effort. I think it focuses the programs, the decisionmakings that do relate to our foreign policy where it ought to be in the State Department but with careful placement of these three new subcomponents.

I ask my colleagues to vote against the Ackerman amendment.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words, and I rise in support of the Ackerman amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I support the Ackerman amendment for one very simple reason: I think the matter of arms control policing is much too important to be left in the hands of the State Department. I recognize the efforts made by the committee to try to ensure that ACDA will in fact still directly report to the National Security Agency. But the fact is that so long as the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency remains in any way a part of the State Department, it will be under pressure, regardless of the bureaucratic boxes, it will be under pressure to follow the party line of the agency. And with all due respect to the State Department, and I have a lot of respect for it, I think the Congress needs to know that it has an absolutely independent and fiercely independent agency which will call the shots as they see it when they are evaluating whether other countries who share this globe with us are in fact in compliance with arms control agreements or not. And so long as the arms control agreements or not. And so long as the arms control agency is folded into the State Department, we will always have the tendency of the State Department to want to take into account other factors, and they will bring pressure on ACDA to take into account other factors such as our political relationships with those countries.

Political relationships are important. But when it comes to arms control, this Congress needs to be able to know that it has the unvarnished facts, and I think there are just too many pressures on the State Department to assure that we are going to get those unvarnished facts, and therefore I would oppose what the committee does.

I cannot think of any more important information which the Congress needs to have than to know whether or not some other country in the world is either violating or getting close to violating arms control agreements which they have signed.

I do not want to have even the slightest scintilla of pressure be brought on an arms compliance evaluating agency to take into account the fact that we need to have good relations with another country, or we need to take into account what is happening with the political opposition in that country. It just seems to me that the primary obligation of this Congress is to have clear, straight information, and I think we risk the fact that we will not have it if ACDA is submerged into the State Department.

So I would strongly urge that the Ackerman amendment be supported. All it says is that this action cannot take place until there is a cost-benefit analysis. That to me refutes the argument of my good friend from Nebraska, with whom I very seldom disagree on foreign policy issues. It just seems to me in this case the Congress' overwhelming interest in having absolutely neutral, straight, hard-nosed information about whether other countries are giving us a snow job or not in terms of their compliance overrides all other considerations. We ought to vote for this amendment.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, have no doubt about it, this amendment would gut the reform that the Republicans have brought to the foreign policy establishment of this country. The American people voted for change. We have come forward with a bold plan of reform, and what we have now is an attempt to derail that reform, to study it to death.

In answer to some of the arguments that have been made, whether it is arms control or whether it is AID policy, or whether it is communications policy, these are not separate efforts. These are not things that operate and should operate independently of a global strategy. These are part and should be part and parcel of a global strategy, part of the same effort. This is what is behind our whole reform proposal to take arms control, AID decisions, and communications and put them into the State Department so that we can have what this country needs, and that is bold leadership on the part of the executive rather than what we have had in the last 10 years, which is quite often nothing more than an attempt by people who hold executive power to reach a consensus among independent agencies.

The fact is that if we are going to be efficient in the post-cold war world we need to make sure that our organizational structure is more efficient, and is operating with decisive leadership, which is exactly what you cannot have when you have different agencies operating independently.

What we are trying to do is consolidate, reform, and restructure the foreign policy apparatus of the United States in order to bring down costs and to make the system more efficient. What this amendment would do is prevent that reform, and maintain an ineffective status quo.

We need to provide American ambassadors, for example, more flexibility in their decisions with lower budgets, because they will have lower budgets. If we do not restructure at a time when we are bringing down the budgets of our foreign policy establishment, if we do not give them more flexibility, we are going to end up with a worse foreign policy apparatus. We need to change the way our foreign policy establishment has been doing business because this is a different world. And there is no way that you can force these types of reform decisions to be made than to force this type of restructuring by a reform process.

Again what we have here is a proposal to study our reform measures to death. Instead it is time to act decisively, time to move forward, time to

change the status quo, and not sit back in indecisive studying of the problem.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROHRABACHER. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. ACKERMAN. I appreciate the gentleman's yielding.

First, Mr. Chairman, the gentleman misinterprets my intent. I am not intending for anything to be studied to death. I do not want it to be studied any more than the time necessary to make the appropriate decision, but the gentleman refers, as previous speakers have referred, to the supposed fact, and it may or may not be true, that this bill as constructed is going to save money. And the only thing that I am asking and those who support this bill are asking is, where is the savings? Has there been, as you have called for time and time again, a cost-benefit analysis of any major change? Perhaps it is going to cost less, perhaps it is going to cost more. Without any delay, why can we not have somebody tell us where the savings are, where is it going to be more efficient, how many dollars. Could the gentleman tell me within $100 million how much we might save? There is not penny of savings in the bill.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Reclaiming my time in order to answer the question, we are bringing down these budgets, and by restructuring we are forcing those people, those managers within the system, to be more efficient, to make decisions that will make their operation more effective within decreased budgets. The fact is that in the post-cold-war world we need some restructuring, and we perhaps need our ambassadors in foreign countries to be able to operate a little bit more independently even though their budgets in foreign countries will be less than what they were 10 years ago at the height of the cold war.

Mr. ACKERMAN. If the gentleman will yield further, as the gentleman knows, within the bill presently there is no plan for restructuring. The bill calls for a plan to be put forth by March of 1996. So there is no plan on which to base any costs. Why is there opposition to having somebody do an analysis of whether this will cost or save money?

Mr. ROHRABACHER. There is a reform plan.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, we have only one remaining speaker.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair would advise the Members we are under the 5 minute rule.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Chairman, in answer to the gentleman's question, we have five additional speakers who are present in the room right now.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair is proceeding under the 5 minute rule.

Mr. GILMAN. The gentleman has five additional speakers?

Mr. ACKERMAN. That is correct.

Mr. GILMAN. We have only two. Would the gentleman consent to unanimous consent to wind up all debate by 8 o'clock?

Mr. ACKERMAN. If he will limit each of his speakers to 1 minute each and allow us the balance of the time, the answer is yes, but obviously we have more speakers than he.

Mr. GILMAN. We are pleased to limit our speakers so we can wind up by 8 o'clock if we can share the time equally.

Mr. ACKERMAN. I have to object; if the gentleman has two speakers and we have five, splitting the time equally would not be equitable.

Mr. GILMAN. We will be pleased to try to limit our speakers to 3 minutes each and reserve the balance for the gentleman's side.

Mr. ACKERMAN. We will try to exercise the maximum restraint possible. We are not interested in dragging this out, but we do have Members who have signed up.

Mr. GILMAN. May I further suggest that we limit the remaining speakers to 3 minutes each on both sides?

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. ACKERMAN. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my reservation to object, but not to the 8 o'clock ceiling. But we will limit subsequent speakers to 3 minutes each.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my initial unanimous-consent request and I ask unanimous consent that each speaker be allowed 3 more minutes so we can wind up the debate at an early hour.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. ACKERMAN. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, I just want to make it clear we are talking about this amendment specifically, and we are not amending the 5-minute rule to now be known as the 3-minute rule for the remainder of the debate on this particular bill.

The CHAIRMAN. It is the understanding of the Chair it will be this amendment and amendments to this amendment.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Ackerman amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Indiana is recognized for 3 minutes.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I think what strikes me about the provision in the bill with respect to reorganization is that we simply do not know what the bill's impact is on people, on costs, on the ability to carry out the mission. I do not know whether we make any savings with this bill or not, the reorganization.

□ 1945

The chairman of the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, during the committee debate, said there are no savings from the consolidation in this bill. The word ''abolish'' is used several times in the bill to abolish AID, abolish USIA, abolish ACDA, and put them all into one organization, but all of the functions of those agencies are continued. So we are simply moving boxes around, as far as I can see.

What it does, the reorganization proposal, is to vastly expand the State Department. It doubles the number of employees in the State Department. It triples the budget of the State Department.

Now, all of us agree that government has to be downsized, and I want to say that the Administration has worked pretty hard at that. Staff has already been reduced by 2,300 in the foreign policy agencies. That has contributed $500 million in cost savings thus far. It has pledged to cut another $5 billion from the international affairs budget from 1997 through the year 2000.

I want to point out that the Congressional Budget Office has not done any study on the potential cost savings that would result from the consolidation mandated by this bill, and it is important to compare the processes here with the processes used in the Defense Department and the intelligence agencies, where you really had a bottom-up review. Compare this bill with the approach taken in the intelligence community today, also a bottom-up review, but here we have no rationale. We are not connecting the changes in reorganization with the problems in American foreign policy.

There is no effort to tie these reorganization proposals to any improvement in American foreign policy, and I simply do not have a good idea of what this reorganization does in terms of improving American foreign policy.

The Ackerman amendment gives us the ability to know what we are buying into in this bill, and through that amendment we will find out whether there is money to be saved or there is not, whether decisionmaking will be enhanced or it will not be, whether effectiveness will be improved or it will be diminished.

So this amendment, which mandates a cost-benefit analysis of agency reorganization prior to the implementation of any reorganization or consolidation plan, makes a lot of sense to me in terms of management.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I hope that the Members of this Chamber have had a chance to look at this amendment. You know, this is a very craftily adopted, created amendment. This amendment is very clever. It is Machiavellian in an effort to undo a major provision of this bill.

I do not know if the people have all read this amendment, but when you read it there are a couple of sentences in here. It say, look at this, ''Unless

the Director of the Congressional Budget Office and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, independently, calculate and submit to the Congress a joint report, nothing can be done.

In other words, you have got 100 Senators, 435 Congressmen, and two bureaucrats can stifle the entire Congress and the will of Congress. That is what this amendment says, if you take a look at the amendment from line 5 to line 9. This amendment really guts the main provision of this bill.

Now, our bill consolidates three out-of-date Cold War agencies. And how many times have you been home when people have said, ''Hey, our government is too big, our government costs too much?'' And basically what we are trying to do with this bill is take these three agencies and downsize them.

The American people have loudly and clearly told us again and again that our government has gotten too big and costs too much. What is at issue here is basically a fight between the people who want to change what is happening in our government and the people who are fighting for a status quo. That is really at issue here, and the agents opposed to change are fighting a rear guard action here to gut the bill. It is the old adage, if you cannot defeat the bill, gut the bill.

The President actually is given here a heck of a lot of authority. We are giving the President, under this bill, tremendous authority. He has all the advantages to structure this any way he wants, plus we are not giving him until tomorrow morning to do it. We are giving him 3 years to bring about this change. That certainly is enough. We are leaning over backwards to be fair.

No one can argue the President is being disadvantaged. He has got all the time and all the abilities and all the advantages in carrying this out.

This amendment merely says that we want change, and that change has to come about. This amendment is the old liberal welfare state philosophy of big government, of study, study, study, study. Study? How many studies do you need? You do not need any more studies. No matter how many studies are going to come here, you are going to make a decision whether to cut the government or not.

Study, study, study, spend, spend, spend, but the real objective is to delay, delay, delay.

What we are saying is we want to move forward. The American people have spoken, and we are saying that we are going to go ahead and downsize this government.

Yes, we are going to move ahead, and we want to work with you, but we cannot allow you to totally stymie us and to keep us from doing what we have pledged to the American people that we will do. Let us do what the people have repeatedly asked us to do.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. ROTH] has expired.

(On request of Mr. ACKERMAN, and by unanimous consent, Mr. ROTH was allowed to proceed for 1 additional minute.)

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROTH. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. ACKERMAN. I can understand and appreciate the gentleman's strong aversion and opposition to study. But could the gentleman cite for me one penny's worth of savings in this bill that you do not want to study? Not a dollar, not a thousand, not a million, not a billion. One penny. Tell me where it is saved in this bill.

Mr. ROTH. We are bringing these three agencies into the State Department.

Mr. ACKERMAN. At what cost?

Mr. ROTH. We are downsizing them by one-third; each agency will be downsized by a third. Therefore, the cost of the agencies should be downsized by a third. That is what we are doing in this amendment.

Mr. ACKERMAN. If the gentleman will explain how much the cost that offsets that in avoiding or renegotiating existing contracts.

Mr. ROTH. Reclaiming my time, and I appreciate the gentleman getting me more time——

Mr. ACKERMAN. Tell me how that saves more money on balance.

Mr. ROTH. Reclaiming my time, we are going to be saving, because when we put these three agencies into the State Department, we are mandating to the President that when he brings these agencies in, he has to downsize them by a third.

Mr. ACKERMAN. You do not mandate he saves any money?

Mr. ROTH. Each one of these agencies will be downsized by a third. That is where the savings are going to be. This is a poor amendment, and I hope we all vote against it.

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the amendment.

I think, let us step back and take a look at what is going on. The majority party has put a bill on the floor which is a frontal assault on the President's authority to conduct foreign relations, micromanages to a level that the Democrats during Ronald Reagan's presidency never even presumed to go to, and massively slashes the amount of money spent on the foreign relations function.

But they have got a problem because some of their members said they never would vote for anything, and the bill still is a $17 billion bill and they have got to get their members to vote for it. So they say, ''Well, this does something else. This reforms the foreign affairs agencies by consolidating them.'' It gives total discretion, or pretty close to total discretion, to the executive branch as to how to consolidate it. There is no inherent savings in the consolidation.

The gentleman from New York has pointed out why the act of consolidation will cost money, but now they can say it is reform, it is slashing, and it is attacking the President, so maybe now they can pick up the votes.

The gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. ROTH], my friend, says we are cutting each by one-third. You could leave the agencies separate and cut them by one-third. The act of consolidation does nothing to save money. What it does do is ensure commercial interests, like they did in Iraq, will supersede nonproliferation issues when you eliminate the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. What it does take independent radios and make them subordinate to the geopolitical relationships between countries, moves that independence which allows an accurate voice of what is going on in a country to be broadcast to that country where there is a dictatorship, where there is an absence of free press, and has caused conservatives, who are very much supportive of bringing that word to those countries, to oppose this consolidation.

What it does is make development assistance goals and humanitarian goals subordinate to government-to-government relationships. There are major bad policy consequences from the consolidation.

There are no savings. But now you can say you slashed and you reformed and you have attacked the President, and maybe you can pick up your party's members who said they would never vote for an even $17 billion Foreign Assistance Act.

The amendment offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. ACKERMAN] calls that bluff by saying, through a cost-benefit analysis, demonstrate the act of consolidation saves money. It puts you to the test. If this is the goal of consolidation, you will have no objection to the Ackerman amendment.

If the goal is simply to put a label of reform onto a bill, then you probably want to oppose the Ackerman amendment.

I urge adoption of it.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, well, let me just stress that I think we have probably exaggerated the debate.

The fact is the Department of State can well function with the consolidated basis. The foreign policy of the United States can well function in a more decentralized basis.

As perhaps the only Member of this body who has served in one of these agencies as a Foreign Service Officer, having spent 2 years in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, it is my sense that for long term continuity the country's foreign policy probably operates better on a decentralized basis. We have a long and proud history of the United States Information Agency, under great leadership, of great independence and respect. Likewise with the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and while AID is obviously a

controversial mission, we have had distinguished people serve at the Agency for International Development.

I would only rise to stress whether one is for or against this bill, it should not relate to the outcome of this particular amendment.

My view is to be sympathetic to it, and I will support it, but I would also stress that one can consolidate and function effectively. It all is a matter of leadership at any given point in time, and here we are involved in kind of a great political science debate in the sense of sometimes agencies of government, like business, are better off consolidated; sometimes, depending on leadership, they are better off with decentralized leadership. Sometimes there is a case for flux, where one has one circumstance to change it. Sometimes, in addition, there is a case for stability.

Now, having said that and having noted that one can reach opposite conclusions, I think in the long term the best interest here is for stability and for decentralization and, therefore, I think on balance the Ackerman amendment makes the most sense at this particular time.

Mr. SKAGGS. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

I urge my colleagues to support the Ackerman amendment. It quite clearly gives us the opportunity to take a more careful look at what I think is the not carefully thought through proposal for consolidation that is in the base bill.

Mr. Chairman, effective foreign policy should represent the pursuit of enlightened self-interest. One of the most pressing interests in American foreign policy today is to control the spread of weapons of mass destruction. This becomes more and more important as regional and ethnic conflicts continue to explode across the globe. Today, more than ever before, it is in our critical self-interest to maintain an agency that advocates, negotiates, implements and verifies effective arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policies, strategies and agreements. That agency is the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Independent status means that ACDA brings to the policy table an expert and undiluted arms control viewpoint. Often, this viewpoint differs from the State Department's perspective, which must be primarily concerned with diplomacy. That is why ACDA was created and that is why ACDA has continued to prove its worth to U.S. national security over the years.

H.R. 1561 eliminates ACDA's independent voice on arms control. It eliminates the ACDA's Director's access to the President, the National Security Advisor and the Secretary of State. It expels ACDA from interagency policymaking process where significant arms control and nonproliferation decisions are made.

To understand the efficacy of ACDA's role in the foreign policy process one need only to look at recent newspaper headlines. I find it ironic that earlier this month, during the same week when the International Relations Committee proposed its abolition, ACDA's director was with the President at a summit in Moscow working on important national security matters while ACDA's deputy director was in New York securing one of the greatest American post-Cold War foreign policy successes—permanent extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Negotiation of the permanent extension of NPT was reached against the odds. Without the relentless effort of ACDA's expert negotiators over the last 3 years we might not have the NPT today. The protection that NPT helps provide against nuclear proliferation benefits all Americans.

The supporters of H.R. 1561 claim that ACDA is a cold war relic. This claim shows how out of touch the authors of this legislation are with the realities of the foreign policy environment we face. Given the remaining dangers of Russian overarmament, and the new dangers of the post-cold-war world, ACDA is a relic today only if weapons of mass destruction are a rumor and proliferation is a myth.

The authors of H.R. 1561 claim that it would save money by eliminating an independent ACDA. In fact, according to the Congressional Research Service, it will cost $10 million to eliminate ACDA.

ACDA's basic budget is $50 million. According to the U.S. Strategic Command, the existing strategic arms limitation treaties have saved about $100 billion. Since these treaties took about a decade to negotiate, you could argue that there's a payoff of 200 to 1 from ACDA. I suspect that the impact of this ill-conceived legislation will be the reverse—one bill and 200 new problems caused by the disruption, dislocation, and crippling reductions contained in this bill.

The creation of a mega-bureaucracy that absorbs ACDA comes at the worst time—as the U.S. Government is pursuing the biggest and broadest arms control and nonproliferation agenda in history. Now is not the time to be dismantling the one agency whose sole mandate is to fomulate, negotiate, and verify arms control and nonproliferation policies and agreements.

This bill ought to be called the ''American Leadership Reduction and Avoidance Act of 1995.'' By silencing ACDA's independent voice on arms control and nonproliferation issues this bill presents a serious threat to the future security of this country. The purpose of ACDA is to bring the arms control perspective to the table when foreign policy decisions are made. This perspective has helped protect America and the world from dangerous proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction for a third of a century. Now is not the time to stop or shrink from responsibilities of leadership.

□ 2000

Now is not the time to be dismantling the one agency whose sole mandate is to formulate, negotiate, and verify arms control and nonproliferation policies and agreements. I urge a ''yes'' vote for the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. ACKERMAN].

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words and rise in support of the amendment before the House.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment requires that the Directors of the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget to submit a joint report to the Congress analyzing the costs and benefits of proposals to abolish or consolidate the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Information Agency, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. This cost/benefit analysis will allow this Congress to make an informed decision that fully considers the effects of consolidation of agencies on the personnel and management systems involved.

I support the goal of achieving a balanced budget over seven years, but I believe that we need to focus on the hard working citizens, many who live in Northern Virginia, who face possible job loss as a result of the agency consolidations proposed by this bill. I serve on the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology where we are currently reviewing the costs and benefits of many of the consolidation and downsizing proposals that would reshape the Executive Branch of the Federal government. During our recent hearings, it has become evident that so-called downsizing and consolidation efforts can have the unintended consequence of actually increasing costs to the federal government. For example, it costs the federal government an average of $35,000 for each employee that is terminated from the civil service. This amendment would provide for enough time to make an informed decision regarding agency consolidation—a decision that could avoid the unintended costs associated with massive layoffs.

Earlier this year, I strongly supported several measures that emphasize cost/benefit analysis and informed decision-making by regulatory agencies. My support for this amendment on agency consolidation is consistent with my support for regulatory reform. Congress has a fudiciary duty to ensure that it takes the time to consider the costs of legislative proposals. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this amendment to delay the consolidation of U.S. AID, USIA, and ACDA, to preserve jobs, and to avoid an unintended waste of tax dollars.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the amendment offered by the gentleman

from New York [Mr. ACKERMAN] because it addresses one of the most egregious aspects in this bad bill. The problem with the proposal to gut the Agency for International Development, the United States Information Agency and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency by putting them into the State Department is that it compromises the mission of every one of those agencies.

The mission of the State Department, my colleagues, in diplomacy. That is not the mission of AID, USIA and ACDA.

The mission of the United States Agency for International Development is to maximize the economic and the human potential of everyone around the world and, by doing so, create market opportunities for American industry.

The mission of the U.S. Information Agency is very simply truth, not truth that complies with State Department policy that is politically oriented, that is acceptable, but simply, plainly credible truth. That is what the USIA delivers around the world.

And the mission of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency is to save us expenditures and arms procurement by enabling us to control the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

Of all the times in history to think about gutting the mission of the Arms Control Disarmament Agency, when we know how able dictators, tyrants, crazy nuts around the world have access to lethal weapons, and we are going to gut the mission of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency? Of all the times to gut the mission, to compromise the mission or the Agency for International Development.

Consider the fact that as we move into the next millennium, the 21st century, there will be five new human beings born every second of every day, and three of them are going to go hungry, without adequate housing, without decent medical care. The Agency for International Development can enable them to become not desperate, hostile people, but constructive members and contributing to a world of peace and economic and social stability and, by doing so, create markets throughout the world for the American economy.

That is what the Agency for International Development does, and let me quote just from the New York Times here on USIA.

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. MORAN] has expired.

(By unanimous consent, Mr. MORAN was allowed to proceed for 15 additional seconds.)

Mr. MORAN. In his directive granting the United States Information Agency independence, independence which would be eliminated by this bill, President Eisenhower empowered it to explain imaginatively the correlation between United States policies and the legitimate aspirations of other people of the world. Now is not the time to tear the United States Information Agency from that appointed task.

President Eisenhower knew what he was doing. He would vote against this bill, but he would certainly support the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. ACKERMAN].

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, the opponents of the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. ACKERMAN] are saying that what his amendment would essentially do is gut the bill. I say that unless we have the Ackerman amendment, we are gutting America's role in the world.

I said it before, and I will say it again. Did we spend billions upon billions of dollars to fight and win the cold war, only to throw it away after we are successful? American foreign aid, only 1 percent of the budget, has worked. The people pushing this bill—and I oppose the bill because I think the bill is an isolationist bill; I think the President is exactly right on that—the people pushing this bill are saying that consolidation of AID, ACDA, and USIA would be a good thing.

Well, how do we know? I say to my colleagues, ''If you are for the Contract for America, then you ought to be for this amendment. All we are saying is do a cost-benefit analysis, see if indeed there will be savings, and then make an intelligent judgment after we see what the cost-benefit analysis says.''

Voting this way is buying a pig in a poke. We do not know if it is going to save money. In fact, many of us believe it will lose money. We do not know if it is going to be more effective. In fact, many of us believe it will be less effective.

I like AID, ACDA, and USIA as independent. Do we really want them rolled into the State Department? They have different roles. Do we really want them under the thumb of the State Department? I do not.

I say to my colleagues, ''The only plausible reason you can make to consolidate is if it saves money, and, my colleagues, if it doesn't save money, then what are we doing this for?''

So all my colleague from New York is saying is, ''Let's do a cost-benefit analysis, which my friends on the other side of the aisle often talk about the cost, they often talk about wasteful government programs, they often talk about downsizing and consolidating if it saves money, but if it doesn't save money, what are you doing? You are shifting the bureaucracy from one part to the next, and you're probably making for a less efficient agency.''

So again, whether my colleagues are for this consolidation or whether they are not, and I am not, what detriment can a cost-benefit analysis do. If it, indeed, saves money, it would seem to me that my friends on the other side of the aisle would have something to bolster their argument to consolidate, and, if it loses money, I would think a lot of people on both sides of the aisle would not want to vote for it anyway.

So let us stop having our heads in the sand. Let us stop having the fervor of consolidation and downsizing only. Let us do something that makes sense. Where there is fat, let us cut it out. If it makes sense to consolidate, let us consolidate, and, above all, let us look at the cost. A cost-benefit analysis is right for America.

Again I say to my colleagues, ''If you supported the Contract, you should be for this. Everybody ought to be for this on both sides of the aisle, so I urge my colleagues to support the Ackerman amendment.''

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the requisite number of words.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to vote against the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. ACKERMAN]. It seeks to gut our whole reorganization structure, and I merely want to quote from two former Secretaries of State.

James Baker said,

> Your proposal is breathtaking in its boldness and visionary in its sweep. It represents the fundamental reorganization needed if we are to transform government institutions to meet foreign policy challenges of the twenty-first century.

Then Larry Eagleberger, former Secretary said:

> With regard to the consolidation, I am already on record in testimony before Senator Helms in enthusiastic support of what his committee and yours seek to accomplish. By abolishing the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the Agency for International Development, and the U.S. Information Agency, the bill will eliminate bureaucratic overlap, improve efficiency, save money, and enhance the ability of the Executive branch to advance American interests abroad.

I urge my colleagues to vote against the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. ACKERMAN].

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Chairman, there are many reasons to oppose this bill. It undermines the ability of the U.S. Government to conduct foreign policy. It abdicates U.S. leadership worldwide. It wastes our resources on moving boxes when the challenges of the post-cold-war world demand our attention, and it ties the President's hands and eliminates many of the tools at his disposal. National Security Advisor Tony Lake rightly calls it the ''unilateral disarmament'' of American foreign policy.

Under the reorganization provisions of this bill, we stand to lose a foreign policy tool which is vital to our national security. The Arms Control and Disarmament Agency is charged with solving the nuclear, chemical, biological, missile technology and conventional arms proliferation problems of our day. ACDA is a small, lean agency with a budget of only $50 million. Yet the U.S. Strategic Command tells us that the strategic arms treaties ACDA administers save the nation's taxpayers about $100 billion.

In its present form, ACDA's Director has an independent voice and direct access to the President, the National Security Council and

the Secretary of States. But this bill buries the director under three levels of bureaucracy. To make his voice heard, he will first have to make his case to an Assistant Secretary, then to an Undersecretary, and then to the Secretary of State.

State Department decisions, by nature, are often grounded in diplomacy and sensitive to the political considerations of other nations. ACDA has no entrenched interest in diplomatic relations. Thirty years ago, it stood alone in support of a nuclear non-proliferation treaty that the State Department opposed out of deference to some of our allies. It stood alone in support of a ban on deployment of multiple-warhead land-based missiles in the SALT treaty negotiated by Richard Nixon. When that effort failed, it took twenty years to negotiate a new agreement (START II) to remove the highly-threatening Soviet land-based missiles. And ACDA was the key to getting the Soviet Union's radar at Krasnayarsk removed as a violation of the ABM treaty in spite of reluctance at the State Department.

An independent ACDA has made tremendous contributions toward peace. Ralph Earle, Deputy Director of ACDA, recently put it this way:

> If one thinks that arms control implementation and compliance can largely take care of itself; that the dangers of proliferation are overblown; that the chemical weapons terrorism in Japan was a fluke; and that we should let arms and sensitive dual-use technologies flow abroad more freely, then the proposed legislation may be the way to go.

But, Mr. Chairman, I submit that our President—and our country—needs the full range of tools to make the most informed and effective decisions. The Arms Control and Disarmament Agency is a vital agency built around highly trained arms control specialists. Our national security necessitates its independent voice, its unique expertise, and its direct access to the highest levels of government. The reorganization provisions proposed in this bill will cost us money, disrupt arms control and non-proliferation progress, and surrender valuable expertise. They are harmful to our nation's security and I urge their rejection.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. ACKERMAN].

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 177, noes 233, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 360]

AYES—177

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Beilenson
Bentsen
Berman
Bevill
Bishop
Bonior
Borski
Boucher
Browder
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Clay
Clement
Clyburn
Coleman
Collins (IL)
Collins (MI)
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Danner
Davis
de la Garza
DeFazio
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Durbin
Edwards
Emerson
Engel
Eshoo
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Fields (LA)
Filner
Flake
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gibbons
Gonzalez
Gordon
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hilliard
Hinchey
Holden
Hoyer
Jackson-Lee
Jacobs
Jefferson
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnston
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Klink
LaFalce
Lantos
Leach
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
Lowey
Maloney
Manton
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McDermott
McHale
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Mfume
Miller (CA)
Mineta
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran
Morella
Murtha
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pastor
Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Rahall
Rangel
Reed
Reynolds
Richardson
Rivers
Roemer
Rose
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanders
Sawyer
Schroeder
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Stokes
Studds
Stupak
Tanner
Tejeda
Thompson
Thurman
Torres
Torricelli
Towns
Traficant
Tucker
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Volkmer
Ward
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Williams
Wilson
Wise
Wolf
Woolsey
Wyden
Wynn
Yates

NOES—233

Allard
Andrews
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bliley
Blute
Boehlert
Boehner
Bono
Brewster
Brownback
Bryant (TN)
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chapman
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clinger
Coble
Collins (GA)
Combest
Condit
Cooley
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Cremeans
Cunningham
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dornan
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Fields (TX)
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Funderburk
Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Geren
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutknecht
Hall (TX)
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Hefner
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Horn
Hostettler
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Lincoln
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Longley
Luther
Manzullo
Martini
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Metcalf
Meyers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Minge
Molinari
Moorhead
Myers
Myrick
Nethercutt
Neumann
Ney
Norwood
Nussle
Orton
Oxley
Packard
Parker
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Pombo
Porter
Portman
Pryce
Quillen
Quinn
Radanovich
Ramstad
Regula
Riggs
Roberts
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roth
Roukema
Royce
Salmon
Sanford
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaefer
Schiff
Seastrand
Sensenbrenner
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Shuster
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Solomon
Souder
Spence
Stearns
Stenholm
Stockman
Stump
Talent
Tate
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Thomas
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Torkildsen
Upton
Vucanovich
Walker
Walsh
Wamp
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
White
Whitfield
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Zeliff
Zimmer

NOT VOTING—24

Bonilla
Bryant (TX)
Clayton
Coburn
Cubin
Dicks
Foglietta
Gephardt
Houghton
Johnson (CT)
Kleczka
Largent
Laughlin
Lofgren
Lucas
Montgomery
Paxon
Peterson (FL)
Spratt
Stark
Thornton
Waldholtz
Watts (OK)
Wicker

☐ 2029

The Clerk announced the following pair:

On this vote:

Mrs. Clayton for, with Mrs. Waldholtz against.

Mr. MASCARA changed his vote from ''no'' to ''aye.''

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interests Act of 1995. By eliminating important foreign policy functions of the Federal Government this bill retreats from our obligations as Americans and human beings to the neediest citizens of the world. As the recent tragedies in Rwanda and Bosnia clearly demonstrate, this is not time for America to retire from the world community.

The stated objective of the American Overseas Interests Act, is the elimination of the Agency for International Development [AID]. The U.S. Information Agency [USIA], and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency [ACDA] in addition to slashing $1.8 billion in foreign aid, international broadcasting, and diplomatic functions funding from the administration's requested level. In fact 29 percent of the development assistance for child survival programs, African development aid, disaster assistance, and Latin American and Caribbean aid will be cut by this draconian legislation. This shortsighted and rushed legislation will reorder American foreign policy objectives by abolishing foreign and peace organizations, interfering with the foreign policy prerogatives of the President and substantially cutting assistance to friends of America in great need.

The American Overseas Interests Act of 1995 that we are considering here today is completely out of balance. H.R. 1561 seeks to isolate the United States by restricting America's role in the world. It recklessly cuts U.S. contributions to the United Nations and U.S. peacekeeping operations. It would be an abdication of American humanitarian leadership overseas to support this legislation.

Contrary to the representations of the supporters of this bill, foreign aid constitutes less than 1 percent of the U.S. budget. This small investment is leveraged further by a public-private partnership involving several hundred U.S.-based charitable organizations. Without the U.S. contributions of seed money, these cuts in aid will be devastating.

Foreign aid is no giveaway. These dollars work as an effective means of developing and expanding U.S. export markets. In fact, the recipients of U.S. Foreign aid constitute the fastest growing market for U.S. exports. In the past 10 years, our exports to developing countries have more than doubled from $71 to $180 billion. This valuable trade results in thousands of badly needed jobs for American workers.

Mr. Chairman, H.R. 1561 is not only a bad deal for the American economy, it also compromises the President's initiatives in foreign affairs. In a seven to one decision, the U.S. Supreme Court in *United States v. Curtis-Wright Export Corp.,* 299 U.S. 304 (1936) held that because of ''fundamental differences'' in national power with respect to internal and external affairs, the President of the United States possesses additional prerogatives in the foreign affairs field that, in my opinion, this legislation compromises.

This bill imposes restrictions and limitations on the President's special authorities that would hamper the ability of the United States to respond to rapidly changing international circumstances. Therefore, the constitutionality of the American Overseas Assistance Act is in question and should be carefully examined prior to any further consideration of this bill.

A dramatic example of the negative impact this legislation would have on the President's prerogatives in foreign affairs is the fact that H.R. 1561 directly inhibits vital Presidential objectives such as—implementation and funding for the framework agreement with North Korea; debt reduction for poorer nations; democracy building and market reform in Russia; and funding for worldwide family planning activities.

Contrary to the arguments that have been made by the supporters of H.R. 1561, President Clinton has proposed a budget that reasonably addresses the overseas interests of the United States. President Clinton's fiscal year 1996 foreign affairs budget has two key initiatives; reasonable consolidation and maintenance of our obligations to our friends and the world's neediest people.

The administration has proceeded vigorously with its efforts to streamline AID, ACDA, USIA, and the Department of State. Under the administration's efforts, foreign affairs agencies are reducing staffing by 4,700 positions, cutting bureaucratic layers and duplication, eliminating low-priority posts and programs, reengineering their business processes, and establishing common administrative services. The administration has taken these steps to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of these agencies.

By contrast, the approach of H.R. 1561 is to simply eliminate AID, ACDA and USIA. This extreme action would result in an unwieldy, costly, and ineffective compromise of U.S. foreign policy objectives and would constitute an abdication of American humanitarian leadership overseas.

The ironic truth about H.R. 1561 is that it will actually weaken our influence overseas and therefore compromise our national defense, prestige, and effectiveness. As a result of the bill's redirection of $1.8 billion away from programs that help uplift the world's poor, American interests will be compromised.

Mr. Chairman, there is no doubt that with the end of the cold war the United States now reigns supreme as the world's only superpower. Over the past 7 years, our foreign policy has undergone a massive undertaking to adjust to a post-cold-war world which has allowed us to maintain a better balance of our domestic and foreign interests. Because of these changes in world politics, the United States is faced with an unprecedented opportunity to redirect funds to relieve problems here at home and help improve the lives of our friends overseas.

Mr. Chairman, unfortunately, as a political maneuver, the current majority has attached to this bad bill provisions authorizing aid to Israel and her Mid-East peace partners. This insulting and cynical attempt to force those of us who support Israel to endorse the overwhelmingly shortsighted and offensive objectives of H.R. 1561 will not work.

My record in Congress supporting issues important to Israel and the Mid-East peace process has been consistent and steadfast. In the form of foreign aid, trade relations, and support for the peace process, I have recognized the wisdom of a vital Israel and a fair peace process. Despite the fact that I have been forced to vote against this bill, rest assured I will do all that I can to ensure that the President's budgeted aid for Israel and the Mid-East peace process is delivered by this Congress.

In closing, H.R. 1561 reflects my colleagues' desire to sacrifice the interests and obligations of the American people in exchange for isolationism and inhumanity. I urge my colleagues to vote against this bill.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WALKER) having assumed the chair, Mr. GOODLATTE, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1561) to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

SCHEDULE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1561

(Mr. MORAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I have asked unanimous consent to inquire of the chairman of the Committee on International Relations the schedule for tomorrow so that we understand what amendments might come up. I would like to inquire of the chairman of the Committee on International Relations the implications of the decision to rise at this point.

I understand that there is an hour and 45 minutes left of debate. We have at least three Democratic amendments scheduled: the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER], the gentleman from California [Mr. BERMAN], the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. ANDREWS]. However, with an hour and 45 minutes tomorrow, it is conceivable that, particularly if the chairman was to oppose the Burton amendment, that the chairman might have two amendments in succession which would preclude the ability of the Democrats to offer any of our amendments.

I would like some assurance from the chairman that the Democrats will be able to offer an amendment after the subsequent Republican amendment to this bill.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MORAN. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have been informed that 1 hour and 45 minutes remain on full debate on this bill. We have a manager's amendment which is en bloc, a number of amendments, and then we have the Burton amendment. And whatever additional time that may be remaining, we will try to accommodate the gentleman.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I would suggest to the Chairman that is the reason for the inquiry because that may very well take up the full space of the 1 hour and 45 minutes which means that there would be two Republican amendments. There would not be the opportunity for any Democratic amendment to be offered, if that were the schedule. That is the concern of the minority side.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, we will try to urge the Members to keep their remarks as brief as possible and the Berman amendment will be next following the Burton amendment.

Mr. MORAN. Can the Chairman assure us that we will get a Democratic amendment, at least one Democratic amendment considered tomorrow.

Mr. GILMAN. It will depend on the amount of time that we will be able to save with the debate on those two measures.

Mr. MORAN. This side would much appreciate the Chairman cooperating.

Mr. GILMAN. We will try to do our best to allow some time for additional amendments.

ON AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1561

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, does that mean that no one else will be able to offer amendments? We have only got this 1 hour and 45 minutes and, as you know, I have a very, I think, important amendment dealing with immigration,

which I do not even think should be in this bill. Does that mean that we are not going to have time to get to anybody else's amendment?

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. SCHROEDER. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it will all depend on the amount of time that we can conserve in the remaining time that has been allotted to us by the rule. We have an hour and 45 minutes remaining, and we will try to work with the minority as best we can.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. SCHROEDER. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to note that under this unfair rule we have, the quorum call, a totally unnecessary quorum call came out of the time for amendments. We will probably have one less amendment because for no valid parliamentary reason, we spent about 25 minutes with a quorum call so somebody could get a bigger audience. And under the crazy rule we have, a quorum call comes out of the time and the quorum call has probably eclipsed one amendment.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, let me explain that on four occasions this evening, I attempted to arrive at unanimous consent to cut back on the debate time so we would have additional time left for other amendments.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, if the gentlewoman will continue to yield, I do not regard it as an acceptable trade-off that you cut off debate time to have a quorum call. I do not think cutting debate on important amendments is an acceptable defense of a very arbitrary and unfair rule.

CLARIFICATION SOUGHT CONCERNING DEBATE ON BOSNIA AMENDMENT

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I will not object if the request is something other than an imploring of the chairman that someone else be allowed to offer an amendment. If the request is something other than that, I will not object.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. THOMAS. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the chairman.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New York [Mr. ENGEL] is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire of the chairman, with the big events in Bosnia this past week, we are dealing with a very, very important foreign aid bill. I know that the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] has an amendment which I am sure the American people would like to see debated.

I just find it incongruous that we are being denied, for whatever reason; I am not blaming anyone, but the way it is working out, it seems that Mr. HOYER will not be allowed to put forth his amendment which would call for an end to the arms embargo. I think this is a very, very important vote on a very important amendment at a very important time.

I am wondering if I could somehow or other ask unanimous consent or ask the chairman if we can somehow get some time to debate Mr. HOYER's amendment because I think the American people want to see us debate it and it is too important to just push it to the side.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ENGEL. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to respond to the gentleman. We all share the concern about the Bosnia situation. Tomorrow afternoon we will be having a hearing on Bosnia in the Committee on International Relations. I discussed the Bosnia amendment with the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER]. We talked about trying to have sufficient time to properly debate that measure on a single standing bill rather than to take it up as part of this in a very short and limited period of time.

I assured Mr. HOYER that I would try to work with him in bringing that measure to the floor at an early date following the consideration of this measure.

ON BOSNIA

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York, the chairman of the committee. As the Members of this House know, I, along with the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] and others, offered an amendment last year that dealt with lifting the arms embargo to allow the Bosnians to defend themselves. This situation has gone on now for almost 3 years. The largest number of refugees since the Second World War have been created as a result of this confrontation and over 100,000 deaths. Genocide is occurring.

I regret that it appears, based upon the schedule that is going forward now, that I will be precluded from offering this amendment, which I believe is critically timely today and will be critically timely tomorrow.

I would hope that we could configure the schedule tomorrow so that I would have a half an hour to offer this amendment at the end of the other amendments so that this House can address this issue. It is critical. It is on the front page of every newspaper in Europe and the United States. It is in the councils of the armed forces of every NATO nation. And it seems to me it is timely now for this Congress to speak.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND RESCISSIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104–83)

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.R. 1158, a bill providing for emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for fiscal year 1995.

This disagreement is about priorities, not deficit reduction. In fact, I want to increase the deficit reduction in this bill.

H.R. 1158 slashes needed investments for education, national service, and the environment, in order to avoid cutting wasteful projects and other unnecessary expenditures. There are billions of dollars in pork—unnecessary highway demonstration projects, courthouses, and other Federal buildings—that could have been cut instead of these critical investments. Indeed, the Senate bill made such cuts in order to maintain productive investments, but the House-Senate conference rejected those cuts.

For example, H.R. 1158 would deprive 15,000 young adults of the opportunity to serve their communities as AmeriCorps members.

It would deprive 2,000 schools in 47 States of funds to train teachers and devise comprehensive reforms to boost academic standards.

It would reduce or eliminate antiviolence and drug prevention programs serving nearly 20 million students.

It would prevent the creation and expansion of hundreds of community development banks and financial institutions that would spur job growth and leverage billions of dollars of capital in distressed communities across the country.

And it would seriously hamper the ability of States to maintain clean drinking water, thus jeopardizing the health of residents.

In the end, the Congress chose courthouses over education, pork barrel highway projects over national service, Government travel over clean water.

At my instruction, the Administration has provided alternatives to the

Congress that would produce greater deficit reduction than H.R. 1158, cutting even more in fiscal year 1995 spending than is included in H.R. 1158. But the spending reductions would come out of unnecessary projects and other spending, not investments in working families.

My position on this legislation has been made clear throughout the legislative process. The Administration strongly and consistently opposed the House version of the bill because it would have unnecessarily cut valuable, proven programs that educate our children, invest in our future, and protect the health and safety of the American people. We worked closely with the bipartisan leadership of the Senate to improve the bill, and I indicated my approval of those improvements. Regrettably, the conference went well beyond the spending reductions contained in the bipartisan compromise despite my Administration's consistent urging to adhere to the Senate bipartisan leadership amendment.

In addition, I continue to object to language that would override existing environmental laws in an effort to increase timber salvage. Increasing timber salvage and improving forest health are goals that my Administration shares with the Congress. Over the last 6 months, my Administration has put in motion administrative reforms that are speeding salvage timber sales in full compliance with existing environmental laws. It is not appropriate to use this legislation to overturn environmental laws. Therefore, I urge the Congress to delete this language and, separately, to work with my Administration on an initiative to increase timber salvage and improve forest health.

My Administration has provided the Congress with changes that would enable me to sign revised legislation. I urge the Congress to approve a bill that contains the supplemental funding included in H.R. 1158—for disaster relief activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, for the Federal response to the bombing in Oklahoma City, for increased antiterrorism efforts, and for providing debt relief to Jordan in order to contribute to further progress toward a Middle East peace settlement—along with my Administration's alternative restorations and offsets.

I will sign legislation that provides these needed supplemental appropriations and that reduces the deficit by at least as much as this bill. However, the legislation must reflect the priorities of the American people. H.R. 1158, as passed, clearly does not.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *June 7, 1995.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the journal, and the veto message and the bill will be printed as a House document.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the message of the President, together with the accompanying bill, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

Mr. OBEY. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to object, but I would simply use this reservation to ask the distinguished gentleman from Louisiana what the intention of the committee would be with respect to the disposition of the president's veto message.

Do we intend to take this up for a vote or, if you do not, do you intend that there would be a new bill? If so, what do you think the timing would be and what would be your intention with respect to trying to work out a compromise accommodation?

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBEY. I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I am making this unanimous consent request to refer the veto message of the president on H.R. 1158 to the Committee on Appropriations so that, basically, we can terminate discussion on this bill and get it behind us.

Frankly, sending the bill to the committee, it will help us clear the air so we can see if there might be a way we can reach an agreement on a different approach that will satisfy the president. There is no point in proceeding further on H.R. 1158. I do not believe that the votes are present to override the veto. I am disappointed that we have reached this point because I believe it is a good bill. Frankly, I wish the president had signed it. I think he would have been better served had he does so. But he has decided to veto it.

Now, we need to spend our time productively on fiscal year 1996 appropriations bills, not by continuing to argue about the merits and faults of this bill. So I would hope that the gentleman would not object and that we can send this message to committee, and we can go ahead and confer with the representatives of the White House in hopes that we might come up with an alternative agreement.

Mr. OBEY. Continuing my reservation of objection, Mr. Speaker, I would simply say that I do not necessarily share the gentleman's judgment about the wisdom of the president's veto. I think under the circumstances it was correct. But I do hope that we will be able to get together and work out a rational compromise so that we can proceed to the regular appropriations process without too much delay intervening.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will continue to yield, the gentleman has summarized my own feelings in that the sooner we get to a final settlement of this matter, the better. Every day that goes by, the American taxpayer loses some $25 million in savings. That is one estimate that I have seen. The fact is that the bureaucracy continues to spend money. And if we are going to reap anything near the $9.2 billion in savings that this bill gave us, we need to reach a conclusion, reach an agreement with the White House as expeditiously as possible.

□ 2045

But we would expect that the leadership of both sides of the aisle in the House would work with both sides of the aisle on the other side of this Congress and work in turn with the White House and develop a new bill, hopefully within the next few days.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. I would simply say that I hope that next time around, we can find reductions that do not in fact attack programs for seniors and children in order to provide tax increases for very high income people that we cannot afford under these circumstances.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. The gentleman's characterization of the bill is not my own. I would only say that when one attempts to downside Government, nobody is going to be completely satisfied, but of course the purpose in referring this message to committee and then developing another bill is to come up with a compromise which is satisfactory to a majority of the House, a majority of the Senate, and one that will gain the President's signature, and doing all that will take compromise.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I hope in any bill that can be produced, we can protect the Brewster amendment.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. WALKER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the veto message of the President to H.R. 1158, and that I might include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

CLEANER WATER

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute, to revise and extend her remarks, and to include extraneous matter.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, last week the Santa Maria Times, a local newspaper in my district on the central coast of California, let the Sun shine on some of the arguments big government groups and the Clinton administration had made against our clean

water bill, which will give local communities more flexibility to solve their water problems. I quote:

When courting small business and voters frustrated by government, the Clinton administration decries ''regulatory overkill,'' yet whenever anyone proposes actually loosening any particular Federal dictate, the Administration balks. Thus, the rewrite of the Clean Water Act passed 240 to 185 by the House of Representatives, with votes from 45 Democrats. It has inspired the President's most demagogic rhetoric in weeks.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with the Santa Maria Times editorial, which continues to point out that groups such as the National Governors Association, which the President once headed, the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the Association of Metropolitan Sewer Agencies, all endorse this legislation. Let us finish with the hard rhetoric and continue with clean water for our local communities.

Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD the article of June 1, 1995, in the Santa Maria Times:

[From the Santa Maria Times, June 1, 1995]

DIRTY FIGHT, CLEAN WATER

When courting small business and voters frustrated by government, the Clinton administration decries ''regulatory overkill.'' Its touted blueprint for ''reinventing government'' prescribes a periodic weeding out of cumulative, obsolete, inconsistent and unnecessary regulations.

Yet whenever anyone proposes actually loosening any particular federal diktat, the administration balks. Thus, the rewrite of the Clean Water Act passed 240–185 by the House of Representatives recently (with votes from 45 Democrats) has inspired the president's most demagogic rhetoric in weeks.

At a propaganda event staged in Washington, D.C.'s Rock Creek Park, Bill Clinton caricatured the bill as written by ''the lobbyists who represent the polluters.'' The bill's effect, he said, would be to put ''poisons'' in the water our children drink.

It is hard—make that impossible—to believe that the National Governors Association (which Clinton once headed), the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies all would knowingly endorse legislation so blatantly contrary to the public good. The bill the president vows to veto must have flaws but it cannot be the piece of unconscionable recklessness that the president so irresponsibly described.

Who are these polluters, for example? They are city dwellers, mall shoppers, users of roads and parking lots, and farmers. The major outstanding water issue is known as ''nonpoint'' pollution, the dirt that ends up in sewers and streams not because some profit-hungry corporation dumps it there but because rain water washes it off fields and parking lots and city streets.

Those striving to provide citizens safe drinking water and fishable and swimmable rivers and lakes are local governments. These are the same counties and municipalities that are stretched thin meeting increased demands for neglected children's services and economic development, road and bridge repair, police, courts and prisons. Nothing is gained by pretending that resources are infinite for any of these priorities, even clean water.

Admirably, the House bill nearly doubles the federal revolving loan fund to help local authorities pay for sewage treatment. Its major thrust is to give states more flexibility in regulating storm water and other runoff from the landscape. It does not alter standards for the purity of water people drink.

Whether this bill has found the optimal definition for wetlands we are not prepared to say. That and the other issues will be tackled anew by the Senate. They will be tackled it appears, without constructive input from a president busy with scare tactics as his re-election campaign nears.

H.R. 1561: NO MORE BUSINESS AS USUAL IN FOREIGN POLICY

(Mr. HORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, one of the most important bills to come before this Congress is the American Overseas Interests Act of 1995, H.R. 1561.

For the first time in nearly half a century, it will provide focus on American foreign policy instead of the fragmentation which is provided by a separate United States Agency for International Development, the United States Information Service—including cultural affairs, and the United States Agency for Arms Control and Disarmament. At last, these agencies will clearly be directly responsible to the Secretary of State of the United States, the President's first Cabinet officer, the person who needs to advise the President on various aspects of foreign affairs.

This legislation will save over $3 billion in the next 2 years. It will provide focus not only in organization. It will eliminate 23 assistant secretaries. It will provide less money and more direction. This legislation is long overdue and much-needed.

Vote for the American Overseas Interests Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am including a summary of the key features of H.R. 1561, as follows:

The American Overseas Interests Act, the first Republican foreign policy bill in over 40 years, changes ''business as usual'' five ways:

1. *Three Major Agencies Killed.*—AID, USIA, ACDA folded into State Department, eliminating hundreds of jobs, including 23 at the level of Assistant Secretary or higher.

2. *Cuts Spending.*—Cuts nearly $1 billion from FY95 appropriated levels in FY96, over $2 billion in FY97. Cuts more than $21 billion from International Affairs spending below the FY95 baseline over seven year ''glide path'' to balanced budget. With Brownback Amendment, bill fully meets Budget Resolution.

3. *Kills Dozens of Lower-Priority Programs.*—Housing Guarantee Program, PL–480 Title III food aid program, U.S. funding for over a dozen international agencies. Development assistance, though important, is cut by $750 million in FY96 and $998 million in FY97.

4. *Focuses on Vital U.S. Interests.*—Funds antiterrorism assistance, Russian disarmament-related programs, NATO expansion aid, antinarcotics assistance, aid to Israel and Egypt (Camp David Accords).

5. *Punishes Adversaries.*—Cuts off aid to countries that provide weapons to terrorist states, give aid to Cuba, or vote against us in the U.N.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LIPINSKI] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. LIPINSKI addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. GOSS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GOSS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. OWENS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

TERM LIMITS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SMITH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I would like to comment today about the Supreme Court decision limiting the powers of the States to prohibit those States from enacting term limits.

Madam Speaker, the majority opinion in U.S. Term Limits versus Thornton, as Justice Thomas points out in dissent, reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of the 10th amendment's reservation of powers to State governments and the people. While the 5 to 4 decision may be a setback for term limits, it is only a temporary one. The closeness of the vote, and the strength of the dissent's argument, means that less harm was done to the term limit movement than is generally believed.

The fundamental issue in Thorton is not term limits, but the power of States and citizens to add to the three qualifications that are spelled out in article I for Members of Congress: age, citizenry, and residence. While the majority makes a cogent and correct argument that the Constitution bars Congress from setting additional qualifications, it fails to demonstrate that the States are barred from adding qualifications. The thrust of the majority's argument is that allowing States to set additional qualifications could lead to abuses of the electoral process. The majority said the Founders would have opposed such abuses, and therefore must have meant to bar the states

from adding qualifications. But the fact, as the dissent points out, is that the Constitution is silent on the matter. And the 10th amendment could not be more clear: ''The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.'' The plain language of the Constitution says that unless the Constitution prohibits states from adding qualifications about who can represent them in Congress, they should have the ability to do so. Whether a particular qualification, such as not having served more than three terms in the U.S. House, is a good idea or not is irrelevant.

If one accepts the majority opinion, then all other state qualifications are unconstitutional. These would include requirements that Congressman must live in the district that they represent, or that they not be a convicted murderer. Justice Thomas points out the absurdity of the situation where states have the right to restrict those who can vote in an election, but not the right to say who can run when he says: ''the people of each state must leave open the possibility that they will trust someone with their vote in Congress even though they do not trust him with a vote in the election for Congress.''

Actually, the Arkansas law would allow Congressmen to serve more than three terms, it just would require them to be a write-in candidate. The majority ruling was that this disadvantages a class of candidates, and holds that an amendment with the purpose of handicapping a class of candidates is in violation of the Qualifications Clauses and cannot stand. As the dissent again points out, this would mean that one could argue that the current congressional campaign finance system disadvantages challengers, and thus is unconstitutional. The same arguments could be raised against any redistricting plans of the various states.

It has not been well-reported that the implications of the majority opinion could go well beyond term limits. As other related issues come before a future Supreme Court, it is possible that the U.S. Term Limits versus Thornton decision will be overturned. Of course, this would be well into the future. An interesting question is, where do we go from here?

I am committed to term limits, and have directed the House Clerk to take my name off the congressional roll after six terms. I believe a majority of Americans now realize that our government is going to be better led by a citizen legislature than by career politicians. The court decision means that neither Congress nor the States can impose term limits by statute. Unless the decision is overturned, there must be a constitutional amendment to allow for term limits. While term limits supporters are often divided on the exact constitutional language for term limits, I expect them to agree on a form which will be able to gather the necessary two-thirds vote. Despite having a majority in the House in favor of term limits, the vote was 61 short of passing a constitutional amendment in March. Should the people continue to pressure the Congress a constitutional amendment will be enacted.

Another option is the use of Article 5 to call for a constitutional convention. While it is true that all 27 constitutional amendments have come through the Congress, mounting a drive for a convention would add to the pressure on Congress to pass a term limit amendment and would keep the movement on the front burner in each of the States.

I believe strongly that the citizens of each of our 50 States have the right to choose how to govern themselves. The people of any State should be able to enact and enforce qualifications for their representatives. Term limits address the broader issue of limiting the growth of our leviathan government. As George Mason said during the general debate on the ratifying of the constitution in 1778: ''Nothing so strongly impels a man to regard the interests of his constituents as the certainty of returning to the general mass of the people from whence he was taken.'' Congress must not become a perpetual body. It must be made up of citizen legislators who, in the words of Thomas Jefferson, ''might have in idea that they were at a certain period to return into the mass of people and become the governed instead of the governors.'' Term limits will accomplish this and States deserve to have their 10th amendment rights be recognized.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. FIELDS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FIELDS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

IMMIGRATION LAW ADVERSELY IMPACTED IN FOREIGN AID BILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Madam Speaker, I take the floor to talk about a very serious promise that I think has been broken. Early on, we heard a lot of people talking about how wonderful it was that we were going to have open rules, open rules when we discussed issues in this Congress, and everybody said, oh, that's great, and finally we are going to be able to discuss everything fully and so forth.

Well, next week we are going to be bringing the Armed Services Committee bill to the floor, and I know it is now called the National Security Committee, but that bill comes to the floor. I have served on that committee for 22 years, and we have always brought it to the floor under an open rule. I hear this time it is going to be closed. They are going to narrow it down and it is going to be closed.

Today we just ended the foreign affairs bill that has been on the floor. We used to call it foreign aid. Now it has got some other fancy title. It is basically foreign aid. But let me tell you, it is under a very narrow, narrow, narrow rule in which many of us are not going to be able to discuss some very critical issues in there.

The issue that I wanted to talk about, and if we do not get to discuss this with an amendment, I hope people vote against this whole bill, is the portion of what we are doing to the immigration law. I do not even think it belongs in this bill, but we are severely modifying the immigration law to apply in a whole new way. Let me tell you what we are doing.

Right now the immigration law says you cannot emigrate to the United States unless you prove that that law, the laws of the land, are being discriminated in how they are applied against you. There is a discriminatory application against you because of your beliefs, and, therefore, you are not being treated equally.

Let's take it into some neutral area that many people won't get as impassioned about. Let's talk about conscription. If a person lives in a country that has universal conscription and you are upset about conscription and do not believe in the draft, you cannot emigrate to the United States on the basis that you don't believe in the draft and you are living in a country where there is a draft, so, therefore, you have the right to come here.

You could come to the United States if you had been out leading the movement against the draft and because of that your country put you in jail or because of that your country did all sorts of other discriminatory acts toward you. Then you would be made a political refugee because you had been out exercising your political rights in your country and they had made a target of you. That is how we have enforced the law.

However, in this bill, we are changing it vis-à-vis population policy, and we are saying that if a person does not like the population policy of the country that they are in, they can then come to the United States because they feel that they are going to be discriminated against.

□ 2100

Boy, is that a change. Boy, is that a major change. And I think that because we do not understand the great

body of case law that has grown up in this area we are apt to do very serious damage if we let this bill go through without dealing with this issue and trying to educate Members with this issue.

The problem that I have is I am not on the committee so I do not know how I get recognized. There is a whole hour and 45 minutes left with any number of Members on the committee that have not even had their amendments recognized. And when the hour and 45 minutes goes, boom, the hammer comes down, that is it, vote on the bill, it is out of here.

I just am very, very shocked that we have so soon forgotten our pledge to have open rules, and I think in the area of foreign affairs we have had open rules every time I remember. I know the distinguished gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] has a very critical amendment that he would like to offer that is on the front pages of every newspaper. I probably disagree with him on how I would vote, but I think he has the right to offer it, and I just find it very surprising that we are not going to permit that, and in an hour and 45 minutes tomorrow that is it, we are done.

Maybe on this globe we may have all sorts of global issues discussion, there may be all sorts of different things that were not dealt with; they fall off the table and we adjourn.

I just think the American people should be more than aware that there is a lot of talk about open rules, but I have not seen one in a long time.

I am going to ask the gentleman from Maryland, has he seen any open rules wandering around this Chamber anywhere?

Mr. HOYER. I have not seen any open rules, if the gentlewoman will yield, that really give open debate, and that is the issue. The gentlewoman mentions the 6 hours of debate or the hour and 45 minutes. The tragedy for the American public and for the House of Representatives is that of that hour and 45 minutes, 45 minutes to an hour may be taken up in simply voting, no debate, no consideration, no thoughtful exchange of ideas as to what is good and bad policy.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. The gentleman is absolutely correct. It is a very sad day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MORELLA). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. RIGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

LIFE EXTENDING AND LIFE SAVING DRUG ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FOX] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as was aptly described by Carl B. Feldbaum, president of the BioTech Industry Organization, ''Life-saving new drugs do take too long to reach the people who need them.''

From my district in Montgomery County, PA, I have heard many a compelling story from constituents with cancer, Lou Gehrig's Disease, epilepsy, or AIDS who speak of the difficulties in accessing the medicines they need because the approval process in our country is so prolonged and, in effect, they have to turn to other countries where the products are available.

Don't get me wrong. The Food and Drug Administration serves a valuable purpose in maintaining high safety and efficacy standards. However, it is important to note that the FDA's actions directly affect the lives of patients and the ability of physicians to provide state-of-the-art care for their patients.

In addition, the FDA regulates businesses that produce 25 percent of America's gross national product, so the Agency's actions also impact our country's economic well-being. The pharmaceutical industry is an excellent example. The United States leads the world in discovering new drugs yet, all too often, these drugs are available overseas first. The United States is far and away the world leader in biotechnology, but many biotechnology firms are moving clinical trials overseas because of red tape imposed on them by the FDA. These are very troubling trends that do not bode well for the economic future of the United States, or for the economic future of Pennsylvania.

In my 13th Congressional District of Pennsylvania alone, we have 10 facilities of 4 major pharmaceutical companies. Together, these facilities employ more than 11,000 people. I would not want to see any of these constituents lose their jobs because FDA regulation is prompting companies to conduct some of their work overseas.

Americans want safe medicines. They want a strong FDA that will keep unsafe products off the market but, I believe, they want to see more emphasis on the value of giving patients quicker access to safe and effective new medicines. That is why, today, I am introducing the Life Extending and Life Saving Drug Act. We need to take action as soon as possible for the great benefit of this Nation's patients, physicians, and our emerging industry. I look forward to working with my colleagues to act quickly on this critical piece of legislation.

THE TIMBER AMENDMENT IN THE RESCISSIONS BILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. TAYLOR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today the President of the United States vetoed the rescission bill that had been worked on for many weeks in this Congress by the House and the Senate and then in conference, and in that rescission package were many things that I think are important to the Nation, but one thing that was very important for forest health was the timber salvage amendment. The salvage amendment called for increasing forest health by allowing and actually requiring the Forest Service to get rid of the large portion of the dead and dying and deceased timber in our national forests.

We have several problems in the national forests. First of all there have been billions of board feet, there are somewhere between 20 and 30 billion board feet that are dead and dying in the forest that need to be taken out. The dead trees in the West are accumulating so fast that forest fires are not only burning along the ground as they once did, they are now burning to high degrees because of the buildup of dead and dying timber that has already accumulated in the forests. They reach temperatures of over 2000 degrees. They bake the land, charcoal runs over in the streams, it makes it almost impossible to come back and reforest in those areas. Many thousands of acres have been blown down through wind damage. These are also hard to reforest, to return to forest health.

Insects and disease in our national forests are not only consuming parts of our national forests but they are moving over into private lands. Most silviculturalists recognize the only way to stop the insect-infested movements is to destroy the tree, take out the host tree, either burn it or use it if you can get to it early enough, remove it so that there is not the location for the insects to move on year after year.

We know all of this because we have over 100 years of silviculture at our disposal, both from our best universities that have taught forestry going back almost 100 years when the first school of forestry started in this country. We know it from numerous experimental stations that we have, both private, Federal, and State and at university centers. We know it because silviculture is a science that is taught and studied and is probably one of the best informed sciences that we have because we have been studying for over 100 years in this area now.

With all of this accumulated knowledge we allow special interest groups in Washington to take in hundreds of millions of dollars, scaring people with misinformation, bad science, and pandering to politicians. The President has bought their message, hook, line, and sinker, because according to a Wall Street Journal story about the polling of the environmental organizations in Washington, we find that over 93 percent voted for Mr. Clinton. They are primarily far left. The report also showed that they are contrary in most of the things they report to the actual science that we know in these areas.

What we tried to do with the timber amendment that we had was to give the Forest Service the tools and the responsibility to move into the forests and move out the dead and diseased trees. The President today in his veto message said, and I am quoting, ''I have done more for logging than any other single person in this country.'' Well, the President told us his first term here in 1993 that he was cutting the budget deficit with his $100 billion tax increase; then he came to Congress and said he was increasing the deficit by over $1 trillion in his 4 years in office. He told us that he was working to balance the budget, and he did not. He has told this Congress many things. His story in foreign policy and Bosnia has changed no fewer than six times just in the last few weeks, so when he says that he has done more for helping the forests, the unemployed forest people in the Pacific Northwest or other parts of the country, it should be taken with a grain of salt by now. Certainly if you ask the forest families, the tens of thousands of people who are unemployed because of his misinformation and policy he has put in place in the Pacific Northwest, they will tell you very quickly how much he has done for the resource in this Nation

So, those of us in Congress by a vote of 277 in the House, which is almost two-thirds of this body, spoke out for forest health, and today the President has vetoed that.

It will come back to him. It will be back if there is another rescission package brought forth. It will be back in the Interior appropriations bill, because those of us that recognize the true science in silviculture, the health of our national forests, and recognize the phony misinformation that the President is getting, is wrong, we are going to see that that legislation is put back before him again and again.

His closing statement in his veto message was that we had with our timber amendment abolished all environmental legislation. Clearly, he could not have studied this himself. He took this right out of the radical environmental fringe that houses itself in Washington and puts out so much misinformation. It is ludicrous to think that a timber salvage amendment could abolish all of the environmental legislation that this country has passed in the last 20 years. It boggles the mind to think that we could even do it, much less have done it.

So I would ask the President to go back and reconsider what he has just said and the misinformation, and sign this bill for the families of America and the resources of this country and our forest health.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. HUNTER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HUNTER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

CONSTITUENTS INTERESTED IN A BALANCED BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, during the 10 days that we were home for the break, the many constituents that I met with had concerns on a lot of different subjects, budget matters, they are very concerned about us balancing the budget. I said many, many times over the last 10 days that the third largest expenditure of our national budget is interest on the debt. And in 2 years that interest on the debt will exceed all military spending, all of the expenditures for the Coast Guard, the Army, the Navy, the Marines, and the Air Force and so forth. We will pay more money, more interest money to the bond holders on the national debt than we will for all of the armed services. I think this is absolutely atrocious, and found that most constituents agree. They want us, they are screaming for us to balance this budget. They realize that there will be some reductions in spending, some reductions in projections, and some elimination in consolidations of various programs, and yet what the folks of the First District of Georgia are saying is if you are going to balance the budget and you are going to do it across the board, that is fine. Do not do it on the backs of the veterans, do not do it on the backs of elderly, do not do it on the backs of children, do it across the board.

When I explain to them the Kasich budget proposal, in most cases people said that is a balanced approach, that is the way to handle this tremendous problem, because as we look at spending over a trillion dollars more than the current budget allocation in the next 7 years, people understand that in many cases we are not talking about budget cuts but we are talking about reducing the projected increase.

□ 2115

And yet people want that budget balanced.

They are also interested in this tax relief. It is a shame that the United States other body on the other side of the hall has not quite caught on the American people are sick and tired of paying taxes.

The average middle-class family paid a 2 percent tax burden in the 1950's as a percentage of Federal income tax. In the 1970's, that 2 percent went to 16 percent. In the 1990's, it is 24 percent.

The middle-class families of America today are paying 40 to 50 percent of their income in taxes, and they are sick and tired of it. they cannot afford it.

And most families, both spouses are working simply because of the economic necessity of paying taxes. It does not get them ahead, it just keeps them standing still and breaking even.

The middle class needs relief. The tax relief bill passed by the House actually benefitted 75 percent of the American people in the middle-class category.

We have got to help the middle class, and our package does that. But more importantly than that, giving the people their own money back, not confiscating it from them in the first place, allows them to buy more hamburgers, more CD players, more cars, more houses. When they do that, businesses expand. They create jobs. New workers create new revenue. History shows, and I went back to 1956, the Treasury Department numbers, and looked at it. Our revenues have increased every time taxes were low; the revenues to the national budget actually increased.

And what is so important about that is that our projection is that if the economy grows over 1 percent more than the current projection, then in the next 7 years we will have another $640 billion of revenue added to the current budget, and if that is the case, it will be a lot easier to balance the budget without further reductions and caps and so forth.

Although many people are saying, ''Do not worry about those cuts,'' because one of the major objectives we want out of the 104th Congress is to reduce the size of government. People are tired of government micromanagement. They are tired of Washington bureaucrats telling them how to run the show. They are saying, ''We can handle our problems just fine on a local basis. Let our local nonprofits or our for-profits handle it. Let our local city councils and county commissions handle it. Let State governments do it. Take things, particularly major decisionmaking, out of Washington.''

Another thing I found that the folks in the First District of Georgia are very concerned about is welfare reform. Simply put, they just do not want people who are able to work paid for not working. The middle-class families are out there working 40, 50, 60 hours a week, breaking their back. They are tired of doing it for the benefit of a huge Washington bureaucracy and able-bodied public assistance recipients. They are tired of it.

If somebody needs a helping hand, we want to help them. But if they are just going to take a free ride, then it is time to tell them to get off the train and help start fueling the engine with the rest of us.

Madam Speaker, I found these things over and over again, not just during the current district work break but all along as I have been in public office, that people are saying this is what we want, this is what we want out of Washington, ''We want less; we want more personal freedom.''

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LUCAS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of official business.

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of family illness.

Mr. WICKER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 5:45 p.m. and on Thursday, June 8, on account of attending Base Realignment and Closure Commission hearings concerning his district.

Mr. MONTGOMERY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 5 p.m. and the balance of the week, on account of official business.

Ms. LOFGREN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and the balance of the week, on account of illness.

Mr. KLECZKA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. SPRATT (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 8 p.m. and the balance of the week, on account of personal family business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. SCHROEDER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CHRYSLER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes each day, today and June 8.

Mr. FIELDS of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes each day, today and June 8.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMERSON, for 5 minutes, June 8.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TIAHRT, for 5 minutes, June 13.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HUNTER, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. SCHROEDER) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. WILSON.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii in two instances.

Mr. GEJDENSON in two instances.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mr. FATTAH in two instances.

Mr. MARTINEZ.

Mr. DIXON.

Mr. PALLONE.

Mr. MINETA.

Mr. FOGLIETTA.

Mr. WARD.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. SKELTON in three instances.

Mr. GORDON.

Mr. RAHALL.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. HAMILTON in four instances.

Mr. CARDIN.

Mr. TORRES.

Mr. MOAKLEY.

Mr. VISCLOSKY.

Mrs. MALONEY in two instances.

Mr. POMEROY.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. DINGELL.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. OLVER.

Mr. WYDEN.

Ms. NORTON.

Ms. SLAUGHTER.

Mr. TEJEDA.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CHRYSLER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BAKER of California in three instances.

Mr. OXLEY.

Mr. DAVIS in two instances.

Mr. DUNCAN in two instances.

Mr. PORTER.

Mr. GALLEGLY.

Mr. COBURN.

Mr. FORBES.

Ms. MOLINARI.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. CAMP.

Mr. MCCOLLUM in two instances.

Mr. LEWIS of California in two instances.

Mr. CRANE.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Mr. SHUSTER in two instances.

Mr. DORNAN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. MATSUI.

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

Mr. ANDREWS.

Mr. SAXTON.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. HOBSON.

Mr. MEEHAN.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

Mr. WYDEN.

Mr. BERMAN.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

Ms. FURSE.

Mr. MILLER of California.

Mr. GORDON.

Mr. CARDIN.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On June 6, 1995:

H.R. 1158. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance, for anti-terrorism initiatives, for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred at Oklahoma City, and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 8, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

971. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report on foreign investment in U.S. agricultural land through December 31, 1994, pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 3504; to the Committee on Agriculture.

972. A letter from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act which occurred in the Department of the Air Force, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

973. A letter from the Chief of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification that the Department intends to offer for lease four naval vessels to the Government of Mexico, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7307(b)(2); to the Committee on National Security.

974. A letter from the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the progress of the Department of Defense toward the achievement of the goal to award 5 percent of DOD contracts to small disadvantaged business, historically black colleges and universities and minority institutions, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2323(i); to the Committee on National Security.

975. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving United States exports to the Philippines, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

976. A letter from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting the annual report on the Youth Conservation Corps Program in the Department for fiscal year 1994, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1705; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

977. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting a follow-up report on the recommendations of the National Advisory Council on Educational Research and Improvement's Presidential Advisory Committee, pursuant to section 6(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

978. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting the annual report for fiscal year 1993, describing the activities and accomplishments of programs for persons with developmental disabilities, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6006(c); to the Committee on Commerce.

979. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report pursuant to title VIII of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act

for fiscal year 1990–91, as amended, pursuant to Public Law 103–236, section 583(b)(2) (108 Stat. 489); to the Committee on International Relations.

980. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 95–22: Emigration Policies of the Republic of Romania, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

981. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Secretary's determination and justification that it is in the national interest to grant assistance to Guatemala, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2370(q); to the Committee on International Relations.

982. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of the removal of items from the U.S. munitions list, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2778(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

983. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and services sold commercially to the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DTC–29–95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

984. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and services sold commercially to the Kuwait (Transmittal No. DTC–27–95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

985. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for production of major military equipment with Egypt (Transmittal No. DTC–30–95), pursuant of 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

986. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on employment of U.S. citizens by certain international organizations, pursuant to Public Law 102–138, section 181 (105 Stat. 682); to the Committee on International Relations.

987. A letter from the General Counsel of the Navy, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the transfer of eight naval vessels to certain foreign countries; to the Committee on International Relations.

988. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the semiannual report of the inspector general for the period October 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995 and management report for the same period, pursuant to Public Law 95–452, section 5(b) (102 Stat. 2515, 2526); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

989. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11–59, ''Human Services Spending Reduction Temporary Amendment Act of 1995,'' pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

990. A letter from the District of Columbia Board, transmitting financial disclosure statements of board members, pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1–732, 1–734(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

991. A letter from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide additional investment funds for the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

992. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled ''Federal Employees Emergency Leave Transfer Act of 1995''; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

993. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's report on settlements for calendar year 1994 for damages caused by the FBI, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3724(b); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

994. A letter from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting a copy of the Legion's financial statements as of December 31, 1994, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1101(4), 1103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

995. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting the 1994 annual report of the activities of the Commission, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 997; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

996. A letter from the Chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission, transmitting the Commission's report to Congress pursuant to section 2(d) of the Negotiated Rates Act of 1993; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

997. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the 18th annual report on activities under the Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1976, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2513; to the Committee on Science.

998. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the transfer of property to the Republic of Panama under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3784(b); jointly, to the Committees on International Relations and National Security.

999. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report on the initial estimate of the applicable percentage increase in inpatient hospital payment rates for fiscal year 1996, pursuant to Public Law 101–508, section 4002(g)(1)(B) (104 Stat. 1388–36); jointly, to the Committee on Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

1000. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the fifth in a series of annual reports on the subject of intermarket coordination, pursuant to Public Law 101–432, section 8(a) (104 Stat. 976); jointly, to the Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, and Commerce.

1001. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's report on intermarket coordination, pursuant to Public Law 101–432, section 8(a) (104 Stat. 976); jointly, to the Committees on Commerce, Banking and Financial Services, and Agriculture.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. S. 523. An act to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner, and for other purposes (Rept. 104–132). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 260. A bill to provide for the development of a plan and a management review of the National Park System and to reform the process by which areas are considered for addition to the National Park System, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104–133). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 1070. A bill to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as ''Trinity Lake'' (Rept. 104–134). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. MINETA (for himself, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. YATES, Mr. HOYER, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, and Mrs. CUBIN):

H.R. 1753. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the subjects recommended by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee in accordance with section 5153 of title 31, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. LATOURETTE):

H.R. 1754. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit a supplier of durable medical equipment under part B of the Medicare Program to furnish an upgraded item of such equipment to a Medicare beneficiary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CASTLE (for himself, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mrs. WALDHOLTZ, Mr. KLUG, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. MINGE, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HORN, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. PRYCE, Ms. DANNER, Mr. SALMON, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. UPTON, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FOX, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. PARKER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BALLENGER, Ms. FURSE, Mr. LEACH, Mr. GOSS, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. WHITE, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. SCHAEFER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. WAMP, Mr. DORNAN, and Mr. BAKER of Louisiana):

H.R. 1755. A bill to provide for the establishment of an official mass mailing allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mr. CHRYSLER (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KASICH, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. CRANE, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. PAXON, Mr. PARKER, Mr. METCALF, Mr. COOLEY, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr.

KNOLLENBERG, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. JONES, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. WELLER, Mr. KLUG, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. SALMON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. FOX, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. BONO, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. CREMEANS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. FRISA, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mrs. WALDHOLTZ, Mr. NORWOOD, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mr. BASS, Mr. EWING, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. CAMP, Mr. LINDER, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WHITE, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. TATE, and Mrs. SMITH of Washington):

H.R. 1756. A bill to abolish the Department of Commerce; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Banking and Financial Services, International Relations, National Security, Agriculture, Ways and Means, Government Reform and Oversight, the Judiciary, Science, and Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. GEJDENSON):

H.R. 1757. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under part B of the Medicare Program of paramedic intercept services provided in support of public, volunteer, or nonprofit providers of ambulance services; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. BEVILL, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, and Mr. DURBIN):

H.R. 1758. A bill to provide for a Federal response to fraud in connection with the provision of or receipt of payment for health care services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DUNCAN:

H.R. 1759. A bill to ensure that any person who served aboard the vessel H.M.T. *Queen Mary* and who was awarded the American Theater Campaign Ribbon for service in World War II is able to obtain a replacement for that ribbon if it has been lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use; to the Committee on National Security.

H.R. 1760. A bill to provide a military survivor annuity for widows of certain retirement-eligible reserve members of the uniformed services who died during the period between the establishment of the military survivor benefit plan and the creation of the reserve-component annuity under that plan; to the Committee on National Security.

H.R. 1761. A bill to eliminate the Medicare peer review system; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. BROWDER):

H.R. 1762. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny Federal tax return information to States which impose an income tax on the pension income of individuals who are neither residents nor domiciliaries of the State; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FOX (for himself, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. FORBES, Mr. NEY, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. LONGLEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. MICA, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. GUTKNECHT, and Mr. HOSTETTLER):

H.R. 1763. A bill to require the review of all Federal departments and agencies and their programs and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FUNDERBURK:

H.R. 1764. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the protection of civil liberties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GALLEGLY:

H.R. 1765. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to deny visas and admission to aliens who have been unlawfully present in the United States for more than 1 year until they have been outside the United States for 10 years and to repeal the provision allowing adjustment of status of unlawful aliens in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOBSON (for himself, Mr. SAWYER, and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 1766. A bill to provide for the establishment of a modernized and simplified health information network for Medicare and Medicaid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. MONTGOMERY):

H.R. 1767. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for cost recovery by the Department of Veterans Affairs of the cost of health care delivered to veterans who are eligible for care under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KNOLLENBERG (for himself, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. EWING, Ms. MOLINARI, and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 1768. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for charitable contributions to fight poverty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCCOLLUM:

H.R. 1769. A bill to provide adequate funding for the Financing Corporation, to provide for the merger of the deposit insurance funds, to merge the positions of Comptroller of the Currency and Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, to provide for the conversion of savings associations into banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mrs. MALONEY:

H.R. 1770. A bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to improve the acquisition workforce of civilian Federal agencies; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. WAXMAN:

H.R. 1771. A bill to amend the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for the labeling of food for pesticides and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mrs. MINK of Hawaii:

H.R. 1772. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. MOLINARI:

H.R. 1773. A bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to provide for more expeditous evictions from public housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. LOWEY, Mr. FROST, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. MANTON)

H.R. 1774. A bill to redesignate General Grant National Memorial as Grant's Tomb National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. MALONEY, and Ms. LOWEY):

H.R. 1775. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the restoration of the prior law formula for the inclusion in gross income of Social Security and tier 1 railroad retirement benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WOLF, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. DELLUMS, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. MFUME, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mr. TUCKER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. WYNN, Mr. FROST, Mr. FILNER, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. WARD, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. MARTINI, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. THOMPSON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. DIXON, Mr. STOKES, Mr. OWENS, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. REED, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mr. BENTSEN):

H.R. 1776. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of black revolutionary war patriots; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. OBERSTAR:

H.R. 1777. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that service performed by air traffic second-level supervisors and managers be made creditable for retirement purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ROSE, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. TORRICELLI, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 1778. A bill to prohibit the Department of the Interior from expending any funds for a mid-Atlantic coast offshore oil and gas lease sale; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

H.R. 1779. A bill relating to the tariff treatment of certain plastic flat goods; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. BARTON of Texas):

H.R. 1780. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a flat tax only on

the earned income of individuals and on business taxable income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STARK (for himself, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. TORRES, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. MINETA, Mr. MILLER of California, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. HORN, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. DELLUMS):

H.R. 1781. A bill to provide for the continuation of the operations of the California Urban Environmental Research and Education Center; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, and in addition to the Committee on Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TOWNS:

H.R. 1782. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for election day registration for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight.

By Mrs. VUCANOVICH:

H.R. 1783. A bill to require a change in a regulation under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mrs. VUCANOVICH (for herself and Mr. THOMAS):

H.R. 1784. A bill to validate certain conveyances made by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company within the cities of Reno, NV, and Tulare, CA, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. ZIMMER (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. CHRISTENSEN):

H.R. 1785. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote capital formation for the development of new businesses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HAMILTON:

H. Res. 162. Resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for the consideration in each Congress of a congressional reform resolution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. MILLER of California (for himself, Mrs. FOWLER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FOX, Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. MOLINARI, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Ms. DELAURO):

H. Res. 163. Resolution commending the Police Athletic League; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII,

107. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Maine, relative to memorializing the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp honoring Joshua Lawrence Camberlain; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 26: Mr. MARTINI.

H.R. 43: Mr. HILLIARD and Mr. TORRICELLI.

H.R. 60: Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. KIM, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. RIGGS, and Mr. KINGSTON.

H.R. 62: Mr. SHADEGG.

H.R. 65: Mr. HAYES.

H.R. 67: Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 94: Mr. HERGER, Mr. KLUG, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H.R. 103: Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. COBURN.

H.R. 104: Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. PAXON.

H.R. 109: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MILLER of California, and Mr. TOWNS.

H.R. 123: Mr. RIGGS and Mr. BAKER of Louisiana.

H.R. 218: Mr. HERGER, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, and Mr. BUNN of Oregon.

H.R. 239: Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 353: Mrs. MORELLA and Mr. MORAN.

H.R. 359: Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. BROWDER.

H.R. 396: Mr. SOLOMON and Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 399: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H.R. 468: Mr. FORBES and Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 488: Mr. TORKILDSEN.

H.R. 491: Mr. PARKER, Mr. COOLEY, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Ms. DANNER, Mr. GOSS, and Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 497: Mr. CANADY, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. SHAW.

H.R. 526: Mr. HEFNER and Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

H.R. 530: Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. PORTER, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HAYES, Mr. QUILLEN, and Mr. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 539: Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. LIVINGSTON, and Mr. EMERSON.

H.R. 559: Mr. DEFAZIO and Mr. ACKERMAN.

H.R. 625: Mr. CONDIT and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

H.R. 661: Mr. HAMILTON.

H.R. 708: Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. BENTSEN, and Mrs. WALDHOLTZ.

H.R. 733: Mr. TORKILDSEN.

H.R. 734: Mr. TORKILDSEN.

H.R. 739: Mr. SOUDER, Mr. LINDER, and Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 752: Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BENTSEN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. CANADY, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. MANTON, Ms. MCCARTHY, Mr. SALMON, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. FOX, and Mr. FIELDS of Texas.

H.R. 771: Mr. ENGEL, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. REED, and Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 777: Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. EHLERS, Ms. FURSE, Ms. LOWEY, Mr. MINETA, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. SOLOMON.

H.R. 778: Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. EHLERS, Ms. FURSE, Ms. LOWEY, Mr. MINETA, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, and Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 779: Mr. COOLEY, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. LOWEY, Mr. SOLOMON, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 780: Mr. COOLEY, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. LOWEY, Mr. SOLOMON, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 782: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 783: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. GANSKE, and Mr. NORWOOD.

H.R. 785: Mr. RIGGS.

H.R. 789: Mr. LONGLEY, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. DOOLEY.

H.R. 803: Mr. CHAPMAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PAYNE of Virginia, and Mr. TORKILDSEN.

H.R. 820: Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. SKAGGS, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Ms. MCCARTHY.

H.R. 858: Mr. VENTO, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. WILSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. CONDIT.

H.R. 860: Mr. PETRI.

H.R. 873: Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. HOKE, Mr. MARTINI, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. CANADY, Mr. BARR, Mr. SCHAEFER, Mr. WAMP, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. FRISA, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 881: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 882: Mr. PASTOR and Mr. SOLOMON.

H.R. 927: Mr. SALMON and Mr. SANFORD.

H.R. 957: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 972: Mr. HOEKSTRA.

H.R. 994: Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. FROST, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, and Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.R. 995: Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 996: Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 997: Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

H.R. 1003: Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. SPRATT, and Mr. REYNOLDS.

H.R. 1010: Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REYNOLDS, and Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida.

H.R. 1020: Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. POMEROY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GOSS, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. MARTINI, and Mr. COOLEY.

H.R. 1023: Mr. BONO, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. BEVILL.

H.R. 1039: Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 1046: Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. DELLUMS, and Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 1061: Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. FARR, Mr. SABO, and Mr. SMITH of Texas.

H.R. 1066: Mr. REYNOLDS.

H.R. 1073: Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. BORSKI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. STUPAK, and Mr. MARKEY.

H.R. 1074: Mr. MONTGOMERY, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. STUPAK.

H.R. 1078: Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. RIVERS, and Mr. DELLUMS.

H.R. 1090: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. FRAZER, and Mr. KILDEE.

H.R. 1111: Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 1114: Mr. HOBSON, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MARTINI, and Mr. GILLMOR.

H.R. 1161: Mr. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 1162: Mr. TANNER and Mr. MARTINI.

H.R. 1175: Mr. SAXTON, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. STUDDS, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MANTON, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. GILCHREST, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. REED, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. PICKETT, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. JONES, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. QUILLEN, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. METCALF, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FRAZER, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. KLUG, Mr. BILBRAY, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mrs. SEASTRAND.

H.R. 1203: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOBSON, and Mr. MARTINI.

H.R. 1220: Mr. GUTKNECHT and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 1221: Mr. EVANS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. FROST, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 1242: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. CREMEANS, and Mr. NUSSLE.

H.R. 1256: Mr. MARTINI.

H.R. 1274: Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.R. 1288: Mr. HAMILTON.

H.R. 1291: Mr. BAKER of Louisiana.

H.R. 1294: Mr. GANSKE.

H.R. 1298: Mr. DOOLEY, Mr. CONDIT, and Mr. POMBO.

H.R. 1299: Mr. MATSUI and Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 1362: Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. PETRI, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. NEY, Mr. MICA, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. STENHOLM, and Mr. ROBERTS.

H.R. 1406: Mr. BORSKI and Mr. COYNE.

H.R. 1444: Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. TORRES, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. BEILENSON.

H.R. 1460: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 1493: Mr. WOLF, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. BATEMAN, and Mr. PICKETT.

H.R. 1499: Mr. WAMP, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. MARTINI, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, and Mr. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 1504: Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, and Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 1514: Mr. SPRATT, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. LUCAS.

H.R. 1532: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. FOX.

H.R. 1537: Ms. KAPTUR.

H.R. 1542: Mr. FAWELL.

H.R. 1560: Mr. FATTAH, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. MONTGOMERY.

H.R. 1566: Mr. PALLONE and Mr. MARTINI.

H.R. 1591: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida and Mr. BONIOR.

H.R. 1594: Mr. DORNAN, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, and Mr. HOBSON.

H.R. 1604: Mr. SHAW, Mr. DAVIS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. GUNDERSON, and Mr. SOLOMON.

H.R. 1610: Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. SOLOMON, and Mrs. MORELLA.

H.R. 1618: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 1627: Mr. ARCHER, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. HERGER, Mr. KANJORSKI, and Mr. COSTELLO.

H.R. 1640: Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. FORBES, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee, and Mr. NORWOOD.

H.R. 1677: Mr. TEJEDA, Mr. BRYANT of Texas, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FROST, and Mr. EHRLICH.

H.R. 1684: Mr. BEILENSON, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. SHAW, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, and Mr. NORWOOD.

H.R. 1713: Mrs. WALDHOLTZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. DOOLEY, and Mr. BONO.

H.R. 1735: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Ms. VELAZQUEZ.

H.R. 1744: Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. COX, and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

H.J. Res. 79: Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. SANFORD, and Mr. KLUG.

H.J. Res. 91: Mr. PETRI and Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.

H. Con. Res. 50: Mr. SAXTON.

H. Con. Res. 62: Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FRAZER, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MORAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. RIVERS, and Mr. THOMPSON.

H. Res. 94: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. CHAPMAN.

H. Res. 153: Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. OWENS.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of May 2, 1995]

H. Res. 123: Mr. NETHERCUTT.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII:

23. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the New York City Council, NY, relative to the Federal Bankruptcy Code; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 1530

OFFERED BY: MRS. MINK

AMENDMENT NO. 1: At the end of title III (page 153, after line 25), insert the following new section:

SEC. 396. PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES IN PACIFIC RIM REGION.

(a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION.—Chapter 157 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"§ 2643. Provision of transportation for humanitarian purposes in Pacific Rim region

''(a) AUTHORITY.—(1) Notwithstanding section 1344 of title 31, the Secretary of Defense may provide persons described in subsection (b) and equipment described in subsection (c) with transportation on a space-available basis—

''(A) to an airport or port in a country or other entity in the Pacific Rim region from an airport or port in the United States; and

''(B) to an airport or port in the United States from an airport or port in a country or other entity in the Pacific Rim region.

''(2) Transportation provided under subsection (a) shall be provided without charge.

''(b) PERSONS COVERED.—Persons eligible for transportation under this section are—

''(1) minor children residing in the Pacific Rim region who have been admitted for necessary medical treatment at a medical facility in the Pacific Rim region, but who are unable to afford the costs of transportation to the facility; and

''(2) in the case of any child described in paragraph (1), one adult attendant.

''(c) EQUIPMENT COVERED.—Equipment eligible for transportation under this section is limited to equipment intended for health or humanitarian use by a nonprofit organization at the ultimate destination of the equipment.

''(d) CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may provide transportation under subsection (a) only if the Secretary determines that—

''(1) the provision of that transportation is not inconsistent with the foreign policy of the United States;

''(2) the transportation is for humanitarian purposes; and

''(3) adequate arrangements have been made with sending and receiving entities before the provision of such transportation at the location of departure and arrival.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

''2643. Provision of transportation for humanitarian purposes in Pacific Rim region.''.

United States of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 104th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Vol. 141 WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1995 No. 92

Senate

(Legislative day of Monday, June 5, 1995)

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, source of righteousness and one who is always on the side of what is right. We confess that there are times we assume we know what is right without seeking Your guidance.

Lord, give us the humility to be more concerned about being on Your side than recruiting You to be on our side. Clear our minds so we can think Your thoughts. Help us to wait on You, to listen patiently for Your voice, to seek Your will through concentrated study and reflection. May discussion move us to deeper truth, and debate be the blending of varied aspects of Your revelation communicated through others. Free us of the assumption that we have an exclusive on the dispatches of Heaven, and that those who disagree with us must also be against You.

Above all, we commit this day to seek what is best for our beloved Nation. Grant us the greatness of being on Your side and then the delight of being there together. In Your righteous name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. STEVENS. I thank the Presiding Officer and President pro tempore.

Mr. President, the leader's time has been reserved this morning, and there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 9:45 a.m.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 735, the antiterrorism bill, with Senator BIDEN to offer a habeas corpus amendment No. 1217. That amendment is limited to 30 minutes of debate. Therefore, Senators should be on notice that a rollcall vote is expected at approximately 10:15 this morning.

Following disposition of the Biden amendment, only six amendments remain in order to the antiterrorism bill. It is, therefore, the expressed hope of the majority leader to complete action on the bill early this afternoon and then begin consideration of S. 652, the telecommunications bill.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, not to extend beyond the hour of 9:45 a.m.

Mr. STEVENS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. STEVENS pertaining to the introduction of S. 888 are located in today's RECORD under ''Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.'')

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I do notify the Senate, as I said before, that there is a period for morning business at this time in which Senators may speak or introduce bills.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the educators and parent leaders whose teams won the Utah State Odyssey of the Mind competition. The Odyssey of the Mind Association gives teams of students at each educational level an opportunity to develop creative problem-solving skills. These student teams compete in local areas, nationally and internationally. There is also an annual world championship competition. I am proud of these young people who are successful problem solvers, team workers, and creative thinkers.

I congratulate Mary Ellen Rasmussen, Robin Money, Rhonda Nilson, Karen Sanderson, Charlotte Summers, Diana and Roger DeFriez, Terry and Debbie Preece, Karen Bodily, Lynn Ottesen, Spencer Jones, and their students for their success in the Utah Odyssey of the Mind competition. I am proud of their efforts to represent their State and country in the 1995 world championship at the University of Tennessee—Knoxville. The dedication given to such programs by these parents and teachers is representative of their love for our children and their investment in the future of our country.

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? THE VOTERS HAVE SAID YES

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, there is no requirement that one has to be a rocket scientist to know that the U.S. Constitution forbids any President's spending even a dime of Federal tax money that has not first been authorized and appropriated by Congress—both the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

● This ''bullet'' symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Printed on recycled paper containing 100% post consumer waste

So when you hear a politician or an editor or a commentator declare that ''Reagan ran up the Federal debt'' or that ''Bush ran it up,'' bear in mind that the Founding Fathers, two centuries before the Reagan and Bush presidencies, made it very clear that it is the constitutional duty of Congress—a duty Congress cannot escape—to control Federal spending—which they have not for the past 50 years.

The fiscal irresponsibility of Congress has created a Federal debt which stood at $4,904,368,578,709.58 as of the close of business Tuesday, June 6. This outrageous debt, which will be passed on to our children and grandchildren, averages out to $18,617.07 on a per capita basis.

PROCLAMATION FOR VIRGIL ''SKIP'' BOWER OF KANSAS CITY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, as the new Republican Congress attempts to put government back into the hands of the people and bring back a sense of independence rather than dependence for so many citizens, it is important to recognize those individuals who have done their part at the community level, the very core of our society, to promote responsibility in others. I am proud to recognize a Missourian from Kansas City, Mr. Virgil Bower, known to most as ''Skip,'' who has devoted his life to influencing others and serving as a community activist, volunteer, and role model in Missouri for over 60 years.

Mr. Bower began his volunteer service in 1934 as Scoutmaster to Boy Scout Troop 122, and continues to serve to this day. He has been in the banking business in North Kansas City since 1948, serving as a public relations representative. Throughout his career he has remained active in civic organizations. He has been publicly recognized as an outstanding citizen and community leader, having even been called a legend in the North Kansas City area.

Mr. Bower is a man of dignity and humility who has worked hard. Shortly after he graduated from high school, Mr. Bower got a job washing dishes in a cafeteria in downtown Kansas City. He saved enough money to attend college and graduated from William Jewell in 1933. He began his career as a school teacher and found gratification in influencing and motivating young people to strive for excellence. He later became the principal of McElroy Dagg Elementary School, only to have his tenure cut short by the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Like so many young men, Mr. Bower answered the call of his country and served in World War II as an officer in the Navy.

Skip Bower has influenced many young people throughout the years, and many have followed in his footsteps, becoming community volunteers and serving in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Recently, I received a letter from a man from Kansas City whose father died when he was very young. He was fortunate enough to join Boy Scout Troop 122 under Mr. Bower, who proved to be a source of guidance and influence. The young man grew up to be a successful citizen who attributes his sense of civic duty and leadership to Skip Bower. But that is just one example of how Skip Bower influenced a life and saw a young person grow into a responsible, productive citizen. There have been many more.

For over 60 years Mr. Bower has quietly continued to touch the lives of students, Scouts, and North Kansas City citizens who know him from his banking job, the Kiwanis Club, or various other community activities. His accomplishments have not gone unrecognized. He was recently selected by Newschannel 4 as one of Kansas City's Symbols of Caregiving, an award reserved for 11 outstanding citizens who provide an example of hope and service for everyone. The Kansas City Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Virgil Bower Award for Community Service, named in his honor.

Now in retirement at the age of 87, Mr. Bower continues to work half days greeting customers at Boatman's Bank in Kansas City. He takes pride in his work, and knows most of the customers who come through the door, as well as most people in North Kansas City. His wife of 50 years died over 10 years ago, but her portrait sits in his living room as a reminder of the life they shared. The words ''loyal, committed, and dedicated'' are commonly used to describe Skip Bower. He deserves our praise and recognition for the outstanding contributions he has made to Kansas City and America. Mr. Bower will leave a legacy of morality, responsibility, service, and leadership.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY JORY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, in the mid-1960's, when I first decided to seek political office, I ran for a seat on the hospital board of trustees for Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital. This was not considered a political plum, nor did the race engender much public attention. For me, however, it was incredibly significant, as most firsts are.

I mention this because during that campaign, I met a man who, without motive or want, came to me offering support and assistance in my campaign. He owned a pawn shop in downtown Las Vegas, heard I needed help, and offered it. Since then, I have been the lucky beneficiary of Jerry Jory's support as a friend, as an advisor, and as an ally. And he has never asked for anything in return—because that's the kind of guy he is.

On Friday, June 16, Jerry will be honored by the many friends he has made at a special tribute sponsored by the Las Vegas Police Protective Association. I can say, without hesitation, that there is no one more deserving of this attention than my friend, Jerry Jory.

Jerry is perhaps most well known for his service to his country as a member of the U.S. Navy and as a captain in the Naval Reserve. During the Korean war, he served on the U.S.S. *Bremerton* as a cryptographer breaking Korean and Russian codes. As an active reservist in the Vietnam war, Jerry served in the Pentagon in the sensitive and highly classified position in charge of the staffing of troops and officers. Since then, Jerry has continued to serve our country in the reserves, and he is held in high esteem by his peers and his subordinates because of his thoughtful and even-tempered approach to whatever task is assigned.

Since my election to the Congress in 1982 and the Senate in 1986, Jerry has been my military adviser, and I have relied on his opinion and counsel. He has also served as the chairman of my Academy selection committee. As a result of his efforts, that committee has developed the strongest selection outreach program in the country and Nevada has sent stellar candidates to our military academies.

Jerry is the finest example of a patriot that I know—a man who serves with an unassuming yet passionate and dignified love for his country.

Jerry Jory earned a degree in education and was prepared to enter the teaching profession. However, after returning from Korea, he received an offer to become partners in a pawn shop in Las Vegas. For 40 years, Jerry has operated the Hock Shop, and for those 40 years, he has been a compassionate, determined, and persistent leader in our business community. He has earned a reputation for his sincere concern for his fellow human beings, and there is no one who, needing his help, is ever refused.

In addition to all of his work for his community and his country, Jerry has also been a devoted family man. Together with his wife June, they have raised ten wonderful children—Teri, Toni, Jerry, Jason, Shannon, April, Kit, Sean, Kelly, and Gary. I personally don't know how Jerry has found the time for all that he does; but he must be doing something right—everyone who knows him can tell by the smile on his face.

Jerry has faced many battles in his life, but today he may be facing his toughest. He has recently been diagnosed with cancer, and he will confront this illness with the same determination that he has shown his entire life. And I know there will be hundreds of friends standing beside him to help.

I am proud to be Jerry's friend, and I wish him the very best as he is honored by the community that is his home.

BILLIONAIRES' TAX LOOPHOLE

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the Joint Committee on Taxation has now completed its long awaited study on the billionaires' tax loophole, and their

report is a blatant attempt to save the loophole, rather than close it.

On April 6, the Senate voted 96 to 4 to close this unjustified tax loophole for billionaires who renounce their American citizenship in order to avoid taxes on the wealth they have accumulated as Americans.

As we all know, the Senate Finance Committee had tried to close the loophole as part of its action to restore the health care deduction for small businesses.

The Finance Committee bill closed the billionaires' loophole, despite the fact that the revenue gained was not needed to pay for the health care deduction in the bill. In fact, the Finance Committee recommended that the revenues be used for deficit reduction.

This is exactly the type of action necessary if we are serious about achieving a balanced budget.

According to the revenue estimates at the time, closing the loophole would raise $3.6 billion over the next 10 years. Clearly, substantial revenues are at stake.

Too often, we close tax loopholes only when we need to raise revenues to offset tax cuts. In this case, the Finance Committee closed this flagrant loophole as soon as it was brought to the Committee's attention and rightly so, because this loophole should be closed as soon as possible.

The Senate bill did so, and all of us thought the issue was settled.

Yet, when the legislation came back to us from the Senate-House conference, the loophole had reappeared, and this important tax reform had disappeared. This outrageous tax break for a few dozen or so of the wealthiest individuals in the country would remain open.

The provision was dropped in conference because it was felt that technical issues needed to be addressed before Congress took action on the issue.

But in the April 6 vote, the Senate went solidly on record to close the loophole as quickly as possible, and to make the effective date of such legislation February 6, 1995.

This all happened, of course, at the same time our Republican colleagues in Congress have been proposing deep cuts in Medicare and education in order to pay for their new tax breaks for the rich.

Now, the report of the Joint Tax Committee suggests that the real purpose of the delay was to try to find a way to save as much of the loophole as possible.

I have several major concerns about the report

First, the report now indicates that the revenue gain from closing the loophole may be only about half the amount estimated earlier—$1.9 billion, instead of $3.6 billion. The amount is still significant, but far less than was expected.

Second, the report suggests that it may be preferable simply to tinker with the existing law and improve IRS enforcement procedures, instead of enacting a new reform to close the loophole, as President Clinton has proposed.

But the IRS has attempted to enforce the current law, and it has been found to be fatally flawed. To tinker with the current law is a thin-veiled pretext to save the current loophole.

The IRS has been able to identify only a handful of cases in which any tax was collected under the defective current law. And the total tax collected is less than $500,000.

At the same time, we have tax lawyers quoted as saying: ''I talk to a new client interested in expatriating every week.''

Third, the report allows an unacceptable window of opportunity to avoid the tax. Under this proposal, wealthy tax-evaders can still qualify for the loophole by simply having begun, not completed, the process of renouncing their citizenship by the February 6 date.

When we debated this issue 2 months ago, there were suggestions that the effective date should be postponed to accommodate certain individuals in their tax avoidance schemes.

In my view, we should close the loophole tight, not gerrymander the effective date to let some well-connected billionaires squeeze through.

At a time when Republicans in Congress are cutting Medicare, education, and other essential programs in order to pay for tax cuts for the rich, they are also maneuvering to salvage this unjustified loophole for the super wealthy.

I say, this loophole should be closed now, and it should be closed tight—no ifs, and, or buts. I intend to do all I can to see that it is.

COMPREHENSIVE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 9:45 having arrived and passed, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 735, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 735) to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Hatch-Dole amendment No. 1199, in the nature of a substitute.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, the time has arrived for consideration of the pending bill on terrorism. The issues which are going to be taken up this morning involve habeas corpus reform. In the absence of any other Senator on the floor who desires to speak or offer an amendment, I will address the subject in a general way.

Mr. President, the Specter-Hatch habeas corpus reform bill, S. 623, is a very important piece of legislation. The provisions of that bill will be taken up now as part of the pending antiterrorism bill. This bill is an appropriate place to take up habeas corpus reform, because the acts of terrorism in the atrocious bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City would carry with it the death penalty, and habeas corpus reform is very important in order to make the death penalty an effective deterrent.

In order to have an effective deterrent, the penalty has to be certain and the penalty has to be swift. We have seen in the course of the appeals taken on cases from death row that they last sometimes as long as 20 years. Habeas corpus proceedings arising from Federal convictions are handled slightly differently than those arising out of State convictions, because in State proceedings, after the highest State court affirms the death penalty on direct review, there may then be additional State-court review called collateral review on State habeas corpus before review on Federal habeas corpus. Despite this slight difference, this is the time to move ahead with legislation to reform habeas corpus in all cases.

This is a subject that I have been working on for many years, since my days as an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia and later as district attorney of Philadelphia. Since coming to the Senate in 1981, I have introduced many bills directed at improving the administration of criminal justice, like the armed career criminal bill, which was enacted in 1984, and other legislation which has dealt with expanding the prison system, improving the chances of realistic rehabilitation, and strengthening deterrent value of the criminal law. The subject of habeas corpus reform falls into the latter category.

I have addressed habeas corpus reform on many occasions over the years and succeeded in 1990 in having the Senate pass an amendment to the 1990 crime bill on habeas corpus reform to try to reduce the long appellate time. Notwithstanding its passage by the Senate in 1990, the provision was not passed by the House of Representatives and was dropped from the conference report. I continued to introduce legislation on habeas corpus reform in 1991, 1993, and again in 1995. This year, after very extended negotiations with the distinguished Senator from Utah, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, we came to an agreement on legislation which captioned the Specter-Hatch habeas corpus reform bill, S. 623, the provisions of which are now pending as part of this antiterrorism bill.

Preliminarily, Mr. President, I think it important to note the controversy over whether the death penalty is, in fact, a deterrent against violent crime.

It is my view that it is a deterrent, and I base that judgment on my own experience in prosecuting criminal cases, prosecuting personally murder cases, and running the district attorney's office in Philadelphia which had some 500 homicides a year at the time.

Based on this experience, I am personally convinced that many professional robbers and burglars are deterred from taking weapons in the course of their robberies and burglaries because of the fear that a killing will result, and that would be murder in the first degree.

One of the cases which I handled many years ago as an assistant district attorney on appeal has convinced me that it is, in fact, a deterrent, and it is an illustrative case where there are many, many others which have been cited in treatises and the appellate reports.

The case I refer to involved three young hoodlums named Williams, age 19, Cater, 18, and Rivers, age 17. The three of them decided to rob a grocery store in north Philadelphia. They talked it over, and the oldest of the group, Williams, had a revolver which he brandished in front of his two younger coconspirators.

When Cater, age 18, and Rivers, age 17, saw the gun they said to Williams that they would not go along on the robbery if he took the gun because of their fear that a death might result and they might face capital punishment—the electric chair.

Williams put the gun in the drawer, slammed it shut, and they all left the room to go to the grocery store in north Philadelphia for the robbery, to get some money.

Unbeknown to Cater or Rivers, Williams had reached back into the drawer, pulled out the gun, took it with him, and in the course of the robbery in the north Philadelphia grocery store, the proprietor, Jacob Viner, resisted. Williams pulled out his gun and shot and killed Mr. Viner, and all three were caught and charged with murder in the first degree. All were tried. All were given the death penalty.

We know the facts of the case from the confessions and from the clearly established evidence as to what happened, as I have just recited it.

Ultimately, Williams was executed in 1962, the second to the last individual to be executed in Pennsylvania until within the past few months there was an execution after a 33-year lapse in carrying out the death penalty in the State of Pennsylvania.

When the matter came up on hearings before the pardon board, and I was district attorney, I agreed that the death penalty ought not to be carried out as to both Cater and Rivers because of the difference in their approach to the offense, that although technically they were guilty of the acts of their coconspirator, there was a significant qualitative difference, because they had refused to go along when the gun was to be taken and it was counter to the agreement and conspiratorial plan and scheme which the three carried out.

It was not an easy distinction to make because many would say that Cater and Rivers were equally responsible with Williams and that they had participated in the murder plot and should be held to the death penalty as well. But their sentences were commuted.

I think that case is a good illustration of the deterrent effect of capital punishment. Here you had two young men, 18 and 17, with very marginal IQ's, but they knew enough not to go along on a robbery if a gun was present because they might face the death penalty if a killing occurred.

Mr. President, in the current context in which habeas corpus appeals now run for as long as a couple of decades, the deterrent effect of capital punishment has been virtually eliminated.

There are many, many cases which illustrate this point. Many cases of brutal murders in which the case has dragged on and on for as long as 17 years or more.

One of them is the case of a man named Willie Turner. On the morning of July 12, 1978, he walked into the Smith Jewelers in Franklin, VA, carrying a sawed-off shotgun, wrapped in a towel. Without saying a word, Turner showed his shotgun to the proprietor, a man named Mr. Jack Smith.

Mr. Smith triggered the silent alarm, and a police officer, Alan Bain, arrived at the scene. During the course of the events, the defendant, Turner, pointed his shotgun at officer Bain's head and ordered him to remove his revolver from his holster and to put it on the floor. Turner then eventually shot the proprietor, Jack Smith, in the head. The shot was not fatal.

Then officer Bain began talking to Turner and he offered to take Turner out of the store if he would agree not to shoot anyone else. The defendant Turner then said, ''I'm going to kill this squealer,'' referring to the proprietor, Smith, who lay severely wounded. Turner reached over the counter with his revolver and fired two close-range shots into the left side of Mr. Smith's chest.

The shots caused Smith's body to jump. Medical testimony established that either of these two shots to the chest would have been fatal. Turner was tried for murder in the first degree, was convicted, and was sentenced to death. The appeals lasted 17 years, with the victim's family attending some 19 separate court proceedings.

It is not an easy matter, Mr. President, when we talk about capital punishment. It is my judgment, however, that society needs this ultimate weapon in order to try to deal with violent crime in America. That has been the judgment of some 38 States in the United States. That is a judgment of the Congress of the United States in enacting legislation on the death penalty on the crime bill which was passed last year—a very controversial bill with many aspects going in a number of directions, some with gun control, others with providing more police, others with building more prisons.

I supported that bill, in large part because of the death penalty and the strong stands taken in that bill against violent crime.

Mr. President, there are many, many cases which illustrate the enormous delays in the criminal justice system and one which I have cited on the floor before. The CONGRESSIONAL RECORD is replete with citations of cases which show the deterrent effect of the death penalty and show the enormous delays under habeas corpus, but the Robert Alton Harris case is one which shows it vividly.

Defendant Harris was arraigned for a double murder back in July of 1978. His case wound through the courts running for some 14 years until 1992. In the course of this case, Mr. Harris filed 10 State habeas corpus petitions under the laws of California, 6 Federal habeas corpus petitions, 4 Federal stays of executions, there were 5 petitions for certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the case went on virtually interminably. Finally, in a very unusual order, the Supreme Court of the United States directed the lower Federal courts not to issue any more stays of execution for Harris.

There is another aspect to these very long delays, Mr. President. It involves the question as to whether the protracted, lengthy period of time defendants wait to have their death sentences carried out is itself, in fact, cruel and unusual punishment.

In a case before the Supreme Court of the United States as reported in the Washington Post on March 28 of this year, Justice Stevens, joined by Justice Breyer, called upon the lower courts to begin to examine whether executing a prisoner who has spent many years on death row violates the Constitution's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment.

There was a case in 1989 where the British Government declined to extradite a defendant, Jens Soering, to Virginia on murder charges until the prosecutor agreed not to seek the death penalty because the European Court of Human Rights had ruled that confinement in a Virginia prison for 6 to 8 years awaiting execution violated the European Convention on Human Rights.

So we have a situation where these long delays involve continuing travail and pain to the family of the victims awaiting closure and awaiting disposition of the case. We also have an adjudication under the European Convention on Human Rights that concluded that the practice in the State of Virginia where cases were delayed for 6 to 8 years constitutes cruel and unusual punishment—all of these factors come together. Delays now average over 9 years across the United States. It seems to me the Congress of the United States, which has the authority to establish timetables and procedures for the Federal courts, ought to act to make the death penalty an effective deterrent. This legislation will move precisely in that direction.

Under the Specter-Hatch bill there will be a time limit of 6 months for the defendant to file his petition for a writ

of habeas corpus in the Federal courts in a capital case. At the present time, without any statute of limitations, some of those on death row wait until the death penalty is imminent before filing the petition. This will put into effect a 6-month time limit in capital cases, where the State has provided adequate counsel in its post-conviction proceedings. So there is motivation under the pending legislation for adequate counsel to be appointed by the States. Not only will the appointment of counsel expedite the process, but it will ensure that the defendant will be accorded his or her rights.

After that period of time, a U.S. district court will have a period of 180 days to decide a habeas corpus petition in a capital case. That really is a sufficient period of time. That I can personally attest to from my own experience as an assistant district attorney and district attorney handling habeas corpus cases in both the State and Federal courts. If that time is insufficient, a judge can extend the time by writing an opinion stating his or her reasons. Right now, there are cases that have been pending before some Federal district judges for years. We must act to impose some limit on the length of time such cases are allowed to linger.

This deadline is not unduly burdensome to a Federal judge, to take up a case and decide it in 6 months. Even in the States which have the highest incidence of capital punishment, with the most defendants on death row—Florida, California, Texas—each Federal judge would not have a case sooner than once every 18 months or so. On appeal, the Federal court of appeals would have the obligation to decide the case within 120 days of briefing.

If a defendant sought to file any subsequent petition for habeas corpus, he would not be allowed to do so unless there was newly discovered evidence going to his guilt which could not have been available at an earlier time. This is a reasonably strict standard against filing repetitious petitions. And a second petition would be allowed only if the court of appeals agrees to permit the filing of the petition in the district court. Because the courts of appeals act in panels of three judges, two judges will have to agree that a subsequent petition satisfies the rigorous standards of this bill before it is filed in the district court.

So I think we have set forth here a timetable which is realistic and reasonable, and a structure which will make the death penalty a meaningful deterrent, cutting back the time from some 20 years, in extreme cases, to a reasonable timeframe which can be done with fairness to all parties in the course of some 2 years.

This legislation is not crafted in a way which is totally acceptable to me but it has been hammered out over the course of a great many negotiations and discussions with the distinguished Senator from Utah, the chairman. While he is on the floor I would like to praise him for his work in this field and for his work on the committee generally. This has been a very, very difficult matter to come to closure on. I think in the posture of the terrorism problem, that we are on the verge, now, of really moving forward and enacting this very important legislation.

I think it will pass the Senate. I believe it will pass the House. I think once presented to the President, it will be enacted into law and will very significantly improve the administration of criminal justice in the United States.

Mr. HATCH. Will my colleague yield?

Mr. SPECTER. I do.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I thank my colleague for his kindness. I have to say we would not be as far along here on habeas corpus and having it in this bill if it was not for his leadership in this area. He is one of the few people in the whole Congress who really understands this issue very fully and thoroughly, and I have to give him an awful lot of credit on it.

We have worked together with the States attorneys general to have the language we have in this bill. I hope everybody on this floor will vote down these amendments that are being brought up here today because I think it is the only way we can make the change and get rid of these frivolous appeals, save taxpayers billions of dollars, and get the system so it works in a just and fair way, the way it should.

The amendment we have will protect civil liberties and constitutional rights while at the same time protecting the citizens and the victims and their families from the incessant appeals that really have been the norm in our society.

So I thank my colleague for his leadership on this and I just personally respect him and appreciate him and consider him a great friend.

We are prepared to go. We are supposed to have a vote at 10:15. I hope we can move ahead on the bill.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CAMPBELL). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I apologize to my colleague for being late.

AMENDMENT NO. 1217

(Purpose: To amend the bill with respect to deleting habeas corpus for State prisoners)

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I call up an amendment at the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] proposes an amendment numbered 1217.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Delete title 6, subtitle A, and insert the following:

SUBTITLE A—COLLATERAL REVIEW IN FEDERAL CRIMINAL CASES

SEC. 601. FILING DEADLINES.

Section 2255 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the second and fifth paragraphs; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

''A one-year period of limitation shall apply to a motion under this section. The limitation period shall run from the latest of—

''(1) the date on which the judgment of conviction becomes final;

''(2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movement was prevented from making a motion by such governmental action;

''(3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and is made retroactively applicable; or

''(4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

''In a proceeding under this section before a district court, the final order shall be subject to review, on appeal, by the court of appeals for the circuit in which the proceeding is held only if a circuit justice or judges issues a certificate of appealability. A certificate of appealability may issue only if the movement has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. A certificate of appealability shall indicate which specific issue or issues shows such a denial of a constitutional right.

''A claim presented in a second or successive motion under this section that was presented in a prior motion shall be dismissed.

''A claim presented in a second or successive motion under this section that was not presented in a prior motion shall be dismissed unless—

''(A) the movant shows the claim relies on a new rule of constitutional law, made retroactive by the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable; or

''(B)(i) the factual predicate for the claim could not have been discovered previously through the exercise of due diligence; and

''(ii) the facts underlying the claim, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that, but for constitutional error, no reasonable factfinder would have found the movant guilty of the underlying offense.

''Before a second or successive motion under this section is filed in the district court, the movant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application. A motion in the court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider a second or successive motion shall be determined by a three-judge panel of the court of appeals. The court of appeals may authorize the filing of a second or successive motion only if it determines that the motion makes a prima facie showing that the motion satisfies the requirements in this section. The court of appeals shall grant or deny the authorization to file a second or successive motion not later than 30 days after the filing of the motion.

''The grant or denial of an authorization by a court of appeals to file a second or successive motion shall not be appealable and shall not be the subject of a petition for rehearing or a writ of certiorari.

''A district court shall dismiss any claim presented in a second or successive motion that the court of appeals has authorized to be filed unless the applicant shows that the claim satisfies the requirements of this section.''.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, this is the first of a series of several amendments relating to habeas corpus. Habeas corpus is probably the most time honored phrase in our English jurisprudential criminal justice system, referred to as the Great Writ. But it is not very well understood by a vast majority of people including many lawyers.

I say at the outset here that one of the things we are going to hear today—we are going to hear a great deal about how the system is abused. We are going to be told that time and again. We will see charts. We have been seeing these charts for years that show that a man or woman, in almost every case it has been a man, who has been sentenced to death, because of a series of frivolous appeals and successive habeas corpus petitions has remained in a prison cell and alive for—some of the examples of 10, 12, 14, 18 years after having committed the crime and having been convicted by a jury of their peers and having exhausted their appeals—after having committed a heinous crime. And we are left with the impression that the choice here is a stark choice between a continuation of a system where everybody convicted of a heinous crime and sentenced to death languishes in a prison for a decade or more, costing the system money and avoiding their ultimate fate that the choice is between that system and a system that essentially eliminates the right of a Federal court to review the actions taken by a State court to determine whether or not someone had been granted a fair trial. That is what habeas corpus is all about. Habeas corpus is all about saying when so and so is convicted, they were deprived of certain rights and opportunities and that they were not given a fair shake in the system.

Habeas corpus came about and really came in the forefront of the American political and legal system around 1917 when the State of Georgia put to death someone who by everyone's account should not have been put to death, and there was no ability of the Federal court to review the actions taken by the Georgia State court. The reason I give this background—and in light of the fact that I got here a few minutes late and there are Senators who have commitments early in the morning on this, I am going to shorten this particular amendment. But what we are told is that—and you will hear time and again this morning—the system is terrible, everyone abuses the system, and essentially State courts do a good job. Why have the Federal courts in this thing at all? I realize I am putting colloquial terms to this, but that is the essence of it.

The amendments that I am going to offer today and others will offer today are not designed to maintain the system as it is. We will show in future amendments that, if we amend the habeas corpus law the way we would like to as opposed to the way it is in the Republican bill, you still would have a situation where someone would have to have their fate executed and carried out after a trial by their peers and a finding of guilt within a very short amount of time. You would not have these 12-, 14-, 16-, or 18-year delays in implementing a court's decision.

As my former associate—I was his associate—a very fine trial lawyer in Wilmington, DE, always would say to the jury, ''I hope we keep our eye on the ball here.'' I want us to try to focus, if we can, this morning. My colleagues on the Republican side of the aisle have repeatedly said in this bill that we must do something to ensure swift punishment of those who committed the Oklahoma City bombing. That is supposedly why, you might wonder, in a terrorism bill there is habeas corpus.

Well, the constant argument put forward is, look, we have to do this because once we find the person who did this awful thing in Oklahoma and they are convicted and sentenced to death, the death penalty must be carried out swiftly. I might add, a bill that the Presiding Officer and I voted for, the Biden crime bill, is the only reason there is a death penalty. Had we not voted for that bill, had that not passed last year, this finding of a person who committed the bombing, that person under Federal law would not be eligible to be put to death. There is no question that because of the action you and I and others took last year there is a death penalty now.

So unlike the World Trade Tower, no death penalty would be there under Federal law had we not passed the Biden crime bill then. Now there is. But they say now, once we find this person, we are going to go put them to death, what we have to do—this will be a Federal prison because under Federal law they will be prosecuted, not under the Oklahoma law but Federal law. They are eligible for the death penalty, and they will be convicted—I assume, and it is our fervent hope they will be convicted—and now they get sentenced to death. And the President and the Attorney General say they want the death penalty for whomever is convicted. My friends say, well, what we have to do now is have habeas corpus changed so no one will languish in prison. I do not think there is anybody in the Federal system right now—and I am looking to my staff for confirmation—who sits on death row filing habeas corpus petitions. There is one habeas corpus petition that has been filed in the Federal system.

So what I want to say to my friends—and I will put the rest of this in the RECORD—is this has nothing to do with terrorism. Not one of the horror stories Senator HATCH has given or has given us on the Senate floor relates to a terrorist who was prosecuted in the Federal court. They all relate to someone who is prosecuted in State court and has spent too long sitting on death row. There are useful and practical steps we can take to prevent future terrorist activities. We can reform habeas corpus petitions for State court prisoners. But in reforming habeas corpus petitions for State court prisoners, not one of them will affect terrorism because—I want to make it real clear—if we have a terrorist convicted under Federal law in a Federal court, then Federal habeas applies.

So my amendment is very simple. It says if you want to deal with terrorism, that is the purpose of putting habeas corpus in this bill and then limit it to Federal cases; limit it to Federal prisoners. That is the stated purpose. Do not go back and change the whole State court system. Do not go back and change the whole State habeas system on this bill. Debate it on a bill which should be the crime bill that is coming up in the next couple of weeks we are told.

There was a lot of discussion yesterday about nongermane amendments. This amendment strikes the 95 percent of the habeas bill that is not germane and keeps the 5 percent that is germane. Ninety-five percent of what my friends have in this bill relates to State prisoners, State courts, and has nothing to do with terrorism, nothing to do with Oklahoma City, but 5 percent arguably does.

My amendment says let us pass the 5 percent that has to do with Federal prisoners held in Federal prisons convicted in Federal courts and change the habeas the way they want for those prisoners. That will deal with Oklahoma City the way they say they want it and it will not mess up the 95 percent of the cases that deal with the State prisoners in State prisons in State courts and deny essentially Federal review of those State decisions.

So I will reserve the remainder of my time by saying that it is simple. My amendment simply says, all right, if this is about Oklahoma City, let us have it about Oklahoma City. The provisions in the bill relate to Federal prisoners and Federal habeas corpus.

Parliamentary inquiry: How much time remains?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware has 5 minutes 2 seconds.

Mr. BIDEN. I will reserve the remainder of my time.

I yield the floor.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to the amendment offered to limit habeas reform exclusively to Federal cases.

Some have argued that habeas reform as applied to the States is not germane to this debate. Those individuals, including my distinguished colleague from Delaware, contend that a

reform of the Federal overview of State convictions is meaningless in the context of the debate we are having. They are perhaps willing to admit that some revision of the collateral review of cases tried in Federal court may be in order, but they contend that reform of Federal collateral review of cases tried in State court is unnecessary.

This position is simply incorrect. I would like to read from a letter written by Robert H. Macy, district attorney of Oklahoma City, and a Democrat:

> [I]mmediately following the trial or trials in federal court, I shall, working in cooperation with the United States Department of Justice and the Federal law enforcement agencies investigating the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building, prosecute in Oklahoma State court the cowards responsible for murdering innocent people in the area surrounding the federal building. And I shall seek the death penalty. We must never forget that this bombing took several lives and injured dozens of persons in the neighborhood and businesses near the building. The State of Oklahoma has an overwhelming, compelling interest to seek, and obtain the maximum penalty allowable by law for the senseless and cowardly killings.

In our reaction to the destruction of the Federal building in Oklahoma City, we may overlook the fact that the bombing also caused the death of people who were not inside the building itself, or even on Federal property. The State of Oklahoma, not the Federal Government, will thus prosecute those responsible for the bombing that killed people outside of the Federal building. In those instances, Federal jurisdiction may not obtain and it will thus be necessary to prosecute the killers in State, as well as Federal, court.

A failure to enact a complete, meaningful, reform of habeas corpus proceedings may enable the individuals in this case, provided they are apprehended and duly convicted, to frustrate the demands of justice. The blood of the innocent men and women are on the hands of the evil cowards who committed this terrible tragedy. Justice must be, as President Clinton declared, ''swift, certain, and severe.''

Moreover, failure to enact meaningful, comprehensive, habeas reform will permit other killers who have terrorized their communities to continue to frustrate the judicial system. If we adopt the proposed amendment, we will create a schism between State and Federal capital law. In other words, murders tried in Federal court will face imposition of their final penalty more swiftly than persons tried for capital crimes in State cases. Why should we adopt such a piecemeal approach to reform, one that will leave such a gap between State and Federal cases? It simply makes no sense to reform habeas proceedings for cases tried in Federal court but leave the current disastrous system in place for cases tried in State court.

As of January 1, 1995, there were some 2,976 inmates on death row. Yet, only 38 prisoners were executed last year, and the States have executed only 263 criminals since 1973. Abuse of the habeas process features strongly in the extraordinary delay between sentence and the carrying out of that sentence.

In my home State of Utah, for example, convicted murderer William Andrews delayed the imposition of a constitutionally imposed death sentence for over 18 years. The State had to put up millions of dollars in precious criminal justice resources to litigate his meritless claims. His guilt was never in question. He was not an innocent person seeking freedom from an illegal punishment. Rather, he simply wanted to frustrate the imposition of punishment his heinous crimes warranted.

This abuse of habeas corpus litigation, particularly in those cases involving lawfully imposed death sentences, has taken a dreadful toll on victims' families, seriously eroded the public's confidence in our criminal justice system, and drained State criminal justice resources. This is simply not a just system.

Justice demands that lawfully imposed sentences be carried out. Justice demands that we now adopt meaningful habeas corpus reform. Justice demands that we not permit those who would perpetuate the current system to steer us from our course. We must do as the victims, families, and friends of those who have asked us to do: enact meaningful, comprehensive habeas reform now.

Mr. President, I know a number of our colleagues are ready to vote on this. Let me just make three or four points that I think are important with regard to the amendment of my friend and colleague.

I contend that the Biden amendment—and I think anybody who reads it would gut the habeas corpus title of this bill by applying habeas corpus reform solely to Federal capital convictions thus making reform inapplicable to the majority of capital cases including the Oklahoma State prosecution for murders of some of the people killed in Oklahoma. I am referring to those victims who were not Federal employees but were killed by the blast while outside of the building. If this amendment passes, there would be no habeas reform that would apply to them.

So I would like to make three additional points about why we should not vote for the Biden amendment before I move to table the amendment.

First, I have made this point that where people who were not Federal employees were outside the building, the terrorist will be prosecuted in State court for those people.

I ask unanimous consent that a letter from Robert H. Macy, a Democrat district attorney of Oklahoma City, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
Oklahoma City, OK, May 24, 1995.

Senator ORRIN G. HATCH,
Chairman, Judiciary, Dirksen Senate Office, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR HATCH: The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the inclusion of the provisions for reform of Federal Habeas Corpus authored by Senator Spector and you in the Anti-terrorism Bill, S735. Apparently some persons have raised questions about the appropriateness of this measure. Specifically, I have been told that there are some who do not see the importance of these reform measures in cases, such as the Oklahoma City bombing, which will initially be prosecuted by Federal Court.

There are two points I would like to make in response to those questions. First, immediately following the trial or trials in Federal Court, I shall, working in cooperation with the United States Department of Justice and the Federal law enforcement agencies investigating the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building, prosecute in Oklahoma State Court the cowards responsible for murdering innocent people in the area surrounding the federal building. And I shall seek the death penalty. We must never forget that this bombing took several lives and injured dozens of persons in the neighborhood and businesses near the building. The State of Oklahoma has an overwhelming, compelling interest to seek and obtain the maximum penalty allowable by law for the senseless and cowardly killings. Not only is it in the interest of the State, it is my sworn duty to seek those sanctions, and I intend to fully carry out my responsibilities.

The reform measures contained in the Spector, Hatch, Dole Habeas Corpus Reform measures contained in S735 will in my judgment significantly curb the abuse and delays inherent in current habeas practice. Every day of delay represents a victory for these cowardly cold blooded killers and another day of defeat and suffering for the victims and all other Americans who cry out for justice.

Secondly, your reform provisions will also create significant time savings during appeals from federal convictions as well. Examples of this include:

Time limitations on when habeas petitions may be filed; time deadlines on when federal courts must rule on habeas petitions; a requirement that federal courts prioritize consideration of capital appeals; reform of the abuses inherent in the probable cause process; limitations on second and successive petitions.

As Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National District Attorney's Association I am proud to inform you that America's prosecutors speak with one voice and that we are calling upon you and your colleagues to set your priorities and enact reforms which will provide to every convicted murderer the rights guaranteed by the constitution, but absolutely no further consideration or delay than is constitutionally required.

Respectfully,

ROBERT H. MACY,
District Attorney.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, in this letter, Mr. Macy makes it very clear that he intends to prosecute these terrorists under State law who caused the Oklahoma City bombing. If he does, the Biden amendment will not apply to them. So they can be on death row, even though we want swift, secure, and fast judgment, they would be on death row for anywhere up to 50 years, which is the case of one person in our society

today still sitting on death row almost 50 years later.

So, first, it does not take care of those Federal employees who were killed outside the building should the State of Oklahoma choose to prosecute those responsible—as Robert Macy has stated will occur.

Second, we do not want piecemeal reform. If a robber kills one of the Federal employees the night before the bombing in Oklahoma City or anywhere else, why should we treat that killer any differently from the Oklahoma terrorists simply because he would be tried in a State court rather than a Federal court? We need to have it apply across the board, and the vast majority of murders are committed in the States and prosecuted by the State courts, and they would not be affected by the Biden amendment.

Third, let us say that the Federal Government prosecutors, for some reason or other, blow the prosecution. Assume we are unable to get a conviction against these terrorists in the Federal courts. The double jeopardy clause still allows the State to prosecute those terrorists or those murderers in State court under State law. But if they do prosecute them and we do not reform Federal habeas corpus review of State cases, then we will have the same incessant, frivolous appeals ad hominem, day and night, from that point on because this amendment would not take care of that problem. If we are going to pass habeas reform, let us pass real habeas reform. Let us do it straight up. Let us protect the constitutional rights, which our amendment does do in the bill. Let us protect civil liberties, but let us get some finality into the law so that the frivolous appeal game will be over.

Basically, those are the three things: People killed who are not Federal employees outside the building, those prosecutions will be brought in State court. And the Biden amendment would not apply to the benefit of habeas reform to that case. We do not want piecemeal reform. If a robber kills a Federal employee the night before the bombing in Oklahoma City, just to give a hypothetical, and the State has to bring the murder action against that individual, then why should that person not be subject to the same rules as the murderers in the Oklahoma City bombing? And if the Federal prosecutor blows the prosecution, why should not the State prosecutor be able to bring action under the State laws and under those circumstances prosecute the killers and have the same rule apply under those circumstances as well?

Mr. BIDEN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. BIDEN. I will be very brief in reply.

With regard to the point that if someone is not a Federal employee outside the building is killed, fortunately, we passed the Biden crime bill last year, and under title 18, section 2332(A) ''Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction''—I would refer my colleague to that—anyone killed at all, whether sitting across the street drinking a cup of coffee, whether they are riding by in their automobile, whether they are a Federal employee or whether they are an alien, it does not matter; they are subject to the Federal death penalty. So the Senator is missing the point.

Second, we do want universal reform of habeas corpus. Let us do it on a bill that we are supposed to do it on. Let us do it on the crime bill.

And, No. 3, as to the idea that we are somehow going to have two different standards apply, the real issue is under what circumstances does a Federal court have a right to review a State court's judgment. It has nothing to do with terrorism under this provision. It has nothing to do with Oklahoma City. We should deal with it. We should discuss it. We should debate it, not on this bill.

I am prepared, whenever the Senator wants, to move to the tabling of my amendment.

Mr. HATCH. I am prepared to yield. Let me just make a point that a State prosecutor—a Democrat—is going to prosecute these terrorists, and this habeas reform, if the Biden amendment passes, will not apply to them. And that, in a nutshell, is the problem with this amendment. We ought to make our habeas reform apply to both Federal and State convictions.

Mr. President, I move to table the amendment and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Do Senators yield back their time?

Mr. HATCH. I yield back the time.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I would take issue with the last statement of my friend. I will not debate it now. We will have plenty of time to do that.

I yield back my time.

Mr. HATCH. I yield back my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to table the amendment. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. I announce that the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG], the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM], and the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON], are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON], would vote ''yea.''

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD], is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 67, nays 28, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 237 Leg.]

YEAS—67

Abraham	Faircloth	Mack
Ashcroft	Feinstein	McCain
Baucus	Ford	McConnell
Bennett	Frist	Murkowski
Bingaman	Gorton	Nickles
Bond	Graham	Nunn
Breaux	Grams	Pressler
Brown	Grassley	Pryor
Bryan	Hatch	Reid
Burns	Heflin	Robb
Byrd	Helms	Rockefeller
Campbell	Hollings	Roth
Chafee	Hutchison	Shelby
Coats	Inhofe	Smith
Cochran	Jeffords	Snowe
Cohen	Johnston	Specter
Coverdell	Kassebaum	Stevens
Craig	Kempthorne	Thomas
D'Amato	Kerrey	Thompson
DeWine	Kyl	Thurmond
Dole	Lieberman	Warner
Domenici	Lott	
Exon	Lugar	

NAYS—28

Akaka	Harkin	Moseley-Braun
Biden	Hatfield	Moynihan
Boxer	Inouye	Murray
Bradley	Kennedy	Packwood
Bumpers	Kerry	Pell
Daschle	Kohl	Sarbanes
Dodd	Lautenberg	Simon
Dorgan	Leahy	Wellstone
Feingold	Levin	
Glenn	Mikulski	

NOT VOTING—5

Conrad	Gregg	Simpson
Gramm	Santorum	

So the motion to table the amendment (No. 1217) was agreed to.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I understand one of our colleagues thought this was an up-or-down vote as opposed to a tabling motion and would like to ask unanimous consent to change the vote which will not affect the outcome.

CHANGE OF VOTE

Mrs. BOXER. On this last rollcall vote No. 237, I voted ''yea.'' It was my intention to vote ''nay.'' Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to change my vote. This will in no way change the outcome of the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The foregoing tally has been changed to reflect the above order.)

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I rise to speak generally on the subject of habeas corpus and in support of the amendments by Senators BIDEN and LEVIN that will be offered to the bill.

At the outset, I want to emphasize my support for passage of a strong antiterrorism bill that gives law enforcement agencies the tools they need to combat crimes of terror at home and abroad. I commend President Clinton and the Senators who brought in legislation expeditiously before the Senate. There is much in this legislation that deserves to be enacted into law as soon as possible.

It is unfortunate, therefore, that the proponents of the bill have injected into it an unrelated and highly controversial subject; namely, drastic changes to longstanding law relating to habeas corpus.

The manager of the bill says that habeas corpus is relevant because the suspects charged in the Oklahoma City

bombings are charged with a capital offense. But that fact presents absolutely no justification for changing the rules with regard to State prisoners.

The inclusion of sweeping habeas corpus reform in this bill is the worst kind of opportunism, and I regret that it has occurred in the wake of this national tragedy.

When, and if, capital punishment is imposed, it must be imposed in a constitutional manner. That is accomplished through the writ of habeas corpus—a process so central to our constitutional system of Government that it is often called the ''Great Writ.''

Clearly, some form of habeas corpus is needed to avoid excessive litigation, repetitive reviews, and the delays that sometimes characterize the present system. In a series of decisions over the past 10 years, the Supreme Court itself has imposed certain restrictions on the ability of death row inmates to obtain review through habeas corpus, and the issue has brought heated controversy to our congressional debates on crime bills in recent years.

In the past, Senator BIDEN, among others, has proposed legislation to limit the number and length of death row appeals, but at the same time to make sure that post-conviction review in the Federal courts is meaningful. But he adhered to the sensible conclusion of former Justice Lewis Powell, who in a landmark report commissioned by Chief Justice Rehnquist said the following:

> Capital cases should be subject to one fair and complete course of collateral review through the State and Federal system. Where the death penalty is involved, fairness means a searching and impartial review of the propriety of the sentence.

But the bill before us today does not strike a fair balance. It actually precludes the meaningful review that Justice Powell said was necessary, and it increases the likelihood that innocent people will be executed in this country.

A principal problem is that this bill does nothing to ensure that death penalty defendants receive adequate legal representation at their original trial.

As many as 20 percent of all death sentences are overturned after Federal habeas corpus review, very often because a defendant has been inadequately represented at trial.

This bill also eliminates the current requirement that poor defendants receive appointed counsel in Federal habeas corpus proceedings. I reject that view. The appointment of attorneys for death row inmates is not a question of sympathy, it is a question of fundamental fairness.

In addition, the bill limits the circumstances under which a death row inmate may raise a claim of innocence based on newly discovered evidence. The proposal to limit inmates to one bite at the apple is sound in principle, but surely our interest in swift executions must give way in the face of new evidence that an innocent person is about to be put to death.

At any time prior to the execution there must be a forum in which nonfrivolous claims of innocence can be heard. As Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart once wrote, ''swift justice demands more than just swiftness.''

Finally, the bill might be read to require Federal courts to defer to State courts on issues of Federal constitutional law. In part the bill states that a Federal court cannot grant a writ of habeas corpus based on Federal constitutional claims unless the State court judgment was an ''unreasonable application of Federal law.''

No one thinks that under current law the Federal courts just ignore State court decisions, even on questions of Federal constitutional law. The federal courts respect the State courts and give their decisions a great deal of attention. The specialists I have talked to tell me that the Federal courts, even now, grant relief on constitutional claims only when it is pretty clear that a prisoner's constitutional rights were violated.

This being true, a bill that tells the Federal courts that they should not grant relief unless they are satisfied that a prisoner's clearly established rights were violated may not change things very much.

I do not see the need for this kind of language in the bill, but to the extent it allows the Federal courts to do what they are doing now, it may do no great harm. I just hope that, if the bill is adopted, it will be interpreted correctly.

A contrary interpretation would stand our Federal system on its head. Why should a Federal court defer to the judgment of a State court on a matter of Federal constitutional law? The notion that a Federal court would be rendered incapable of correcting a constitutional error because it was not an unreasonable constitutional error is unacceptable, especially in capital cases.

Ever since the days of the great Chief Justice John Marshall, the Federal courts have historically served as the great defenders of constitutional protections. They must remain so.

Whatever the merits of this sweeping habeas corpus reform, such drastic changes should not be adopted on this bill. Nothing in this legislation would be more detrimental to the values of the Nation and our Constitution than for Congress, in its rush to combat terrorism, to strip away venerable constitutional questions.

The perpetrators of the Oklahoma City tragedy will have triumphed if their actions promote us to short-circuit the Constitution.

This bill goes far beyond terrorism and far beyond Federal prisoners. It severely limits the ability of any State prisoner—not just terrorists, but any State prisoner—to seek Federal court review of constitutional rights. This is an extremely controversial, very complicated proposal. It is wrong to try to sneak it into an antiterrorism bill that we all want to pass as quickly as we reasonably can.

The debate on comprehensive habeas corpus reform should take place when we take up the omnibus crime bill. The attempt to jam it into the pending bill is a cynical attempt to manipulate public concern about terrorism, and the Congress should reject it.

I urge the Senate to act responsibly on this critical issue. We should adopt the Biden and Levin amendments on the subject, and if necessary resume the rest of the debate on habeas corpus when the crime bill comes before the Senate.

(Mr. KYL assumed the chair.)

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I wanted to indicate we now have to dispose of the Biden amendment No. 1217. My understanding is that the Senator from Delaware is prepared to offer a second.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, my intention would be to offer the second amendment on counsel standards required in Federal habeas corpus cases. I think the number is 1226.

Then I will have one more. The most important, from my perspective, of the amendments I have is the one relating to the deference standard that is in the Republican bill.

Senator GRAHAM of Florida has indicated to me that he will not offer his amendment. Senator LEVIN, I believe, will be ready to offer his amendment shortly.

I would respectfully request that the Presiding Officer, Mr. KYL, offer his amendment sometime between that. It is my intention to offer my amendment last. I will offer the first three, but the last amendment on habeas I would like very much to be my amendment on deference.

We will by that time have eliminated all Democratic amendments. I understand there is one—unless Mr. KYL is withdrawing his—there is one amendment on the other side.

Mr. DOLE. We have one, and we have 30 minutes equally divided on this amendment.

Mr. BIDEN. I am happy to do that. We have apparently not reached a time agreement. I am prepared to enter now into a time agreement on this amendment of 30 minutes equally divided.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I make that request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 1226 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1199

(Purpose: To amend the bill with respect to requiring counsel for federal habeas proceedings)

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

> The Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], proposes an amendment numbered 1226 to amendment No. 1199.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent further reading be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Delete from page 106, line 20 through all of page 125 and insert the following:

''(h) The ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel during Federal or State collateral post-conviction proceedings shall not be a ground for relief in a proceeding arising under section 2254.''.

SEC. 605. SECTION 2255 AMENDMENTS.

Section 2255 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the second and fifth undesignated paragraphs; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new undesignated paragraphs:

''A 1-year period of limitation shall apply to a motion under this section. The limitation period shall run from the latest of—

''(1) the date on which the judgment of conviction becomes final;

''(2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movant was prevented from making a motion by such governmental action;

''(3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or

''(4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

''In all proceedings brought under this section, and any subsequent proceedings on review, appointment of counsel for a movant who is or becomes financially unable to afford counsel shall be in the discretion of the court, except as provided by a rule promulgated by the Supreme Court pursuant to statutory authority. Appointment of counsel under this section shall be governed by section 3006A of title 18.

''A second or successive motion must be certified as provided in section 2244 by a panel of the appropriate court of appeals to contain—

''(1) newly discovered evidence that, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that no reasonable factfinder would have found the movant guilty of the offense; or

''(2) a new rule of constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable.''.

SEC. 606. LIMITS ON SECOND OR SUCCESSIVE APPLICATIONS.

(a) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2244(a).—Section 2244(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking ''and the petition'' and all that follows through ''by such inquiry.'' and inserting '', except as provided in section 2255.''.

(b) LIMITS ON SECOND OR SUCCESSIVE APPLICATIONS.—Section 2244(b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''(b)(1) A claim presented in a second or successive habeas corpus application under section 2254 that was presented in a prior application shall be dismissed.

''(2) A claim presented in a second or successive habeas corpus application under section 2254 that was not presented in a prior application shall be dismissed unless—

''(A) the applicant shows that the claim relies on a new rule of constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable; or

''(B)(i) the factual predicate for the claim could not have been discovered previously through the exercise of due diligence; and

''(ii) the facts underlying the claim, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that, but for constitutional error, no reasonable factfinder would have found the applicant guilty of the underlying offense.

''(3)(A) Before a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application.

''(B) A motion in the court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider a second or successive application shall be determined by a three-judge panel of the court of appeals.

''(C) The court of appeals may authorize the filing of a second or successive application only if it determines that the application makes a prima facie showing that the application satisfies the requirements of this subsection.

''(D) The court of appeals shall grant or deny the authorization to file a second or successive application not later than 30 days after the filing of the motion.

''(E) The grant or denial of an authorization by a court of appeals to file a second or successive application shall not be appealable and shall not be the subject of a petition for rehearing or for a writ of certiorari.

''(4) A district court shall dismiss any claim presented in a second or successive application that the court of appeals has authorized to be filed unless the applicant shows that the claim satisfies the requirements of this section.''.

SEC. 607. DEATH PENALTY LITIGATION PROCEDURES.

(a) ADDITION OF CHAPTER TO TITLE 28, UNITED STATES CODE.—Title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 153 the following new chapter:

''CHAPTER 154—SPECIAL HABEAS CORPUS PROCEDURES IN CAPITAL CASES

''Sec.
''2261. Prisoners in State custody subject to capital sentence; appointment of counsel; requirement of rule of court or statute; procedures for appointment.
''2262. Mandatory stay of execution; duration; limits on stays of execution; successive petitions.
''2263. Filing of habeas corpus application; time requirements; tolling rules.
''2264. Scope of Federal review; district court adjudications.
''2265. Application to State unitary review procedure.
''2266. Limitation periods for determining applications and motions.

''§ 2261. Prisoners in State custody subject to capital sentence; appointment of counsel; requirement of rule of court or statute; procedures for appointment

''(a) This chapter shall apply to cases arising under section 2254 brought by prisoners in State custody who are subject to a capital sentence. It shall apply only if the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) are satisfied.

''(b) This chapter is applicable if a State establishes by statute, rule of its court of last resort, or by another agency authorized by State law, a mechanism for the appointment, compensation, and payment of reasonable litigation expenses of competent counsel in State post-conviction proceedings brought by indigent prisoners whose capital convictions and sentences have been upheld on direct appeal to the court of last resort in the State or have otherwise become final for State law purposes. The rule of court or statute must provide standards of competency for the appointment of such counsel.

''(c) Any mechanism for the appointment, compensation, and reimbursement of counsel as provided in subsection (b) must offer counsel to all State prisoners under capital sentence and must provide for the entry of an order by a court of record—

''(1) appointing one or more counsels to represent the prisoner upon a finding that the prisoner is indigent and accepted the offer or is unable competently to decide whether to accept or reject the offer;

''(2) finding, after a hearing if necessary, that the prisoner rejected the offer of counsel and made the decision with an understanding of its legal consequences; or

''(3) denying the appointment of counsel upon a finding that the prisoner is not indigent.

''(d) No counsel appointed pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) to represent a State prisoner under capital sentence shall have previously represented the prisoner at trial or on direct appeal in the case for which the appointment is made unless the prisoner and counsel expressly request continued representation.

''(e) The ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel during State or Federal post-conviction proceedings in a capital case shall not be a ground for relief in a proceeding arising under section 2254. This limitation shall not preclude the appointment of different counsel, on the court's own motion or at the request of the prisoner, at any phase of State or Federal post-conviction proceedings on the basis of the ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel in such proceedings.

''§ 2262. Mandatory stay of execution; duration; limits on stays of execution; successive petitions

''(a) Upon the entry in the appropriate State court of record of an order under section 2261(c), a warrant or order setting an execution date for a State prisoner shall be stayed upon application to any court that would have jurisdiction over any proceedings filed under section 2254. The application shall recite that the State has invoked the post-conviction review procedures of this chapter and that the scheduled execution is subject to stay.

''(b) A stay of execution granted pursuant to subsection (a) shall expire if—

''(1) a State prisoner fails to file a habeas corpus application under section 2254 within the time required in section 2263;

''(2) before a court of competent jurisdiction, in the presence of counsel, unless the prisoner has competently and knowingly waived such counsel, and after having been advised of the consequences, a State prisoner under capital sentence waives the right to pursue habeas corpus review under section 2254; or

''(3) a State prisoner files a habeas corpus petition under section 2254 within the time required by section 2263 and fails to make a substantial showing of the denial of a Federal right or is denied relief in the district court or at any subsequent stage of review.

''(c) If one of the conditions in subsection (b) has occurred, no Federal court thereafter shall have the authority to enter a stay of execution in the case, unless the court of appeals approves the filing of a second or successive application under section 2244(b).

''§ 2263. Filing of habeas corpus application; time requirements; tolling rules

''(a) Any application under this chapter for habeas corpus relief under section 2254 must be filed in the appropriate district court not later than 180 days after final State court affirmance of the conviction and sentence on

direct review or the expiration of the time for seeking such review.

''(b) The time requirements established by subsection (a) shall be tolled—

''(1) from the date that a petition for certiorari is filed in the Supreme Court until the date of final disposition of the petition if a State prisoner files the petition to secure review by the Supreme Court of the affirmance of a capital sentence on direct review by the court of last resort of the State or other final State court decision on direct review;

''(2) from the date on which the first petition for post-conviction review or other collateral relief is filed until the final State court disposition of such petition; and

''(3) during an additional period not to exceed 30 days, if—

''(A) a motion for an extension of time is filed in the Federal district court that would have jurisdiction over the case upon the filing of a habeas corpus application under section 2254; and

''(B) a showing of good cause is made for the failure to file the habeas corpus application within the time period established by this section.

''§ 2264. Scope of Federal review; district court adjudications

''(a) Whenever a State prisoner under capital sentence files a petition for habeas corpus relief to which this chapter applies, the district court shall only consider a claim or claims that have been raised and decided on the merits in the State courts, unless the failure to raise the claim properly is—

''(1) the result of State action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States;

''(2) the result of the Supreme Court recognition of a new Federal right made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court; or

''(3) based on a factual predicate that could not have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence in time to present the claim for State or Federal post-conviction review.

''(b) Following review subject to subsections (a), (d), and (e) of section 2254, the court shall rule on the claims properly before it.

''§ 2265. Application to State unitary review procedure

''(a) For purposes of this section, a 'unitary review' procedure means a State procedure that authorizes a person under sentence of death to raise, in the course of direct review of the judgment, such claims as could be raised on collateral attack. This chapter shall apply, as provided in this section, in relation to a State unitary review procedure if the State establishes by rule of its court of last resort or by statute a mechanism for the appointment, compensation, and payment of reasonable litigation expenses of competent counsel in the unitary review proceedings, including expenses relating to the litigation of collateral claims in the proceedings. The rule of court or statute must provide standards of competency for the appointment of such counsel.

''(b) To qualify under this section, a unitary review procedure must include an offer of counsel following trial for the purpose of representation on unitary review, and entry of an order, as provided in section 2261(c), concerning appointment of counsel or waiver or denial of appointment of counsel for that purpose. No counsel appointed to represent the prisoner in the unitary review proceedings shall have previously represented the prisoner at trial in the case for which the appointment is made unless the prisoner and counsel expressly request continued representation.

''(c) Sections 2262, 2263, 2264, and 2266 shall apply in relation to cases involving a sentence of death from any State having a unitary review procedure that qualifies under this section. References to State 'post-conviction review' and 'direct review' in such sections shall be understood as referring to unitary review under the State procedure. The reference in section 2262(a) to 'an order under section 2261(c)' shall be understood as referring to the post-trial order under subsection (b) concerning representation in the unitary review proceedings, but if a transcript of the trial proceedings is unavailable at the time of the filing of such an order in the appropriate State court, then the start of the 180-day limitation period under section 2263 shall be deferred until a transcript is made available to the prisoner or counsel of the prisoner.

''§ 2266. Limitation periods for determining applications and motions

''(a) The adjudication of any application under section 2254 that is subject to this chapter, and the adjudication of any motion under section 2255 by a person under sentence of death, shall be given priority by the district court and by the court of appeals over all noncapital matters.

''(b)(1)(A) A district court shall render a final determination and enter a final judgment on any application for a writ of habeas corpus brought under this chapter in a capital case not later than 180 days after the date on which the application is filed.

''(B) A district court shall afford the parties at least 120 days in which to complete all actions, including the preparation of all pleadings and briefs, and if necessary, a hearing, prior to the submission of the case for decision.

''(C)(i) A district court may delay for not more than one additional 30-day period beyond the period specified in subparagraph (A), the rendering of a determination of an application for a writ of habeas corpus if the court issues a written order making a finding, and stating the reasons for the finding, that the ends of justice that would be served by allowing the delay outweigh the best interests of the public and the applicant in a speedy disposition of the application.

''(ii) The factors, among others, that a court shall consider in determining whether a delay in the disposition of an application is warranted are as follows:

''(I) Whether the failure to allow the delay would be likely to result in a miscarriage of justice.

''(II) Whether the case is so unusual or so complex, due to the number of defendants, the nature of the prosecution, or the existence of novel questions of fact or law, that it is unreasonable to expect adequate briefing within the time limitations established by subparagraph (A).

''(III) Whether the failure to allow a delay in a case, that, taken as a whole, is not so unusual or so complex as described in subclause (II), but would otherwise deny the applicant reasonable time to obtain counsel, would unreasonably deny the applicant or the government continuity of counsel, or would deny counsel for the applicant or the government the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.

''(iii) No delay in disposition shall be permissible because of general congestion of the court's calendar.

''(iv) The court shall transmit a copy of any order issued under clause (i) to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for inclusion in the report under paragraph (5).

''(2) The time limitations under paragraph (1) shall apply to—

''(A) an initial application for a writ of habeas corpus;

''(B) any second or successive application for a writ of habeas corpus; and

''(C) any redetermination of an application for a writ of habeas corpus following a remand by the court of appeals or the Supreme Court for further proceedings, in which case the limitation period shall run from the date the remand is ordered.

''(3)(A) The time limitations under this section shall not be construed to entitle an applicant to a stay of execution, to which the applicant would otherwise not be entitled, for the purpose of litigating any application or appeal.

''(B) No amendment to an application for a writ of habeas corpus under this chapter shall be permitted after the filing of the answer to the application, except on the grounds specified in section 2244(b).

''(4)(A) The failure of a court to meet or comply with a time limitation under this section shall not be a ground for granting relief from a judgment of conviction or sentence.

''(B) The State may enforce a time limitation under this section by petitioning for a writ of mandamus to the court of appeals. The court of appeals shall act on the petition for a writ or mandamus not later than 30 days after the filing of the petition.

''(5)(A) The Administrative Office of United States Courts shall submit to Congress an annual report on the compliance by the district courts with the time limitations under this section.

''(B) The report described in subparagraph (A) shall include copies of the orders submitted by the district courts under paragraph (1)(B)(iv).

''(c)(1)(A) A court of appeals shall hear and render a final determination of any appeal of an order granting or denying, in whole or in part, an application brought under this chapter in a capital case not later than 120 days after the date on which the reply brief is filed, or if no reply brief is filed, not later than 120 days after the date on which the answering brief is filed.

''(B)(i) A court of appeals shall decide whether to grant a petition for rehearing or other request for rehearing en banc not later than 30 days after the date on which the petition for rehearing is filed unless a responsive pleading is required, in which case the court shall decide whether to grant the petition not later than 30 days after the date on which the responsive pleading is filed.

''(ii) If a petition for rehearing or rehearing en banc is granted, the court of appeals shall hear and render a final determination of the appeal not later than 120 days after the date on which the order granting rehearing or rehearing en banc is entered.

''(2) The time limitations under paragraph (1) shall apply to—

''(A) an initial application for a writ of habeas corpus;

''(B) any second or successive application for a writ of habeas corpus; and

''(C) any redetermination of an application for a writ of habeas corpus or related appeal following a remand by the court of appeals en banc or the Supreme Court for further proceedings, in which case the limitation period shall run from the date the remand is ordered.

''(3) The time limitations under this section shall not be construed to entitle an applicant to a stay of execution, to which the applicant would otherwise not be entitled, for the purpose of litigating any application or appeal.

''(4)(A) The failure of a court to meet or comply with a time limitation under this section shall not be a ground for granting relief from a judgment of conviction or sentence.

''(B) The State may enforce a time limitation under this section by applying for a writ of mandamus to the Supreme Court.

''(5) The Administrative Office of United States Courts shall submit to Congress an annual report on the compliance by the courts of appeals with the time limitations under this section.''.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The part analysis for part IV of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding after the item relating to chapter 153 the following new item:

''154. Special habeas corpus procedures in capital cases ..... 2261.''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Chapter 154 of title 28, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)) shall apply to cases pending on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, in 1988, we passed a bill which I had authored with several others called the Death Penalty for Drug Kingpins Act.

It was the first constitutional Federal death penalty to go on the books after 1972 when the Supreme Court invalidated the death penalty.

I helped write that bill, much to the dismay of many of my liberal friends who could not understand why I was writing such a bill. It was a bill strongly promoted by President Bush, and it passed by a lopsided vote of 65 to 29, with only six Republicans voting against the bill.

When we passed that bill, we recognized that if the Federal Government was going to put a person to death, we better get it right. We better have the right guy and we better have had a fair trial, and the defendant better have had his or her day in court.

As part of the law, we said that the capital defendant—the defendant accused of a crime which carried with it the death penalty—in that case the person should have a lawyer. Kind of axiomatic. They should have a lawyer if they are going to go to trial, a trial in which, if that person is found guilty, they will be put to death.

That, of course, is also what the sixth amendment of the Constitution of the United States says. It explicitly says that ''In all criminal proceedings the accused shall have the assistance of counsel for his defense.''

Remember Clarence Earl Gideon? The case was Gideon versus Wainwright. The Supreme Court held that Mr. Gideon, accused of a crime, could not receive a fair trial absent the right to a lawyer.

In that case, the court said, ''The sixth amendment stands as a constant admonition that if the constitutional safeguards it provides be lost, justice will not be done. The right of one charged with a crime to counsel may not be deemed fundamental and essential to fair trials in some countries, but it is in ours.''

Also, in the 1988 drug bill we said that prisoners, State or Federal, who are looking the death penalty in the eye should have a lawyer for their Federal habeas corpus appeals. Again, we recognize that if the Federal Government is going to put its stamp of approval on a man's execution, he should at least have a lawyer. But this Republican bill does something I am not sure they intended to do, but they did. This Republican bill changes all of that. Astonishingly, it changes all of that. In a section entitled ''technical amendments''—we should all keep our eyes open when someone says ''this is just a technical amendment''—in a section entitled ''technical amendments,'' this bill repeals the right to counsel in Federal capital cases. It says that the right to counsel is no right at all but a matter of discretion for the judge.

Let me refer you back to Gideon versus Wainwright, that famous last sentence which says, ''The right of one charged with a crime to counsel may not be deemed fundamental and essential to fair trials in some countries, but it is in ours.''

It does not say it is discretionary in ours. It does not say maybe it is all right in ours. It does not say it is OK sometimes in ours. It says, ''it is in ours.''

Astonishingly, this little technical amendment says the right to counsel is a matter of discretion for the judge to decide.

I do not know what my colleagues were thinking of when they wrote this. But what this seems to be saying is this: We do not care what the Constitution says. We do not care what the Supreme Court says. We think it is OK to deny a person who faces the Federal death penalty—and there are now over 60 on the books—we think it is OK to deny that person the assistance of counsel at his trial. I submit this proposition is as unthinkable as it is unconstitutional. And we should have nothing to do with it.

The Republican bill also repeals the right we created in 1968 to a lawyer for Federal habeas corpus appeal. This bill says that there should be no right to a lawyer, that it should instead be a matter of discretion for every individual case. What is more, the Republican proposal is taking away this right at the very same time it is changing the rules of the game on habeas corpus, and placing new and sweeping restrictions on the right of habeas corpus itself.

We want to change habeas corpus but they are making sweeping changes in the rules of the game. And in addition saying, and by the way, while we are at it we are going to go back and deny you your right to counsel when you are filing such a petition. And one more thing, we are going to deny you the automatic right to a lawyer at your trial, before you are convicted.

It reminds me of that line that is often used, and I will paraphrase, ''hanging first, trial later.'' What are we into here?

I agree we should cut down the delay and abuse of the Federal habeas corpus and I have made a number of similar proposals over the years to impose strict time limits on when such petitions could be filed and also to limit the number that could be filed, essentially giving one bite out of the apple to drastically reduce the ability to have successive petitions unless there is some egregious action that is learned about after the petition is filed, the first petition.

But I have always believed if we are going to speed up the process, which I wish to do, if we are going to narrow the avenues of habeas corpus, which I wish to do, we should at least make sure that the petitioner has a lawyer. That is what we said in 1988 and there has been no serious question raised about our wisdom in passing that law since then.

Two years ago I entered into painstaking extensive negotiations with the Nation's district attorneys and the attorneys general of the United States over habeas corpus reform. We negotiated for months. We logged hundreds of hours, argued over scores of serious issues before we came up with a lengthy and comprehensive compromise—which, I might say and I probably should not, my staff will not like this, which the liberal press killed. The liberal press told us this was somehow a terrible thing to do.

I kept saying we better do this or they are going to take it all away. But I hope everybody is listening who helped kill that compromise.

But not once in all our discussions with the Nation's prosecutors, I was not talking with the public defenders. I was not talking with the defense bar. I was talking with the Nation's prosecutors, the DA's back home, the State's attorneys general back home. Not one time in our talks did the prosecutors propose the repeal of the 1988 right to a lawyer in a habeas corpus petition. Not once did they argue that the right to counsel in habeas corpus should be discretionary. Not once did they suggest that the right to counsel at a trial should be denied.

As a matter of fact, what they constantly said was that the best way to shorten the appeals, the best way to cut down on the abuse, was to do it right the first time. They argued—not me—they, the prosecutors, Republican and Democrat—they said if you want to get this thing on track make sure there is a competent lawyer representing these people during this stage of the proceeding. Because they pointed out that most of the habeas corpus petitions that are granted, and the Federal courts grant many, most of the ones that are granted are granted because the court concludes that the defendant did not have adequate counsel, they were denied their right to know what a fair trial should be.

So here you had the prosecutor—not the defense bar—saying, ''Make sure that the defendant has legal counsel and then give him one bite out of the apple.''

These are experienced people. These are the people who try these cases. These are the people who respond to these habeas corpus petitions.

I might say to those who are listening, I have to keep reminding people—

habeas corpus. If a habeas corpus petition is granted it does not mean anyone goes free. The man or woman still stays behind bars. All it says is they get a new trial. This is not a petition for innocence that can be decided in terms of releasing someone. This merely says that a prisoner behind bars slips a paper between the bars and says: Send this to the judge, ask him to take a look at it because I do not think I got a fair trial.

That is what it is. And here we had for months of negotiations—months—worked out a compromise, and these hard-nosed prosecutors in our home States said make sure they have counsel. That is the best insurance for the public at large that we will not be wasting their money and their time.

Just last year the U.S. Supreme Court, which for the most part is no friend of the Federal habeas petitioner, recognized the importance of having a lawyer. In the case of McFarland versus Scott, the Court said:

> Quality legal representation is necessary in capital habeas corpus proceedings in light of the seriousness of the possible penalty and the unique and complex nature of the litigation.

To say that habeas litigation is unique and complex is an understatement. Habeas petitions must meet tightened pleading requirements. They must comply with the Supreme Court's intricate doctrines on procedural default and waiver. Federal courts can summarily dismiss any petition that appears legally insufficient on its face. And they can deny stay of execution where petitioner fails to raise a substantial Federal claim. But this provision tells these indigent defendants who have just been sentenced to death that they have no right to the help of a lawyer, that they might have to navigate the arcane, complicated and hazardous sea of the Supreme Court jurisprudence and statutory rules by themselves.

Quite apart from what I believe is the fundamental unfairness of this proposition, I also think at a practical level it will waste a lot of time and a lot of money to deny a lawyer at this point. First, ask any experienced lawyer or prosecutor. Almost all would rather have a competent adversary who can adequately frame and present issues over an incompetent one who does not have the first clue about how to present his arguments. Most experienced lawyers would tell you that having someone who has no training on the other side only slows things down because the trained lawyer and the judge end up doing a lot of extra work just to figure out what the untrained lawyer is trying to say and to make sure reversible error is not created.

What is more, under the Republican proposal, valuable resources will be squandered in litigation at the outset over whether counsel should or should not be appointed. If the judge ends up appointing counsel, all that time and money will have been wasted, and if the judge does not appoint counsel, the indigent death row inmate will be left to find his own way through some of the most complicated legal doctrines imaginable. This just does not make sense, in my view, as a practical matter or as a matter of principle.

We should not in our haste to hurry up executions lose sight of our commitment to constitutional values. We should not endorse proposals that increase the chance that, where execution is imminent, an innocent person be executed. We should not, I believe, sacrifice certainty in the name of speed, or fairness in the name of vengeance.

Most importantly, Mr. President, I really believe that everyone should understand we are not talking about changing any of the ways in which we deal with habeas corpus in this amendment. We are not talking about whether the Biden approach of only one petition or their approach of only one petition is the best one. We are not talking about whether we are going to cut the delay by a year or a month or a day. What we are talking about is a fundamental principle, one that, as it relates to the trial, has been established since Gideon versus Wainwright, and in many instances before that, and one as it relates to Federal habeas corpus that was established in 1988.

I ask my friend from Utah, because it may have been an oversight, whether he really intended to eliminate the right to counsel at trial as well as the right to counsel in a habeas corpus petition.

So I sincerely hope my colleagues will take a close look at this. This does not have to do with speeding up the process; this has to do with the fundamental fairness. Are we going to stick with constitutional principle established several decades ago in this country saying you are entitled to a lawyer at a trial and, if you cannot afford one, the court will appoint one as a matter of right and you are entitled to a lawyer at the Federal level when you file a habeas corpus petition? The practical implication of all that is that most prosecutors will tell you that will speed the process up, not slow the process down.

I yield the floor.

Mr. HATCH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Of course, we will not deny counsel, nor will anybody; nor is it done, nor will it be done. The reason we oppose this amendment offered by the distinguished Senator from Delaware is this amendment would strike the much-needed reform in 28 U.S.C. 848(q) contained in the antiterrorism bill. Section 848(q), as many of our Senators and others are no doubt aware, provides funding for capital litigants; that is, people who have been convicted of capital crimes, to hire among other things investigators and expert witnesses to assist them with their habeas petitions. That just presumes that there will be a lawyer there as well, and there will be. I do not know of a case where a lawyer has not been appointed.

What you may not be aware of, however, is that section 848(q) permits the defense counsel to contact the judge ex parte; that is, without the prosecutor being present, and requests additional funding for experts, investigators, researchers, and the like. In other words, defense counsel can approach the judge outside the prosecutors presence and request the appointment of additional investigators or a new psychiatrist. The prosecutor is given neither the opportunity to present nor even a chance to oppose such an appointment.

To add insult to injury, the court can order payment and the appointment to run nunc pro tunc; that is, from the time the defense counsel initially hired the additional help. They can go way back. The defense counsel can go hire these people, have no way of paying them, and then all of a sudden have an ex parte proceeding, and the judge can order that they be paid back to the date that the defense counsel hired them. Talk about an abusive system. This means an investigator hired 6 months before can, when approved by the judge, receive payment for all of that investigator's past work, and in an ex parte proceeding, without the right of the prosecutor to be present. The defense counsel can use whatever information the investigator provides as demonstrating the need to hire that investigator and pay him from the time that he actually started working on the case.

There is absolutely no reason for ex parte proceedings on Federal collateral review after the judgment is final. While such an arrangement may arguably be appropriate at the trial level, it is not defensible for postconviction collateral proceedings. It is likely that the secrecy of these proceedings serves no other purpose than to permit the defense counsel to, outside of the presence of the prosecutor or the prosecution, argue their cases, obtain extensions of time, or receive additional unwarranted investigative expenses. This is simply indefensible.

There should be no need for a confidential hearing at this point in the proceeding. They will have had the hearing already. They will be on appeal. They will have had all kinds of constitutional protections under our bill, and then to allow an ex parte proceeding to go ahead, they will have raised their issues at the State level or they would be unexhausted. By the time the claim is presented in Federal court, all of these issues should have seen the light of day. Thus, no reason exists for defense counsel to hide whatever they may be investigating, nor should defense counsel be permitted to argue their petitions outside of the presence of other counsel.

It just makes sense that they would not. Section 848(q) has been greatly abused, and has resulted in enormous

cost to the States. The reform contained in the antiterrorism bill is thus greatly needed. The Supreme Court has never required counsel in collateral proceedings. We do not make it discretionary to appoint counsel at trial; counsel must be appointed at trial. I have to say that any argument that we do not is ridiculous. But this is a very, very important point.

I hope our colleagues will vote against the Biden amendment.

Mr. SPECTER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time?

Mr. HATCH. I yield time to the Senator from Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania is recognized.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I certainly agree with the distinguished Senator from Delaware that we have to be meticulous on right to counsel. We cite Gideon versus Wainwright, and I was assistant district attorney when that case was decided in 1963. I am glad to say that in our Pennsylvania courts, in Philadelphia, counsel had been provided for indigent defendants long before the Supreme Court of the United States made that a constitutional mandate in the landmark Gideon case, written by Justice Black, which said counsel was required for anyone who is hauled into court to face felony charges.

On a very personal note, I got my introduction into criminal law when I was assisting defendants back in March 1958, when I took my first turn defending indigents going down to the prison in the city of Philadelphia and had, as a matter of fact, my first taste of what the role of the trial lawyer was, of criminal prosecutions, and of being in public service.

As I understand these provisions of the bill, it will greatly improve the extraordinarily technical and complicated procedure that when a State opts into the expedited procedures, there is additional responsibility on the State under the provisions of section 2261(b) to establish a mechanism for the appointment of compensation and payment of reasonable litigation expenses of competent counsel at the State postconviction proceedings brought by indigent prisoners.

On the point about ex parte contacts by defense counsel, I doubt that there is any real quarrel about the requirement that defense lawyers ought to make an application in the presence of opposing counsel and ought to make that application in advance of wanting to hire experts.

So it seems to me that whatever the state of the law is this is an advancement in requiring that States under this provision that I just read have competent counsel.

Mr. BIDEN. Will the Senator yield for a very brief question?

Mr. SPECTER. I do.

Mr. BIDEN. On page 125 of the Senator's bill, section 608, ''Technical Amendments,'' it says ''Section 408(c) of the Controlled Substance Act is amended in paragraph 34(a) by striking 'shall' and inserting 'may'.''

When you go and look at that paragraph in the law, it says, paragraph 4(a) says ''notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, in every criminal action in which the defendant is charged with a crime,'' and then it goes on to say that the defendant, the present law says, ''The defendant shall be entitled to the appointment of one or more attorneys and'' et cetera.

But the way it is changed in your law, it says that ''Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, every criminal action in which a defendant is charged with a crime the defendant may be entitled.'' You strike the word ''shall'' and insert ''may.''

Mr. SPECTER. I do not have the referenced section. Let me get it.

Mr. BIDEN. All right.

Mr. SPECTER. Even if you had a statutory provision, it would not alter the constitutional mandate of Gideon versus Wainwright. Not that we should trifle with language which would in any way suggest undercutting the constitutional right to counsel, but if a statute in error were to say that, Gideon versus Wainwright would control. You simply cannot have a criminal proceeding where there is not counsel appointed for the defendant.

Mr. BIDEN. If the Senator will yield for 10 seconds, I think he is right, Mr. President, but I do not know why we should pass an unconstitutional statute, because this is clearly unconstitutional the way it is written.

Mr. SPECTER. If I may respond further to my colleague, if that is so, that is something that I would certainly concur ought to be corrected. And I would take a look at that section right now.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The absence of a quorum has been suggested. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. HATCH. If the Senator will withhold.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time?

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I yield time to myself.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. This certainly is not unconstitutional. This has been worked very carefully by top legal experts, State attorneys general and others. The court has never mandated counsel in collateral proceedings, and I think that point has to be made. But there is going to be counsel appointed and always has been.

To be honest with you, what we are concerned about is that the way the amendment of the distinguished Senator from Delaware reads, we are going to wind up having nun pro tunc orders which will allow petitioners to have expert witness fees and investigators paid for from the time that the defense counsel wants to hire all these people. The law currently allows these payments to be made at excessive cost to the States on an ex parte, meaning one attorney only, proceeding. And that just should not be. So I hope that folks will vote this amendment down. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, with the consent of my colleague—and I failed to do this earlier—I would send a modification of my amendment, a draft error correction in my amendment to the desk.

Mr. President, I will withhold.

Mr. HATCH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent that the pending amendment be laid aside so that we can proceed to other business and also to work on some of the questions we have.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, let me very briefly state where we are right now. You can see the staffs scurrying around here. We have reached a meeting of the minds on two-thirds of the amendments that I have offered here. The staff is trying to get precise language that would accommodate the mutual agreement we have made here thus far. But there is going to be one part of my amendment that is still going to be pertinent, and I will speak to that later. But the distinguished Senator from Pennsylvania and I would like to enter into a brief colloquy on what I think will be the only remaining part of disagreement in the Biden amendment that was sent up.

Very briefly, Mr. President, there were two sections of the Biden amendment, one relating to counsel for an indigent in the filing of a habeas corpus petition. The second provision is what the Senator from Utah spoke to, and that is the ability under present law for the counsel of an indigent person to go to a judge, without notifying the prosecutor he is going to the judge, and in private—we call it in camera—say, judge, I need you to authorize my ability to go hire a psychiatrist for the following reasons, or hire an investigator

for the following reasons. The distinguished Senator from Utah is worried about that provision and suggests that that portion of the law is presently being abused. I do not believe it is abused.

I want to make a very brief statement now as to why I think that and why I am going to pursue in my follow-on amendment here the elimination of the provision in the Republican bill that would delete the possibility of an indigent defense counsel going to a judge on his own. The reason for that is as follows:

Right now, if I am a prosecutor and I get a lead as to how I can make my case better to prove the defendant did the deed, I can hire—I can use—an investigator to go investigate that. If I believe there is a need to make a case that the defendant is, in fact, perfectly sane and not insane, I can hire a psychiatrist.

I can use investigative tools without ever having to go to the defendant's counsel and say, ''By the way, here is what I am going to do. I am going to hire this psychiatrist to prove that your defendant, your client, is sane.'' Or, ''I am going to hire two investigators to go down to Second and Vine and prove that the stoplight does not exist there,'' or whatever.

So no one quarrels with that. If I am a lawyer who is hired by private funds to defend an accused person, I am not required to telegraph to the prosecutor that I have hired a private detective to investigate a lead in a particular city. I do not have to tell the prosecutor that.

My worry is that if we change the law as proposed in the core legislation, that what will be required for an indigent defense counsel is to walk into court, walk into the chambers of a judge and say, by the way, judge, we better call in the prosecutor, and sit the prosecutor down and say, now I want to say, judge, I need your authority to allow me to go hire an investigator. Here are the reasons that I want to hire the investigator. The prosecutor is sitting there taking notes about my case.

Now, that is why I think we should not delete this portion of the law.

Mr. SPECTER. Would the distinguished Senator from Delaware yield?

Mr. BIDEN. I am delighted to yield.

Mr. SPECTER. I understand the concerns that the Senator has expressed. I believe that the bill as drafted is preferable, notwithstanding the arguments the distinguished Senator has raised. I will come to the specific question in just a moment here.

I think that ex parte communications are very problemsome in any kind of a case, but they ought to be eliminated to the maximum extent possible, which is why I think that it just is not a good idea to have one lawyer talking to the judge by himself.

But the language which I would focus on here is that which says no ex parte communication request may be considered pursuant to the section unless a proper showing is made concerning the need for confidentiality.

I concur with the Senator from Delaware when he says that there ought not to have to be disclosure by defense counsel in the presence of the prosecutor to matters which would prejudice the defendant in investigating the case on the facts, or as to getting expert opinion as to mental state and competency.

But the question I would have, and it is not really accommodated by the language, is that if there is a showing of the need for confidentiality, that would preclude the prosecutor gaining an upper hand in an unfair way. As a sponsor of this language, let me state that it is our intent here in this legislation that there not be a circumstance in which the defense is compelled to reveal, in front of the prosecutor, matters which would be prejudicial to his opportunity to present a defense.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, in response to my colleague, he is coming awfully close to what I intend. If it is read the way in which the distinguished Senator from Pennsylvania reads it, which is that if there is a showing for the need for confidentiality, then the judge can meet only with the defense counsel and make his or her judgment. That, quite frankly, gets a lot closer to what I intend.

As the Senator feels, as a matter of principle, that we should err on the side of not having ex parte proceedings, I must acknowledge in these days, I err on the side of allowing indigent defense counsel to have the maximum flexibility with the judge.

While the staff is correcting the other portions of this, I would like to seek the counsel of my counsel, and determine whether or not it is still necessary to proceed with the last portion of this amendment.

I see the distinguished leader is on the floor. He always comes when he worries things are slowing down. I can assure the Senator they are not slowing down, they are moving along fast. We will get this done before the time would have been used had a rollcall vote been called. We are very close. I think that can happen.

So I do not want the Senator to get upset. We have Senator LEVIN waiting in the wings to go with his amendment.

Mr. DOLE. If the Senator will yield, I had just sort of passed through the Chamber and I did not see anything happening, but there is a lot of precedent for that.

As I understand, the next amendment would be the Senator from Michigan, Senator LEVIN, and there would be 50 minutes, 25 minutes on a side. Is that satisfactory?

Mr. LEVIN. That would be fine.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I make that request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ASHCROFT). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. While that debate is going on, it is my understanding that the Biden amendment is now pending, is that correct?

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, the answer is yes.

The reason I have counseled my friend from Michigan not to go yet is that the key staff people who know this issue very well, who will also want to be available to Senator HATCH as well as to me, are the very people negotiating this other item which is very close.

Apparently, we are now ready to go. We will be able to move right away to Senator LEVIN. We may be able to dispose of this right now. Apparently, we have reached our agreement.

Mr. DOLE. Does the Senator from Wisconsin have an amendment?

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I think the Senator from Wisconsin wishes to speak on the issue.

Mr. FEINGOLD. That is right.

Mr. BIDEN. Maybe we can let him do that while we nail this down.

Mr. DOLE. If I understand, after the disposition of the pending amendment—if we work it out—fine; then the amendment of the Senator from Michigan; there would be two amendments remaining, one by the Presiding Officer and one by the Senator from Delaware.

Mr. BIDEN. That is correct.

Mr. DOLE. And as I understand, one would have a 60 minute time agreement, the other 90 minutes.

Mr. BIDEN. I would say we may not use all 90 minutes, but since it is the last amendment, I would prefer to have that cushion.

Mr. DOLE. The point is, we would like to complete action. We said no votes before 1 o'clock. I think it will be probably be before 2 o'clock, would be my guess. there will probably not be any vote before 2 o'clock, but we had hoped to complete action on this bill by 3 o'clock so we could start on telecommunications. We are probably going into the evening tonight on that bill.

I am told by the managers on that bill that it is a bipartisan effort, and may be able to complete that more quickly than we may have thought at the outset.

The bottom line is we need to finish this bill, and I know the managers are making progress. I appreciate it very much.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I wish to speak on the bill on the habeas corpus issue. I rise today to speak against provisions in S. 735 that are characterized as reforms in the habeas corpus appeals process. These items that are being referred to as reforms, in my view, would hasten the implementation of the death penalty and might well have the result of rushing innocent people to executions.

This is not, strictly speaking, a debate about the death penalty itself, but about the fundamental American right of due process.

Mr. President, there are several ways in which this fundamental right may be undermined by the pending bill, including the requirement that Federal

judiciary defer to State courts. This is a major departure from more than 200 years of legal precedent, and to my mind, the most egregious change proposed by habeas reform supporters.

There is also a general 1-year statute of limitations—6 months in some cases—for filing a petition. These time limits fail to recognize the time needed to develop a proper habeas petition.

There is also a concern which the ranking member has been discussing about the elimination of the current absolute right of petitioners in capital cases to counsel for Federal habeas corpus petitions and replacing it with a provision that leaves assignment of counsel to the discretion of the court. I understand there has been some movement on that, some progress. I am pleased to hear it and look forward to reviewing it.

Mr. President, we have heard the arguments for streamlining habeas corpus procedures to limit death row appeals and implement the death penalty more quickly.

On a gut level, these arguments carry power; they paint a picture of convicted criminals contemptuously manipulating our justice system to avoid punishment for heinous crimes, all the while supposedly languishing comfortably in their prison cells. The arguments remind us of the lingering pain and frustration of victims' families, who are forced to wait, sometimes for years, before they reach the end of their ordeals that began with the violent death of a loved one. The arguments also speak to the problems of clogged courts and precious resources tied up in lengthy and, perhaps, duplicative habeas proceedings.

But the supporters of so-called habeas reform usually do not tell us other stories—the rest of the story.

They do not tell us about innocent defendants sent to death row because they could not afford competent counsel, and because some States do not have procedures in place to provide effective counsel to indigents. They do not tell us of murder defendants watching as their attorneys fail to properly prepare and present a defense, either because they lack resources or because they themselves are indifferent, incompetent, or inexperienced.

They do not tell us about innocent defendants convicted because of sloppy investigations or prosecutorial misconduct.

They do not seem to take into account the amount of time it takes to properly prepare and present a habeas petition.

They seem ready and willing to hasten to fatal judgment in the name of efficiency and to accept tragic mistakes as the necessary price for timely justice.

I am not willing to support this haste.

While I completely understand the pain of victims' families, I do not want to create more pain, and more victims of violence, by approving changes in the law that could send innocent people to their deaths. That in itself would be a dreadful crime.

We must be mindful that when we change the law, it applies to all, not just to the clever manipulators of the system that supporters of the habeas reform provisions of S. 735 seem to believe fill our death rows.

Consider the case of Nathaniel Carter, an innocent man wrongly convicted in 1982 of the stabbing death of his mother-in-law.

Mr. Carter is a man about my age. His story was told in the New York Times and in New York Newsday this past February. Ten witnesses placed Mr. Carter miles from the murder scene at the time the crime was committed. Nonetheless, he was sentenced to 25-years-to-life for a crime he did not commit, only because New York State at that time did not have a death penalty statute.

It does now, and if that statute had been in effect in 1982, the sentencing judge made it plain that it would have been imposed, on Mr. Carter, an innocent man.

Mr. Carter spent 28 months in prison before being exonerated. His former wife eventually admitted committing the crime.

Nathaniel Carter was lucky, but had conditions been different, his luck would not have saved him. His boyhood friend, George Pataki, now Governor of New York, earlier this year signed that State's new death penalty statute into law.

It is worth considering what would have happened if Mr. Carter had faced the death penalty and if he would have faced the habeas reforms included in S. 735. He might well be dead for a crime he did not commit.

So the question today is are we willing to put Mr. Carter and others like him to death for the sake of hastening other deaths of some guilty parties?

The U.S. Supreme Court has handed down significant habeas decisions this year in two separate cases, decisions that should be considered in this debate.

On April 19, the Court, in Kyles versus Whitley, reversed and remanded the first-degree murder conviction of a Louisiana man, Curtis Lee Kyles. Mr. Kyles was sentenced to death.

After his conviction, it was discovered the State had not revealed certain evidence favorable to Mr. Kyles' case. His appeals to State courts won him a remand for an evidentiary hearing, but the State trial court afterward denied relief. He then went to the State supreme court, which denied his application for discretionary review.

However, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Mr. Kyles was entitled to a new trial because there was a ''reasonable probability'' that the disclosure of that evidence would have produced a different result than the original conviction.

Had Mr. Kyles not been able to file his Federal habeas petition, as might well be the case if we pass S. 735 with its habeas reform provisions, which include a higher bar to habeas petitions and deference to State courts, he might still be sitting in a Louisiana prison, awaiting death.

Earlier this year, in January, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its ruling in Schlup versus Delo.

In that case, Lloyd Schlup, a prisoner in Missouri, was convicted of participating in the murder of a fellow inmate and sentenced to death.

However, Schlup, who was filing his second habeas petition, argued his trial deprived the jury of critical evidence that would have established his innocence. The U.S. district court had denied relief, stating Mr. Schlup had not met the ''clear and convincing evidence'' standard that the habeas reform provisions of S. 735 would impose.

The U.S. Supreme Court adopted a less stringent standard, that the habeas petitioner need show that the constitutional violation complained of ''probably resulted in the conviction of one who is actually innocent.''

There is a body of evidence readily available to show that putting limits on the habeas corpus process could well mean innocent people will be affected in the ultimate way.

A 19-page staff report prepared last November for the House Subcommittee on the Constitution, formerly the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, found 52 cases in 20 years where innocent people were convicted of capital crimes and later won release, some of them by filing habeas petitions.

That document, entitled, ''Innocence and the Death Penalty: Assessing the Danger of Mistaken Executions,'' might be worth reading before we decide to reform this system in this way that reminds me very much of something that is quite the opposite of reform.

At one point, the report states:

> These 52 cases illustrate the flaws inherent in the death sentencing systems used in the states. Some of these men were convicted on the basis of perjured testimony or because the prosecutor improperly withheld exculpatory evidence. In other cases, racial prejudice was a determining factor. In others, defense counsel failed to conduct the necessary investigation that would have disclosed exculpatory information.

I would also call to the attention of my colleagues a Yale Law School Journal piece entitled, ''Counsel for the Poor; the Death Sentence Not For The Worst Crime But For The Worst Lawyer,'' published in May 1994, by Stephen Bright, the director of the Southern Center for Human Rights, based in Atlanta, GA.

Mr. Bright's piece is a sobering, I might even say chilling description of problems encountered by defendants in capital cases.

Mr. Bright points out instances of States not providing sufficient resources to assigned defense counsel for proper investigation of a case. Compared to the resources available to an aggressive prosecutor, a defendant can

begin with a significant disadvantage in a life-or-death fight.

Mr. Bright also describes cases of professional incompetence on the part of attorneys representing indigent clients in capital cases. Some of these defendants, after they were convicted and sentenced to death, were able to secure competent counsel, prove their innocence, and win just release.

Capital cases are complex, and the stakes are the highest imaginable, so experienced counsel is needed to properly represent a defendant. Still, we are seeing evidence that these cases are not always tried by such experienced counsel. Imagine sitting in the defendant's chair, your life on the line, knowing you are innocent, and watching your attorney fail to conduct proper investigation, fail to call witnesses, fail to present an adequate statement to the jury. Imagine that in this country.

When the day is done, that attorney walks home. You, the defendant, walk to death row. If you cannot find experienced, responsible counsel for an appeal, you walk to the gas chamber, the electric chair, or to a stark room with vials of poison to execute you.

We must not forget these stories as we debate reform.

Neither should we forget, in our frustration with the current system, that a habeas petitioner is not free to walk the streets while awaiting the ruling of the court. I think that is a misperception that some have. This man or woman is in prison, not sitting in a country club.

Many of the stories we hear during this debate rely on their persuasive power on the grief and rage many of us feel after a brutal murder. But let me speak a word of caution to those who stir those feelings. Grief and rage are not good foundations for making good policy, and emotions that strong can lead us to bad decisions and unintended consequences, and in this case, to conclude, although it may not be very frequent and apparently is frequent enough, it literally can lead to the execution of innocent people.

I urge that the habeas provisions of this bill be removed. I do not think they are appropriate to this piece of legislation. Certainly, the bill could go forward without them, and it would be a far better piece of legislation.

I thank the Chair. I yield the floor.

Mr. WELLSTONE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I came in at the very end to hear the remarks of my colleague from Wisconsin. I would like to thank him for his eloquence. I am not a lawyer, but I do believe that the Senator from Wisconsin has made an essential point. I think his point about habeas is as follows: Actually, regardless of your position about capital punishment—I think all of us in very good faith can have profoundly different views on this question—what you certainly do not want to ever see happen is that someone innocent is executed, and to in any way, shape, or form move away from the very rights that people have in the appeal process, which is a frightening possibility. I think the Senator from Wisconsin has spoken to this in a very eloquent way.

I thank him for his remarks.

AMENDMENT NO. 1252 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1199

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] proposes an amendment numbered 1252 to amendment numbered 1199.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Delete lines 4 through 7 on page 125.

Strike lines 20 through 24 on page 106 and insert the following:

''(h) Except as provided in title 21, United States Code, section 848, in all proceedings brought under this section, and any subsequent proceedings on review, the court may appoint counsel for an applicant who is or becomes financially unable to afford counsel, except as

Strike lines 9 through 11 on page 108 and insert the following:

''Except as provided in title 21, United States Code, section 848, in all proceedings brought under this section, and any subsequent proceedings on review, the court may appoint counsel who is or becomes financially unable

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, this modification will correct the text. I want to thank my colleague from Delaware for bringing our attention to it, as well as my colleague from Pennsylvania, who has worked with us to try to resolve this. We think we can resolve this matter so that we can then vote on the Senator's amendment when the time comes.

Mr. BIDEN. I urge adoption of the modification.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 1252) was agreed to.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I thank my friend from Utah. As usual, he is always reasonable.

The effect of what the Senator has just done is to modify the underlying bill that he introduced, the Hatch amendment, the Hatch bill, the Hatch-Dole bill.

It maintains in capital cases the requirement that counsel be appointed at trial and in a habeas proceeding, and it makes discretionary the appointment of counsel at those stages in noncapital cases.

That leaves one part of my original amendment that still needs to be resolved. We can speak to it in a very short order.

There was a third section of the existing bill that was attempted to be amended by my amendment.

I send that modification of my amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is the Senator modifying amendment 1226?

Mr. BIDEN. No, the Senator is modifying, actually, it is a whole new amendment. I am attempting to modify the underlying bill.

Mr. President, I want to make clear. I may have done something inadvertently here.

I do not mean to modify, I am sending the amendment to the desk, the purpose of which is to amend the Hatch amendment. We need a vote on it. I am not seeking unanimous consent for that.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the clerk will report the new amendment.

Mr. HATCH. Parliamentary inquiry: As I understand it, this is a substitute that will replace the pending Biden amendment.

Mr. BIDEN. That is correct.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator can either withdraw the pending Biden amendment 1226 and send up a new amendment, or he can modify the Biden amendment No. 1226.

Mr. BIDEN. That is correct.

Mr. President, if there is one thing I have learned after years, it is that it is very difficult to listen to staff and the Presiding Officer at the same time. I apologize.

I should have been listening to the Presiding Officer.

Would he mind repeating his question to me?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator could either modify amendment 1226 or submit a new amendment, either one.

Mr. BIDEN. I am submitting a new amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1226 WITHDRAWN

Mr. BIDEN. President, I would like to withdraw amendment 1226. I hate numbers and acronyms. But that is what I wish to withdraw.

I send a new amendment to the desk, the number of which I have not the slightest idea.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Amendment 1226 is withdrawn

The amendment (No. 1226) was withdrawn.

AMENDMENT NO. 1253 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1199

(Purpose: To amend the bill with respect to requring counsel for federal habeas proceedings)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the new amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] proposes an amendment numbered 1253 to amendment No. 1199.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike lines 10–22 on page 125.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, as I understand it, that amendment has been

set over until some time at 1 o'clock, am I correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. No agreement has been reached on the disposition of that amendment.

Mr. HATCH. I move to table the amendment.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, before he does that, I would like to be able to speak for 5 minutes to my amendment.

Mr. HATCH. I withhold that.

I ask unanimous consent that the vote occur on or in relation to amendment No. 1226, which is now 1253, at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the minority leader, but not before 1 p.m. today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, if I can speak very briefly now to my new amendment, let me make sure that I have it straight for myself, let alone for all of my colleagues.

My original amendment was designed to do three things, to change three provisions of the Hatch—I will call it the bill; it is technically an amendment—the thing we are debating, the counterterrorism legislation that is before us. In that counterterrorism legislation, there were a number of provisions, three of which were as follows: One deleted the existing statutory requirement that there be counsel appointed for an indigent at a trial. The second, deleted an existing statutory provision requiring counsel be appointed at a habeas corpus proceeding for an indigent. And the third amended existing law that says counsel for an indigent has the right to go before a Federal judge by himself without the prosecutor present and make a request to the Federal judge for additional resources in order to adequately be able to protect his client's constitutional interests, that is, go in to a Federal judge and say: Judge, I do not have the money to hire an investigator like the prosecutor has that I need to go to x town to interview three people.

The way the law exists now, that lawyer for the indigent can do just what a lawyer for a nonindigent can do and what the prosecutor can do. He does not have to tip his hand to the prosecutor to say this is what I am about to do; this is what I am about to investigate; this is what I want to check out.

It would be a little bit like in that God-awful O.J. Simpson trial in that if every time the defense hired someone to investigate something, they first had to go to the prosecutor and say: By the way, I am going to hire this investigator to go look at the background of one of the police officers, and I am going to do it on Tuesday, and I am going to interview the following three people.

No one would expect defense counsel to have to do that with the prosecution present, would not have to tell the prosecutor that.

Conversely, the prosecutor, when they are in the middle of a trial and they say: My goodness—or before a trial—we better check out a lead that we have; we have a lead that on September 12 the defendant was with Mary Jones in Oshkosh; we are going to send an investigator to go to see Mary Jones and find out whether that is true—if the prosecutor had to say: By the way, defense counsel, on October 3 we are going to send an investigator to meet Mary Jones in Oshkosh, that would prejudice the State's case because the defendant could pick up the phone and call Mary Jones and tell Mary Jones to leave town. It is not reasonable.

What we did in the law not long ago, we said an indigent should have the same rights. But an indigent does not have any money. The only reason a poor guy's lawyer, the one that is appointed by the court, goes to the judge is because he does not have the money. Otherwise, he would not have to go to the judge. All he would have to do is say: OK, I am hiring a guy to go check this out. But now he is able to go to the judge. The reason he goes to the judge is that the judge is the guy who dispenses the money. The judge is the guy to say: OK, I will give you the money to hire that guy. You proved to me you need it. I will give you the money.

Now, what my friends do here—and I understand their motivation; I think it is pure—is they say, wait a minute now. That is costing money, and should not the prosecutor, the State, have to be in that room when the defense attorney is in that room saying: Judge, I have no money, but I wish to hire an investigator to check this out.

They say that the State prosecutor should be able to be in that room while that is being done. Well, they would not say that if it were a civil case. You would not in a civil case say, by the way, you ought to tell the other side that you are about to hire two people to go investigate a witness who says they saw your client walking around perfectly healthy when they claim to have a bad back. They say, well, you would not have to telegraph that.

Just because somebody is poor, why should they have to give away their case in front of the prosecutor?

And, by the way, to put it another way, how is the State hurt by this? The State is not hurt in any way by this. There is a Federal judge sitting there deciding whether or not there is a legitimate case made to need this investigator or to need this additional resource.

And so what my amendment does is it strikes another provision in the underlying counterterrorism bill, the Hatch bill. It strikes the part that says that before a poor man's appointed counsel can ask a judge a question, he has to have the prosecutor in the room with him while he asks.

Now, my good friend from Pennsylvania, who is, along with the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, one of the best trial lawyers in this place, and their previous records demonstrate that, says basically: JOE, do not worry about that because our legislation says—and I will read it—''No ex parte proceeding, communication or request may be considered pursuant to this section unless a proper showing is made concerning the need for confidentiality.''

I understand what they intend by that. What they intend by that is to solve the problem I have just raised, but under the law the use of the phrase ''proper showing'' means that in front of the prosecutor you are going to have to say: This is why I need this money, judge, to hire this investigator.

The effect of that is in making your proper showing you have to make it in front of the prosecutor. You have now given away the very thing you wanted to avoid when you asked for the closed hearing. This closed meeting with the judge has nothing to do with the facts of the case, nothing to do with the outcome of the case, nothing to do with the evidence that can or cannot be submitted in the case, nothing to do with the substance of the case.

It has to do with the resources made available to a court-appointed lawyer. He may go in and say: Judge, you have not given me enough money to be able to send out the following 20 questions to prospective witnesses. I want that money. Can you give me that money to send out those letters? Or to provide transportation to get a witness.

Remember Rosa, that woman in the O.J. trial who was going to Mexico? Well, it may be a situation where he said: Look, I have an indigent witness who cannot get here. I do not have the money to get him here. Can you give us the money to get him here? The judge may say: No, I will not give you the money. I do not think it is essential for your case. But if the judge thinks it is essential, he can say: OK, you are authorized to buy a ticket to send that person here.

But what you do not want to do is to necessarily have to tell that to the prosecution at this point because it may be a witness you turn out not using.

Anyway, that is the crux of this thing, and although the intention to correct my concern in the underlying remaining amendment is the law says that ''upon a proper showing of the need for confidentiality'' you can have this secret hearing, or this closed hearing, it does not get it done because ''proper showing,'' we believe, is essentially a term of art in the law. You have to make your case before the other person.

Now, the last point I will make—and this is, I think, an appropriate point to make—is that the mere fact they put this in here evidences the fact they know I am right. The mere fact they acknowledge that there are circumstances under which confidentiality is appropriate makes my case.

Think about that now. If they thought everything I am saying here makes no sense, that it is not a legitimate point to raise, why would they

provide for any circumstance under which there could be a closed hearing in which only the judge and only the defense counsel were present? They acknowledge by implication. They try to correct it by saying ''proper showing.'' I spent, with my staff, 20 minutes trying to come up with some other phrase that would get it done.

But the truth of the matter is, it is real simple. It is human nature. If you have the prosecutor and the defense lawyer there and the judge, where the Presiding Officer is, and I have to make my case to you because you are not going to automatically grant what I request, you want to know why I want it. So you have to ask me, ''Joe, why do you want it?'' And in order for me to convince you to give me the resources, I have to say to you in front of the other guy, ''Well, I want it, Judge, because I think this witness is going to show that the witnesses for the prosecution are lying.'' Bingo, out of the bag.

Now, if I could say to you, ''Judge, I can't say in front of the prosecutor here. Could you ask the prosecutor to step out of the room and I will tell you?'' If you could say that, then that will get it done. I do not mind the prosecutor being in there as long as when it comes to me to make my case as to why I need the resources that the prosecutor is not there.

So I toyed with the idea of changing the law to say, ''No ex parte proceedings, communication, or request may be considered pursuant to this section unless a request is made concerning the need for confidentiality.'' A request is made—a request—not a showing, because when you move from request to showing, you are required to lay your cards on the table. ''The very cards I have to show you, Your Honor, in order to get you to allow me the money,'' I have to do it in front of those folks.

We do not ask that for a defendant who can afford a lawyer. We do not ask that for a prosecutor. We only ask that for somebody who is poor, and that is a double standard. That is a double standard. To put it another way, Mr. President, if we wanted to make it even for everybody, we should require the privately paid defense lawyer to have to tell the prosecutor every single investigator he or she hires and why they hired them, and we should have to tell the prosecutor they have to tell the defense lawyer every single thing their investigator is doing before they do it. That would be fair. Now everybody is on the same playing field. Now poor folks are treated just like wealthy folks. Prosecutors are treated just like defendants. That would be fair.

But what do we have here? We have a situation where I am poor, he is wealthy, and she is a prosecutor. She does not have to tell me anything about what she is investigating as a prosecutor. He does not have to tell her anything about what he is investigating as a defendant, he can afford it. But I have to tell everybody. It is not fair; not fair. That is what I am trying to correct.

The underlying statute is 848. My amendment strikes all of their reference to that statute. I would be willing to do it by just substituting the word ''request'' for ''a proper showing'' in their language, but I do not think they are willing to accept that. So I am willing, when it is the appropriate time for my colleague to respond, if he wishes to, or move to table this—the bottom line, Mr. President, is I just think this is about fairness.

Why should an indigent defendant have to tell the prosecutor all that he is investigating? You say, ''They don't have to under the law.'' They do practically, Mr. President, because they do not have the resources to hire these folks to do the investigation. Therefore, they have to ask for that. In order to get the judge to give them those resources, they have to tell him why they want those resources; thereby, the effect is they have to tell them. They should not have to do that. Wealthy defendants do not have to do it. Prosecutors do not have to do it. Poor people should not have to do it.

I yield the floor and thank my colleague.

Mr. HATCH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I appreciate what my colleague is saying, and I know he, with his experience, feels very deeply about it. The real problem is and the reason we have to oppose this amendment is because at this point in the proceedings, we have had a trial, three appeals, we have had other proceedings, but at this point in the proceedings, to which Senator BIDEN is referring, all claims should have been out in the open. At that point, they should be out in the open. They should not be investigating new claims at this point.

Frankly, ex parte proceedings are simply unnecessary at this point in the proceedings. This is just simply another way of dragging out the process and the proceeding, permitting the defense counsel to argue his case outside the presence of the prosecutor. That is why we have to oppose this amendment.

I suppose we could argue that we should never finish these proceedings; that there is no finality; that people who do not like the death penalty want these things to go on forever hoping that nobody ever has to live up to the judgment of the court or the jury, but that is what we are trying to solve here.

The bill before the Senate protects constitutional rights. It protects civil liberties. We give them every chance under our bill to be able to pursue their claims. There is no reason why they should be able to walk into a court room and get an ex parte hearing without having counsel for the State present and having hired people to investigate new evidence over the last 6 months and then get a nunc pro tunc ruling of the court—in other words, that they should pay for that, the State is going to have to pay for that, from the time they hired them right up to the present time—in an ex parte proceeding. We both argued this pretty much to death.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I would like to make one brief response.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, let me explain why, although it sounds reasonable what my friend said. We have gone through the factfinding stage, the trial, this is just on habeas appeals, and why do you want to dig stuff up?

Many of the habeas appeals are premised on the following proposition: The defendant says, ''Hey, look, I got convicted, I got convicted unfairly because there was perjured testimony in my trial,'' like a couple trials that were mentioned here today, actually happened. I am not making these up, they happened.

It turns out, for example, the prosecutor had a witness that would have said, ''I was with Charlie Smith and he couldn't have committed the crime,'' and the prosecutor never let anybody know that. Conversely, someone gets on the stand in the trial and lies and it is later found out that they lied.

The reason why the defense attorney needs to be able to investigate is to be able to root that out. You have a defendant saying, ''Look, I am about to be put to death, but I'm telling you, Charlie Smith lied. If you just go find Harriet Wilson, I found out she knows he lied.''

This is what happened. I am asking my staff to check the Carter case. I am not sure of the facts in the Carter case. If I am not mistaken, there was additional evidence found out after the trial—after the trial. That is why the defendant needs the same tools available to him or her that a wealthy defendant would need or the prosecutor needs. That is all I am saying. Do not be misled by the notion that the trial is over, therefore, there is no other factfinding to go on, you do not need an investigator.

For example, in the Hurricane Carter case—I wanted to make sure I was right on my facts here—after the trial was over, Hurricane Carter's lawyers found out that there was a polygraph test given to one of the witnesses, and the outcome of that polygraph test sustained Hurricane Carter's assertion that he was innocent. It was never made available. They never told anybody such a test was done. Therefore, it took investigative work after the trial to go back and dig this out. They dug it out.

Old Hurricane Carter ''ain't'' dead now, and the reason he is not dead now is because they dug that, among other facts, out. That is the investigative work we are talking about. Keep in mind now, this does not in any way extend the number of appeals someone

can make. This does not in any way extend the time in which appeals have to be filed. This is just simple fairness. Treat poor people like you treat wealthy people during and after the trial.

I yield the floor.

Mr. HATCH. One more sentence. This is after direct appeals, after collateral appeals have been done, after the State has decided the issue on perjury, or to use his hypothetical, where they would have had the opportunity. All we ask is that the State not be hammered. We have had judges that do these things. States have had inordinate expenses, and there is little or no justification for it.

Mr. President, I move to table the Biden amendment and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent that the vote on the motion to table the Biden amendment No. 1253 be at a time to be determined by the majority leader after consultation with the minority leader, but not before 2 p.m. today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. I ask that the Biden amendment No. 1253 be laid aside and that the Senator from Michigan be recognized to offer his amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent that at the conclusion or yielding back of time on the Levin amendment it be set aside and the vote occur on or in relation to the Levin amendment No. 1245 following the vote on the motion to table the Biden amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. It is my understanding that the distinguished Senator from Oklahoma has asked for some separate time.

I ask unanimous consent that he be given that opportunity to speak at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. I ask that the time not be charged to Senator LEVIN or our side.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, first, I wish to compliment Senator HATCH for his leadership on this bill, and I also compliment Senator DOLE for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor and his willingness to bring it to the Senate this early.

Mr. HATCH. If the Senator will yield, before the Senator gets into his remarks, I want to also ask unanimous consent that immediately following the Senator from Oklahoma the Senator from Michigan be granted 10 minutes, without having the time count against any amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, again, I thank my friend and colleague from Utah for his leadership on this bill and for his willingness to bring it to the floor so quickly. I also thank Senator DOLE, because I remember after the tragedy of April 19 in my State, talking to Senator DOLE either that day or the next day, he stated to me his willingness to bring legislation forward to the Senate as quickly as possible. He has met that obligation. We do not usually move very fast in the Senate. I appreciate his willingness to schedule this as early as possible. I also appreciate the fact that finally we are going to bring this issue to a conclusion.

It was my hope that we were going to finish it last night. I wanted to be in Oklahoma today because of some base closing hearings both in Enid and in Oklahoma City, Vance and Tinker Air Force bases. That is very important. But I feel like this issue is most important for my State and for many people across our country. It is vitally important that we enact habeas corpus reform.

On Monday of this week I was honored to meet with about a dozen Oklahomans who had lost family members in the Oklahoma City bombing. These brave individuals came to their Nation's Capital to honor their loved ones by asking the U.S. Senate to do one meaningful thing—enact tough habeas corpus reform on the antiterrorism bill.

There are several important parts of the bill that is before us, but the one key element that will help the victims of the Oklahoma City bomber and other victims of violent crime in habeas corpus reform.

I will read a couple of the comments that some of the victim's families made:

> In Oklahoma City they had a press conference and came to the State capitol to urge Congress and the President to implement habeas corpus legislation that would significantly reduce the appeals process and expedite the imposition of death sentences. In strained, choked voices, they talked of the tragedy that tore at the city, leaving shattered families still only beginning to absorb the depths of their losses. Connie Williams wore a button with her dead son Scott's picture, bearing the words ''Beloved Scott, Our Special Angel.'' His pregnant wife, Nicole, said, ''I do not want his daughter to be in high school wondering why his killers are still on death row.''

She is right.

Some of the families came up to our Nation's Capitol on Monday. One was Diane Leonard. Her statement was, ''Our pain and anger are great.'' Her husband is gone, a Secret Service agent killed in the bombing in Oklahoma City. I might mention he was an agent of the Secret Service for 25 years. She added, ''But it would be much, much greater if the perpetrators of this crime are allowed to sit on death row for many years.'' She is talking about the pain and anger are great, but it would be much greater if the perpetrators were allowed to sit on death row for many years. She is a former Tulsa resident. Diane Leonard, her voice cracking with emotion, described in graphic detail the injuries her husband suffered. She urged Senators to have the courage to amend the law to allow death sentences to be carried out in 2 or 3 years.

I respect the fact that some of our colleagues feel differently on the death penalty. We have heard some of them speak eloquently today. They are opposed to habeas corpus reform in large part, in many cases, because they do not want the death penalty to ever be carried out. I respect their position, but I do not think they are correct. I think they are wrong.

Mr. President, I fear that our criminal justice system is in critical condition. The past couple of years have shown a dip in America's crime rate, but over the course of years our crime rate has gone up and up and up.

Today, an American is about 2½ times more likely to be a victim of a property crime than he or she was in 1960.

Today, an American is about four times more likely to be a victim of a violent crime than he or she was in 1960.

And in the face of these sobering numbers and the numbing real-life stories that appear on our television sets every night, our criminal justice system appears less and less able to dispense justice.

This bill, if it contains tough, new habeas corpus reforms, can be an essential step along the path to reform.

No adult in Oklahoma can consider the probable prospects for the Oklahoma City bomber without reflecting on the man who until a few weeks ago was Oklahoma's most notorious killer. That man is Roger Dale Stafford who, in 1978, murdered nine persons in two separate incidents. Roger Dale Stafford was given nine death sentences for those murders, but he is living still.

Roger Dale Stafford does have an execution date; it is July 1, 1995. But Roger Dale Stafford has had execution dates before, and they all have come and gone. Whether this date will be the last I do not know for his attorney has announced that he will seek another stay of execution. Incidentally, this is the same attorney who has been appointed to represent Timothy James McVeigh, the man being held in connection with the Oklahoma City bombing.

Roger Dale Stafford's crimes are well known in Oklahoma, but the fact that they are well known does not reduce their ability to shock and sadden anyone who hears of his wickedness.

On June 21, 1978, after searching unsuccessfully for a business to rob, Roger Dale Stafford, his wife, Verna, and his brother, Harold, decided to stop their car, raise the hood, and feign distress, in hopes that a wealthy and vulnerable Good Samaritan would come

along. They pulled their car to the side of the road, and Verna Stafford attempted to flag down passing cars. Roger and Harold Stafford lay in wait in the darkness.

Eventually, a blue Ford pickup truck with a white camper shell pulled off the road, and the driver, Air Force Sgt. Melvin Lorenz approached Verna Stafford with an offer to help. Sergeant Lorenz looked under the hood of the Stafford automobile and said that he could find nothing wrong. At that point, the Stafford brothers confronted Sergeant Lorenz and demanded his wallet. Roger Stafford was armed with a pistol. Sergeant Lorenz informed the Staffords that he and his family were on their way to his mother's funeral in North Dakota, and that he could give the appellant some money, but not all that he had. Roger Dale Stafford then shot Sergeant Lorenz twice, killing him.

Hearing the shots, Linda Lorenz, Sergeant Lorenz's wife, got out of the pickup truck and ran toward her husband. Verna Stafford knocked Mrs. Lorenz to the ground, and Roger Stafford shot her as she fell, killing her.

The murderers then heard a child calling from the back of the camper. Roger Stafford approached the camper, cut a hole in the screen, and fired his pistol into the darkness, forever silencing 11-year-old Richard Lorenz.

For the Lorenz murders, Roger Dale Stafford was convicted on three counts of first degree murder and sentenced to death for each murder.

That was first of Roger Dale Stafford's murderous episodes in Oklahoma. A month later, he struck again:

On July 16, 1978, Roger, Verna, and Harold Stafford robbed the Sirloin Stockade Restaurant in Oklahoma City. The trio waited in the restaurant's parking lot until all the customers had left, then knocked on the side door of the restaurant. When the manager answered, he was greeted by Roger and Harold Stafford pointing guns at him. They forced him to take them to the cash register and the office safe.

Harold and Verna Stafford held five employees at gun-point while Roger Stafford had the manager empty the office safe which contained almost $1300. All six employees were then ordered inside the restaurant's walk-in freezer. Once inside, Roger Stafford shot one of the hostages, then both men opened fire on the remaining employees. Roger Stafford told Verna that it was time for her to take part. He placed his gun in her hand and helped her pull the trigger.

All six Sirloin Stockade employees died as a result of the shootings. They were: Terri Michelle Horst, age 15; David Gregory Salsman, age 15; David Lindsay, age 17; Anthony Tew, age 17; Louis Zacarias, age 46; and Isaac Freeman, age 56.

For the Sirloin Stockade murders, Roger Dale Stafford was convicted on six counts of first degree murder and sentenced to death for each murder.

As I said, Mr. President, Roger Dale Stafford lives still, and each day his penalty becomes farther and farther removed from the crimes for which it is so eminently justified. Justice still waits for Roger Dale Stafford.

And, why the delay? Because since his convictions, Roger Dale Stafford has made at least 18 reported appearances in Federal and State courts. He has been before the U.S. Supreme Court six times—1985, 1985, 1985, 1984, 1984, 1984—before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit once, 1994, before the Oklahoma Supreme Court once, 1986, and before the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals nine times, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1990, 1987, 1985, 1985, 1983, 1983. This list does not include appearances which were not officially reported. It omits one pretrial appearance at an appellate court, 1979. And, it omits all activity at the trial courts.

Mr. President, 17 years ago he murders teenagers, he murders an innocent family that is trying to help him out, and he is still on death row. That is not justice delayed, that is justice denied.

What about the families that lost teenagers in that incident? What about the families that lost loved ones—178—in the Oklahoma City bombing incident; 178, with over 400 injured? Are we going to be telling them 15, 17, 20 years from now, ''Well, the appeals process is just very cumbersome,'' and have taxpayers paying not only the expense for taking care of the perpetrators of the crime, should they be convicted and receive the death sentences, as they surely should and hopefully will. What are we going to tell those families?

I met with some of the victims that lost two children. I met with them Friday. A young lady in her early twenties lost both her kids. I met with a daughter that lost her father just last Monday. I met with three spouses that lost their spouse. One of the individuals that was here was an uncle who lost his nephew, whose wife is expecting. What about that child who will never see her father alive? Are we going to tell that child, ''Well, we are sorry, but the person that was responsible for murdering your dad is still in Federal court, he is still in prison living pretty well, watching TV; Uncle Sam, or the Government, is taking care of him, giving him three meals, making sure all his rights are protected,'' and allow him to abuse the process for 15 years or so? I do not think so. That is not justice to the families. That is not justice, period.

So we need habeas corpus reform. We have needed it for a long time. I am glad the President has reversed himself and now agreed that we need this on this bill. This will allow the families to at least have some knowledge that there will be justice, and hopefully we will move very quickly.

Mr. President, I want to make some general comments on habeas corpus reform because we have needed this for a long time. First, our habeas system does not promote justice. The availability of habeas corpus to State prisoners, beyond the various remedies and layers of review available in State courts, has little or no value in avoiding injustices or ensuring that the Federal rights of criminal defendants are respected. The typical applicant has already secured extensive review of his case in State courts, having pursued a State appeal and often having initiated collateral attacks in State courts. The claims raised by such defendants are normally without substance and are likely to be technical, that is, to allege procedural irregularities which cast no real doubt on the defendant's guilt.

Let me just mention the cases in Oklahoma City. I talked to a Federal judge, the first judge I was responsible for getting appointed in Oklahoma. 1982 was his first year on the court. They had 193 prisoner appeals made to the Federal courts—193. That happened to be about 10 percent of their caseload. In 1992, 10 years later, they had 630. The number more than tripled, an increase to 25 percent of their caseload.

Prisoners are finding it pretty easy to make appeals, and they are appealing to the Federal system. There is no limit to the number of appeals. They can appeal for anything. They can appeal on habeas that they were incorrectly convicted, or they can appeal and say that somebody next door is smoking or somebody next door has a radio too loud. And they take it all the way to the Federal court. That is happening hundreds of times.

In Oklahoma City and the western district in 1992, there were 630 prisoner petitions. Some of the prisoners are specializing in this. There is nothing else to do. So they have legal access, they have access to the library, and they can abuse this process for all it is worth. And so what if it ties up the court? So what if it keeps them kind of busy? So what if they are as guilty as they possibly can be? So what if they have been convicted and gone through every appeal in the process and been to the Supreme Court?

Roger Dale Stafford has had his case to the Supreme Court six times, and every time the Supreme Court said, ''Guilty.'' Yet he files another petition. I expect he has another one in the typewriter right now. It just so happens his attorney is a very competent, very professional, very good attorney, Steven Jones. He also happens to be the same attorney that will be defending Mr. McVeigh. I do not want the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing to have to wait 17 or 20 years for justice. That is why we need habeas corpus reform.

Second, the habeas system demeans federalism. The present system of review is demeaning to the State courts and pointlessly disparaging to the efforts to comply with Federal law in criminal proceedings. A single Federal judge is frequently placed in the position of reviewing a judgment of conviction that was entered by a State trial

judge, reviewed and found objectionable by a State appellate court, and upheld by a State supreme court. An independent determination of the contentions raised by the applicant is required of the Federal judge although he may have no doubt that the State courts were conscientious and fair. State judiciaries are presumed to be incapable of applying Federal law, or unwilling to do so.

I know Senator KYL will have an amendment later that would address that, and I compliment him for his amendment and plan to support him in his efforts.

Third, habeas corpus defeats the demand for finality. The current system of Federal habeas corpus defeats the important objective of having an end to litigation. The costs of such a system were eloquently described by the late Justice John Harlan in *Mackey* v. *United States*, 401 U.S. 667, 690–91 (1971):

> Both the individual criminal defendant and society have an interest in insuring that there will at some point be the certainty that comes with an end to litigation, and that attention will ultimately be focused not on whether a conviction was free from error but rather on whether the prisoner can be restored to a useful place in the community. * * * If law, criminal or otherwise, is worth having and enforcing, it must at some time provide a definitive answer to the questions litigants present or else it never provides an answer at all. * * * No one, not criminal defendants, not the judicial system, not society as a whole is benefitted by a judgment providing a man shall tentatively go to jail today, but tomorrow and every day thereafter his continued incarceration shall be subject to fresh litigation on issues already resolved.

Fourth, habeas procedures are wasteful. The current system is wasteful of limited resources. At a time when both State and Federal courts face staggering criminal caseloads, we can ill afford to make large commitments of judicial and prosecutorial resources to procedures of dubious value in furthering the ends of justice. Such commitments come at the expense of the time available for the stages of the criminal process at which the questions of guilt and innocence and basic fairness are most directly addressed. Former Chief Justice Warren Burger made the following points:

> I know of no society or system of justice that takes such scrupulous care as we do to give every accused person the combination of procedural safeguards, free legal counsel, free appeals, free records, new trials and post conviction reviews of his case. I have seen cases—and this occurs in many courts today—where three, four, and five trials are accorded to the accused with an appeal following each trial and reversal of the conviction on purely procedural grounds. * * * In some of these multiple trial and appeal cases the accused continued his warfare with society for eight, nine, ten years and more. In one case more than 60 jurors and alternates were involved in five trials, a dozen trial judges heard an array of motions and presided over these trials; more than 30 different lawyers participated either as court-appointed counsel or prosecutors and in all more than 50 appellate judges reviewed the case on appeals. I tried to calculate the costs of all this for that one criminal act and the ultimate conviction. The best estimates could not be very accurate, but they added to a quarter of a million dollars. The tragic aspect was the waste and futility since every lawyer, every judge and every juror was fully convinced of the defendant's guilt from the beginning to the end.'' 25 Record of the N.Y.C. Bar Assoc. 14, 15–16 (Supp. 1970).

Fifth, the way our habeas system is used nullifies capital sentences. The constitutionality of the death penalty has been settled since 1976. Thirty-eight States now authorize capital punishment, but the inefficiency of current court procedures has resulted in a de facto nullification of capital punishment laws. The public interest organizations that routinely involve themselves in capital cases have fully exploited the system's potential for obstruction. Delay is maximized by deferring collateral attack until the eve of execution. Once a stay of execution has been obtained, the possibility of carrying out the sentence is foreclosed for additional years as the case works its way through the multiple layers of State and Federal courts.

Mr. President, this country desperately needs reform in its criminal justice system. Habeas corpus reform is an important part of that necessary reform, and this bill is an excellent place to start reforming habeas corpus.

I agree with the families of the Oklahoma City dead: Habeas corpus reform is an inadequate, but necessary, memorial to the memories of those who died in that dreadful, murderous blast.

Again, I compliment Senator HATCH for his leadership, and Senator DOLE for bringing this to the floor of the Senate and Senator DOLE for pushing the Senate for the last several days, including last night.

I am glad that finally we are going to have this bill come to a conclusion and have cloture, and allow us to have habeas corpus reform which, again, in my opinion, is the most significant element of true crime control that we can enact.

I am hopeful we can send a positive signal to the families of the victims in the Oklahoma City bombing and tell them that, yes, we are going to have an end to these endless appeals, and that justice will be done and it will be done, as President Clinton said, in a timely manner as well.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FAIRCLOTH). The Chair recognizes the Senator from Michigan.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in support of this legislation as well. I also pay tribute to my colleague from Oklahoma, whom I think today presented an extraordinarily strong and compelling argument in favor of the reforms of habeas corpus that we are looking at today, and against a series of amendments.

Later in my remarks I will address some of those reforms and that issue, although I am unable to think of how I can address them more vividly and effectively than the Senator from Oklahoma has already done.

Today I rise to also just indicate my overall support for this legislation. Clearly, the people in our country and in our State of Michigan in particular stand back and look at the events which took place in Oklahoma City with great concern. They have asked us to act. I believe this bill properly incorporates the best ideas as to the sorts of actions we should be taking at this time to address the problem of terrorism, wherever it may originate.

At this point I would like, in my remarks, to highlight a series of provisions in the bill I have worked on with our outstanding floor leader and my good friend, the Senator from Utah, with the majority leader, and others. These provisions would facilitate the deportation of aliens who have committed serious crimes while in the United States.

The provisions at issue, contained in title III, section 303(e) of the bill, require that aliens who are convicted of serious crimes in courts of law in this country be deported upon completion of their sentences without any further judicial review of the order of deportation. These expedited deportation procedures will apply to the almost half a million aliens currently residing in this country who are deportable because they have been convicted of committing serious felonies.

Under the Immigration and Nationality Act, aliens who are convicted of felonies after entry are already deportable. They are rarely actually deported, however, because criminal aliens are able to request equitable waivers from the courts and other types of judicial review that were never meant to apply to convicted felons. Such abuse of process operates to prevent the order of deportation from becoming final.

Notably, both the administration's antiterrorism bill and S. 735 contain expedited deportation procedures for a small class of aliens reasonably suspected of planning future terrorist activity. The administration's bill, however, makes no provision for rapid deportation of aliens who have actually committed crimes. This, despite the fact that the Attorney General has said that the removal of criminal aliens from the United States is one of the administration's highest priorities and that our prisons and jails are crowded with criminal aliens. The substitute to S. 735 remedies that omission.

According to the FBI, foreign terrorists have been responsible for exactly two terrorist incidents in the United States in the last 11 years: the World Trade Center bombing and a trespassing incident at the Iranian mission to the United Nations. While the World Trade Center bombing was obviously a very serious matter, it should not be the exclusive focus of our efforts to take strong action to protect American citizens from criminal conduct by noncitizens.

More than 53,000 crimes have been committed by aliens in this country recently enough to put the perpetrators in our State and Federal prisons right now. An estimated 20 to 25 percent of all Federal prison inmates are noncitizens; in California, almost one-half of the prison populations are noncitizens. According to a 1995 Senate Report on Criminal Aliens in the United States, a conservative estimate of the total number of deportable criminal aliens presently residing in the county is 450,000. All of these aliens have committed at least one serious crime in this country. For that reason all are deportable under the law. They have not been deported because they have been able to prevent the order of deportation from ever becoming final by seeking repeated judicial review.

The grounds on which criminal aliens are legitimately entitled to waivers of deportation are extremely narrow. To avoid deportation, criminal aliens essentially must prove a case of mistaken identity—that the alien is not who the Government thinks he is; that he is not an alien, at all; or that he has been pardoned or had his conviction overturned. Mistakes of this order do not happen often. Mistakes of this order certainly have not happened 450,000 times—for each of the deportable criminal aliens currently in the country. Rather, the alien's capacity to demand successive judicial review, even wholly merit less judicial review, grinds the deportation process to a halt.

Meanwhile, the Immigration and Naturalization Service does not have adequate facilities to house this many criminal aliens. As a result, the great majority of these convicted felons are released back to our streets after serving their sentences, with instructions to report several months later for a hearing before the INS.

Needless to say, the majority of criminal aliens released from custody do not return for their hearings. Having been returned to the streets to continue their criminal predation on the American citizenry, many are rearrested soon after their release. Thus, for example, a recent study by the GAO found that 77 percent of noncitizens convicted of felonies are rearrested at least one more time. In Los Angeles County alone, more than half of incarcerated illegal aliens are rearrested within 1 year of their release.

The provisions at issue will put an end to this abuse of process by doing the following:

First, they will prohibit the Attorney General from releasing criminal aliens from custody prior to deportation.

They will also eliminate judicial review for orders of deportation entered against criminal aliens—although criminal aliens will still be entitled to challenge their orders of deportation before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

In addition, these provisions will require deportation of criminal aliens within 30 days of the conclusion of the alien's prison sentence in most circumstances.

Finally, they will apply these expedited deportation to aliens who have committed the ''General Crimes'' listed in section 1251 of title 8 of the United States Code. These include crimes such as murder, rape, drug trafficking, espionage, sabotage, and treason.

These reforms are extremely reasonable. Aliens in this country who commit these crimes will still be afforded all the due process protections and lengthy appellate and habeas corpus review afforded U.S. citizens on the underlying offense. Moreover, once those appeals have run and the conviction has been upheld, the alien will continue to be entitled to a hearing before an immigration judge to determine whether an order of deporatation should be entered. And if an order of deportation is entered, the alien will still retain the right to appeal the order to the Board of Immigration Appeals. The substitute to S. 735 only eliminates additional judicial review for criminal aliens beyond this point.

Without the rapid deportation provisions for criminal aliens in this legislation, aliens who are convicted felons will continue to be deported at the current pace, that is about 4 percent a year. At this rate—assuming no alien is ever convicted of another felony—it would take 23 years to deport all the aliens presently residing in the country who are under felony convictions. Meanwhile, many will be released back into society to prey on more American citizens. No country, no matter how civilized, should continue to tolerate this abuse.

For that reason, as well as the many others that have been advanced over the past few days, we should enact this legislation, and quickly too. I urge the Senate to do just that.

Finally, Mr. President, I would like to say a few words about another very important set of provisions in this bill: the sections that would reform habeas corpus.

Like the provisions concerning deportation of criminal aliens, the habeas corpus reforms in the bill correct a common abuse of judicial process in our criminal justice system. In this case they correct the obstructive and abusive manipulation of the writ of habeas corpus by criminals who have been convicted of serious violent crimes.

Right now, the delay made possible by abuse of this writ allows convicted criminals to essentially overrule a State's entire criminal justice system. By filing repetitive or frivolous habeas corpus petitions, criminals are able to delay the imposition of capital sentences indefinitely. This delay in turn seriously undercuts the moral authority of the people, through their elected representatives, to impose this punishment on people who have committed extremely heinous crimes.

This is not fair to the people, who are entitled to determine the punishments to be accorded crimes committed in their States. Nor is it fair or even humane to the families of the victims of crime.

The habeas reforms in the antiterrorism bill impose reasonable limits on the use of the writ—reforms that are long overdue. I support these reforms and I urge the Senate to enact the antiterrorism bill.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 1245 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1199

(Purpose: To retain an avenue for appeal in the case of prisoners who can demonstrate actual innocence)

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I call up an amendment at the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] proposes an amendment numbered 1245 to amendment No. 1199.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 106, line 12, strike ''and'' and all that follows through the end of line 17 and substitute the following:

''or

''(B) the facts underlying the claim, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish that constitutional error has occurred and that more likely than not, but for that constitutional effort, no reasonable factfinder would have found the applicant guilty of the underlying offense.''

On page 110, line 3, strike ''and'' and all that follows through the end of line 9 and substitute the following:

''or

''(ii) the facts underlying the claim, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish that constitutional error has occurred and that more likely than not, but for that constitutional error no reasonable factfinder would have found the applicant guilty of the underlying offense.''

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, it is my intention to offer and modify this amendment. I will do that in a moment so that the amendment clarifies language that more precisely tracks the Supreme Court language which is the subject of the amendment.

I ask unanimous consent that the modification be in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 1245, AS MODIFIED, TO AMENDMENT NO. 1199

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I send a modification to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is so modified.

The amendment (No. 1245), as modified, is as follows:

On page 106, line 13, strike clause (B) and substitute the following:

''(B) the facts underlying the claim, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish that a constitutional violation has probably resulted in the conviction of a person who is actually innocent of the underlying offense.''

On page 110, line 4, strike clause (ii) and substitute the following:

''(ii) the facts underlying the claim, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish that a constitutional violation has probably resulted in the conviction of a person who is actually innocent of the underlying offense.''

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, Justice Clark, discussing the Magna Carta, said the following:

Ever since the Magna Carta, the greatest right of personal liberty has been guaranteed, and the procedures of the Habeas Corpus Act of 1679 gave to every Englishman a prompt and effective remedy for testing the legality of his imprisonment. Considered by the founders as the highest safeguard of liberty, it was written into the Constitution of the United States that its privilege shall not be suspended unless, when in cases of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it. Its principle is embedded in the fundamental law of 47 of our States.

Justice Clark went on to say:

It has long been available in the Federal courts to indigent prisoners . . . both the State and Federal Government to test the validity of their detention. Over the centuries, it has been the common law world's freedom writ. We repeat what has been so truly said of the Federal writ. There is no higher duty than to maintain it unimpaired and unsuspended, save only the cases specified in our Constitution.

Mr. President, the right of habeas corpus over the years has been abused. It has been overused and excessively attempted to be utilized in many cases. Over the years, the Congress and the courts have attempted to rein in some of those excesses, and have done so. Both the Supreme Court and the Congress have in a number of ways attempted to restrict the utilization of the right of habeas corpus so that it would not be abused. The bill before us, in many respects, however, has reduced the utilization of the right of habeas corpus excessively. One particular that I want to address in the next few minutes would deny access to the writ on the part of somebody who a court believes is actually innocent.

I want to repeat that because this is a very narrow group of cases that we are talking about. The case which this amendment addresses is the case where a court determines that the prisoner filing the writ is probably actually innocent.

I hope that sounds startling because this is a startling subject. The subject is whether or not we are going to execute somebody where a court finds that the person is probably—that is the key word—actually innocent of the underlying offense. I want to go back into history in order to give the background of this issue.

As I have said, the court as well as the Congress has found that the writs of habeas corpus have been used excessively—the petition, more accurately, seeking a writ, has been used excessively. This has been happening for many, many years.

The court in the Schlup case, which is the case I want to discuss at some length, a 1995 case, went through the history of writs of habeas corpus, and they found that the writ had been excessively sought, that there had been repetitious petitions, there had been successive writs sought, and that the burden on the courts became too great.

So in the Schlup case, the majority said the following about the history of the applications for writs of habeas corpus.

To alleviate the increasing burdens on the Federal courts and to contain the threat to finality and comity, Congress attempted to fashion rules disfavoring claims raised in second and subsequent petitions.

And they then went through congressional enactments starting in 1966. They also then talked about what the Court has done to restrict the applicability and the availability of petitions for writs of habeas corpus, and said the following in the Schlup case.

These same concerns—

And that is the overutilization—

resulted in a number of recent decisions from this Court that delineate the circumstances under which a district court may consider claims raised in a second or subsequent habeas petition. In these decisions, the Court held that a habeas court may not ordinarily reach the merits of successive claims absent a showing of cause and prejudice.

The Court then quotes an opinion written by Justice O'Connor in the Carrier case. And they said in Schlup that Justice O'Connor has noted the following:

In appropriate cases the principles of comity and finality that inform the concepts of cause and prejudice must yield to the imperative of correcting a fundamentally unjust incarceration.

So there is an exception if the Court finds a fundamental miscarriage of justice. That is what courts are for. Courts can be abused but ultimately what they must seek to do is avoid a fundamentally unjust incarceration and a fundamental miscarriage of justice. And this is what the Schlup court wrote.

To ensure that the fundamental miscarriage of justice exception would remain ''rare'' and would only be applied in the ''extraordinary case,'' while at the same time ensuring that the exception would extend relief to those who are truly deserving, this court explicitly tied the miscarriage of justice exception to the petitioner's innocence.

That is what we now must address this afternoon. It is what do we do, what standard do we adopt when, on a second application for a petition of habeas corpus raising a constitutional defect, a petitioner persuades a court that he or she is probably innocent of the underlying crime? Will we permit a second petition to be granted so that there can be a hearing? We are not talking about now release from prison. We are just talking about whether a hearing will be available to somebody who persuades a court that he or she is probably innocent and is awaiting execution.

Now, Justice O'Connor in the previous Carrier case, which is relied on heavily in Schlup, said the following:

In an extraordinary case, where a constitutional violation has probably resulted in the conviction of one who is actually innocent, a Federal habeas court may grant the writ even in the absence of a showing of cause for the procedural default.

And the Court went on to say:

Explicitly tying the miscarriage of justice exception to innocence

And I want to repeat that word because that is the heart of this amendment. We are only talking about people who are probably innocent as found by a court and as to whether or not they should be denied a hearing on the ground that their application is a second application for the writ and not the first application but where a court now for the first time, faced with new evidence, is satisfied that that applicant is probably innocent.

And here is what the Court said:

Explicitly tying the miscarriage of justice exception to innocence thus accommodates both the systemic interest in finality, comity, and conservation of judicial resources, and the overriding individual interest in doing justice in the ''extraordinary case.''

The Court went on to say the following:

Experience has taught us that a substantial claim that constitutional error has caused the conviction of an innocent person is extremely rare. To be credible, such a claim requires petitioner to support his allegations of constitutional error with new reliable evidence—whether it be exculpatory scientific evidence, trustworthy eyewitness accounts, or critical physical evidence—that was not presented at trial. Because such evidence is obviously unavailable in the vast majority of cases, claims of actual innocence are rarely successful.

And the Court said that:

A petitioner does not meet the threshold requirement unless he persuades the district court that, in light of the new evidence, no juror, acting reasonably, would have voted to find him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Now, that is a pretty strong test for being eligible for a hearing on a second writ, that a court must find an applicant is probably innocent, meaning that no reasonable juror—no reasonable juror—would find that person guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. And the issue becomes whether or not we want to require that person to be executed. Is that person going to be executed? Are we going to deny, as this bill does, a Federal court the right to grant a hearing on a second writ of habeas corpus when a petitioner introducing new evidence convinces a court

that he or she is probably innocent? Will we deny that court that opportunity?

Now, what the bill does is adopts the dissent in Schlup, which has a higher standard—not the standard of probability but the standard of clear and convincing. And that is the issue on this amendment, whether or not we, in the Senate, are going to overturn the Supreme Court decision in Schlup, which said that if a court is convinced that a person is probably innocent, that is enough for that court to grant a hearing on a second or subsequent application for writ of habeas corpus, or will we adopt the dissent in Schlup, which says, no, probability of innocence is not enough. Even if somebody is probably innocent of the underlying offense, we are going to execute that person unless there is clear and convincing evidence, evidence above and beyond probability.

The case itself in Schlup was a case where this man was already a prisoner and was convicted of first-degree murder, a murder that occurred in prison, and was sentenced to death. In the habeas corpus proceedings, he produced a videotape showing him in a cafeteria lunch line at the time the killing occurred in a different place, sworn testimony from a prison guard stating that Schlup could not have committed the murder, and sworn testimony of five eyewitnesses that Schlup was not present and did not participate in any way in the murder.

The Federal court of appeals judge found—this is the court of appeals now, before the Supreme Court—the court of appeals judge found ''truly persuasive evidence that Mr. Schlup is actually innocent.'' Despite that, the majority of the court of appeals upheld the death sentence and refused to grant a hearing on the new evidence. The court held that under the clear and convincing test, the test that they thought they should follow, they would not grant a hearing in his application.

Earlier this year, the Supreme Court overruled that court of appeals saying that the clear and convincing test, which is the test in the bill before us, failed to provide a meaningful avenue by which to avoid a manifest injustice in cases of actual innocence.

The Court ruled that the fair test for the relief sought is whether ''a constitutional violation has probably resulted in the conviction of one who is actually innocent.'' I am going to repeat it because that is the issue in this amendment. The issue is whether we ought to adopt the majority in Schlup or whether we ought to reverse it. The bill reverses it and goes with the dissent. The amendment would allow the majority of the Supreme Court in Schlup to utilize that test in habeas corpus proceedings, the test being that whether a constitutional violation has probably resulted in the conviction of one who is actually innocent.

I think most of us feel that habeas corpus has been abused, that technicalities have been raised by people who are guilty. This amendment raises the opposite issue. This amendment raises the question of whether or not we are going to use a technicality to deny a hearing to someone who is probably actually innocent.

''Probably actually innocent,'' is that enough for a hearing when someone is on death row or not? Or will the procedural technicality be used to deny that person—a rare case—a hearing because there had been a previous petition filed? And to meet the test of the Supreme Court, the lower court must find that it is more likely than not that no reasonable juror would have convicted him in light of the new evidence.

Mr. President, we are having to face up to the narrowest group of cases, the case where there is a claim that a court finds probably correct that an applicant for the great writ is probably innocent of the underlying crime. We cannot avoid this by talking about technicalities. We are the ones who will determine whether a procedural technicality will stand in the way of a hearing for that small group of prisoners who persuade a court that they are probably innocent of the underlying crime.

This may be and probably is only a very few percent of persons who are in prison on death row, but we know that these cases exist. There were two of them in 1995. In addition to the Schlup case, we had the case of Curtis Kyles. In that case, the Supreme Court found that the prosecution had improperly suppressed evidence of Mr. Kyles' innocence and that this evidence would have made a different result reasonably probable—reasonably probable. The Court agreed with Judge King of the fifth circuit, who expressed ''serious reservations about whether the State has sentenced to death the right man.''

Mr. President, how much time do I have left?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has 4 minutes 7 seconds.

Mr. LEVIN. I thank the Chair and reserve the remainder of my time.

Mr. HATCH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah has 25 minutes.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, again, what we are trying to do here is put some finality into the habeas corpus procedures. The Senator's amendment just allows another loophole that is unjustified and allows further appeals. Because liberal judges who are opposed to the death penalty do not want the death penalty imposed, there will be an incentive for them to find that there is probable innocence under this amendment and the whole process will have to start over again, regardless of whether the petitioner is truly innocent of the crime.

The Hatch substitute, our bill, the Specter-Hatch bill, permits successive habeas corpus petitions in death penalty cases where the petitioner may be innocent. If the petitioner is innocent, he or she can have successive habeas corpus petitions and our bill contains a safety valve which permits Federal courts to hear legitimate claims. The Levin amendment, however, weakens the standard of review for determining whether someone is innocent from a ''clear and convincing'' standard, which is what we have in our bill, to a subjective ''probably'' innocent standard.

In addition, the amendment guts the bill's prohibition against subsequent provisions by allowing successive habeas corpus petitions where the death row inmate does not dispute his having committed the homicide in question but claims the death penalty should not be imposed.

The amendment offered by Senator LEVIN, while it seems reasonable, is problematic. When the Court rules on these issues, it does not write on a clean slate—and I am talking about the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has repeatedly held, for example, that Federal courts are not the forums in which to relitigate criminal cases. At the initial trial, society's resources have been concentrated in order to decide the question of guilt or innocence. Therefore, a petitioner making a claim of actual innocence falls well short of satisfying his burden if the reviewing court determines that any juror reasonably could have found the petitioner guilty of the crime.

The proposed amendment attempts to follow the Supreme Court's recent decision in Schlup versus Delo in which the Court exacerbates the confusion in the lower courts, undermines the finality of lawful convictions and creates a greater uncertainty as to the standard under which a court must hold an evidentiary subsequent hearing.

I know that I have said this many times before, but we are dealing with postconviction collateral proceedings, not a trial. This is posttrial. Habeas corpus review is a postconviction remedy. This is postjury verdict. This is postsentence by the court. What it means is the jury has already convicted the individual and his conviction and sentence have been upheld on appeal. The individual had at least two State appellate reviews which are subject to Supreme Court review. The individual has gone to the intermediate appellate court and has gone to the supreme court of the State.

I might add, the appellate courts have upheld the conviction and the State habeas petitions have thus been exhausted. In other words, there has been the trial, there has been a review by the intermediate court, there has been a review by the supreme court of the State. The State procedures have been exhausted. It also means that petitions to the Supreme Court have been filed. In other words there have been two rounds of State review both of which were the subject of a petition for certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States of America, and that both of those Supreme Court petitions

have been denied; and at least in collateral cases, as a general rule, the Governor also has ruled on the case because there has been a petition for clemency; and the Government has also reviewed the claim in a clemency petition and has denied it, too. At this point, the prisoner's conviction has been proved beyond a reasonable doubt. It has been upheld on direct and State collateral review. The conviction has also been upheld on the death row inmate's Federal habeas petition. It is at this point in the process—after all of these reviews—where my colleague from Michigan wants to give individual Federal judges broad, subjective authority to determine whether someone is innocent of the crime he or she was convicted of. We allow such a determination by a Federal court but we propose a more certain standard rather than the subjective standard employed in my colleague's amendment.

The proposed amendment would require the district court to hold an evidentiary hearing or grant a second successive petition if it could be shown that a constitutional violation probably resulted in an erroneous conviction.

First, what does probably mean in the law? Who knows? This standard will gut our habeas corpus proposal here today. Would it be a 50-percent chance of innocence? Is that what it means? If that is so, then I think if the prisoner were probably innocent, his conviction would have been overturned long ago in all of these proceedings up through the State courts to the Supreme Court, to the Governor, for clemency.

Second, the proposed amendment would let a court decide independently that a defendant might be innocent. We go through that every day in the current system. Judges who do not want the death penalty to be imposed, who are violently opposed to it, for any reason, decide there is another reason to let this be prolonged again, all at a tremendous cost to the States and the victims of these crimes.

So what we are saying is, the proposed amendment would let a court decide independently that a defendant might be innocent, that there was constitutional error, and that he should not have been convicted. This is a wholly appropriate standard that we have in the bill.

The Levin amendment will simply serve to permit these prisoners who have been duly convicted, their convictions upheld, all of their constitutional rights protected, their civil liberties protected to continue to raise new claims. It allows judges who does not like the death penalty to make subjective determinations, many years after the conviction, to proclaim the probable innocence of a long-convicted murderer. It simply serves to permit a prisoner to drag out his proceedings and further delay justice.

Delayed justice is justice denied. We are frustrated by that all the time. We have a man in California sitting on death row almost for 50 years—successive habeas corpus petitions all the time, on and on. In Utah, we had the Andrews case. It lasted 18 years. He filed over 30 different habeas corpus petitions—30 different habeas corpus proceedings—over that 18 years before the death penalty was finally carried out.

All this does is continue the old system, the old business as usual. Frankly, because we all know the distinguished Senator from Michigan is one of the most eloquent advocates against the death penalty in this body—and I have respect for him; I believe he is very sincere on this issue—I think it is fair for him to argue against the death penalty straight up. But to just provide a mechanism whereby there can be another appeal because some liberal judge decides there ought to be an appeal and will delay a sentence that the law allows, I think is wrong. I know of no case—not one—that has been cited to the Judiciary Committee, in its years of study on this issue, in which Federal habeas corpus review has been successfully employed to release an innocent individual from an erroneous State court conviction. It is a myth.

This amendment is just another method to try to get another appeal and delay the ultimate imposition of the sentence.

Where is the case of an innocent person needing Federal habeas corpus review in order to prove his or her innocence? Take Randall Dale Adams, the Texas death row inmate who was the subject of the documentary ''The Thin Blue Line.'' How did he establish his innocence after he was convicted? Not through Federal habeas corpus, but through the Texas State court proceedings—procedures similar to those available in virtually every State in the Union today.

Take the case of Walter McMillan, who was wrongfully convicted and sentenced to die for the brutal robbery-murder of an Alabama convenience store clerk. Was it habeas corpus that saved his life? No, it was the State of Alabama. Despite being granted relief through the States, both of these men were called before the Senate Judiciary Committee by a colleague of ours, who opposes the death penalty, to demonstrate why our Nation needs more Federal habeas corpus review rather than less. Federal habeas corpus review had nothing to do with it.

The State procedures were adequate and did the job in protecting their innocence and finding their innocence. Yet, they brought them up here to try and show that Federal habeas corpus review is important.

I do not know of one case where Federal habeas corpus review has saved the defendant. But the State procedures have. In the Federal courts, the Federal direct appeal procedures have. That sort of logic, as in the present amendment, cannot even be called reform even when it expands the rights of convicted murderers.

I mention these cases—Randall Dale Adams and Walter McMillan—not because I advocate abolition of Federal habeas corpus. It is clear that we protect it in the Specter-Hatch antiterrorism bill. I am not advocating abolition of Federal habeas corpus. The responsible scholars and lawyers and law enforcement professionals do support banning and getting rid of Federal habeas corpus. There are many bright people who think that this system is out of whack and that we do not need Federal habeas corpus. But I am not arguing that position.

We have provided for protection of Federal habeas corpus, but we do it one time and that is it—unless, of course, they can truly come up with evidence of innocence that could not have been presented at trial. There we allow successive petitions. Any time somebody can show innocence, we allow that. I simply wish to provide my colleagues some perspective on this issue. We in the Senate, whose duty it is to enact into law the community's legitimate interest in seeing justice done within the parameters of the Constitution, should soundly reject the present amendment to the Dole-Hatch bill. Indeed, the Senate has a particular duty with respect to habeas corpus. As the inscription on the Dirksen Senate Office Building states, ''The Senate is the Living Symbol of our National Union of States.''

The amendment before us will not only hinder and potentially defeat our efforts to pass a true crime bill this year, but in so doing, this amendment will also force an unprecedented and substantial intrusion into the State criminal justice system.

So I hope that our colleagues will vote against this amendment, as sincere as it is and as sincere as it is being offered. It is another way of just delaying the process because some people do not like the death penalty. I understand that. I think there are good arguments on both sides of the death penalty. I myself would very seldom use the death penalty and only in the most heinous of cases. On the other hand, I think it is essential that we have it on the books. There are those who would just as sincerely argue the other side, that there should be no death penalty, that it is cruel and unusual—even some of our Supreme Court Justices of the past and maybe now and in the future. But do not try to do it by gumming up the procedural process posttrial that has plenty of protections for defendants.

There is no reason for this expensive litigation process with frivolous appeals to continue. That is what we are fighting today. And we are acknowledging that we protect the constitutional rights and civil liberties of the defendants in these matters.

I know the Senator from Michigan is very sincere and I acknowledge that. I have a great deal of respect for his sincerity and intelligence. But this amendment should not pass because I

think it would make this process a continuation of the current process, and I think that would be a tragedy.

I reserve the remainder of my time.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I will take 30 seconds to tell my friend from Utah this is not a death penalty amendment. This is a habeas corpus amendment. The language in the bill reverses the Supreme Court opinion in the Schlup case. That opinion found that the man in that case was probably innocent. I do not think anyone in this body wants to execute someone who is probably innocent and deny that person a hearing.

Now, Justice O'Connor said—not your liberal judge—one of the majority in the Schlup case, said, ''The court today does not sow confusion in the law. Rather, it properly balances the dictates of justice with the need to ensure that the actual innocence exception remains a 'safety valve' in an 'extraordinary case'.''

The issue is that the bill before the Senate reverses the Supreme Court. The Levin amendment is not trying to bring something new into this. The Levin amendment is trying to preserve a Supreme Court opinion of a few months ago, joined by Justice O'Connor. That is the issue.

I yield the remainder of my time to my friend from Illinois.

Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, I thank my colleague, and I rise in strong support. I think we all know that I oppose the death penalty. It is a penalty we reserve for those of modest means. If a person has enough money, that person will never get the death penalty in this country. That is the reality.

That is not the question, though I find it of interest that today's New York Times has a story that the South African Supreme Court yesterday unanimously outlawed capital punishment in South Africa. We are one of the few countries left in the Western world that still has the death penalty.

The question is whether someone who is probably innocent—that is the language of the Levin amendment—probably resulted in the conviction of a person who is actually innocent of the underlying offense.

Now, whether a person is for the death penalty or against it, no one wants to send someone to prison who is probably innocent. We have done that.

I can remember when we were debating this issue when I was in the Illinois General Assembly and a man was about to be executed, and suddenly someone in the State of Georgia confessed that he had committed the crime.

Now, that case is clear and convincing evidence. I have to say that the bill without this amendment would take care of that case.

There are a lot of other marginal cases. We are not just saying a marginal case. The Levin amendment says where a person is probably innocent, a person ought to have that chance to appeal. I cannot believe anyone who really looks at this—the Senator from North Carolina, the Senator from Utah, my colleagues—I cannot believe they will vote against that.

Maybe Members will vote against it if they are not aware of what the amendment does, and a briefing is right at the desk on either your side or our side. These briefings—and I do not mean this disrespectfully to the fine staff—but it is very difficult to condense in a few words what these amendments do.

The Levin amendment says ''If you are probably innocent, you ought to have the chance to appeal.'' I have a hard time believing that is not going to be accepted unanimously. Apparently, it may not be.

I am pleased to support the Levin amendment, proud to support it and vote for it.

I believe I have consumed my time, Mr. President. I hope I have been able to get the message across.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have an article printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the New York Times, June 7, 1995]

SOUTH AFRICA'S SUPREME COURT ABOLISHES DEATH PENALTY

(By Howard W. French)

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, June 6.—In its first major decision, South Africa's recently created supreme court abolished the death penalty today, ending a decades-old practice of executing criminals convicted of serious crimes that had once given the country one of the world's highest rates of capital punishment.

Announcing the unanimous decision, Arthur Chaskalson, president of the Constitutional Court, said, ''Everyone, including the most abominable of human beings, has a right to life, and capital punishment is therefore unconstitutional.''

That the Constitutional Court chose the death penalty issue for its first major ruling underscored the importance of the issue in a country where for decades execution was used not just as a weapon against common crime, but as a means of terror in enforcing the system of racial separation known as apartheid.

''Retribution cannot be accorded the same weight under our Constitution as the right to life and dignity,'' Mr. Chaskalson said. ''It has not been shown that the death sentence would be materially more effective to deter or prevent murder than the alternative sentence of life imprisonment would be.''

In a strong show of support for the ruling, each of the court's 11 judges issued a written opinion backing the decision. The Constitutional Court was created earlier this year as an equal to the executive and legislative branches.

South Africa stopped executing prisoners in 1992 on the orders of the former National Party Government. With violent crime rampant, the number of prisoners awaiting execution on death rows has since swollen to 443. Over 1,100 people were executed in the 1980's. Death sentences were carried out by hanging.

Reacting to the ruling, Justice Minister Dullah Omar said the prisoners would be quickly moved off of death row. According to prison wardens, the announcement set off a round of wild celebration among condemned inmates at Pretoria's Central Prison.

Elsewhere, however, comments on the ruling revealed the continuing depths of political division among South Africans that typically run along racial lines, one year after the formal end of apartheid.

On radio talk shows today, reactions were deeply split between black and white, with the former typically applauding the abolition of the death penalty, while the latter, invoking high crime rates, criticized what many whites say in a gradual slide away from law and order.

''Under the A.N.C., the message is that people can commit any crime and get away with it,'' said one caller to a Johannesburg radio station, referring to the African National Congress, the party of President Nelsen Mandela.

Crime has become a highly emotional issue among many whites here, even though blacks are overwhelmingly represented among the victims of violence. Last weekend in Johannesburg alone, 42 people were killed, 477 businesses and homes were broken into and 34 women were reported raped.

While whites complained of a spreading sense of impunity, many blacks reacted by noting that they had been disproportionately made victims of the death penalty in the past through wrongful arrests and convictions.

Moreover, with the death penalty much more likely to be applied to blacks than to whites under apartheid, capital punishment had become as powerfully emotional an issue for many blacks as crime has become for many whites.

Mr. Mandela himself made this point in a point in a statement to the court during his trial for incitement in 1962. ''I have grave fears that this system of justice may enable the guilty to drag the innocent before the courts,'' he said. ''It enables the unjust to prosecute and demand vengeance against the just. It may trend to lower the standards of fairness applied in country's courts by white judicial officers to black litigants.''

Two years later, in another trial, Mr. Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment for conspiracy to overthrow the government, a judgment that his supporters saw as a victory because the death sentence was not imposed, even as they deplored Mr. Mandela's conviction.

Conservative white groups condemned the ruling while many predominantly black political organizations portrayed it as a victory for racial justice.

The predominantly black African National Congress, the country's largest political party and the leading force in the fight against apartheid, hailed the ruling as a victory for the country's new democracy, saying, ''never, never and never again must citizens of our country be subjected to the barbaric practice of capital punishment.''

''It's making us a civilized society,'' Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Anglican primate of Southern Africa, told the South African Press Association. ''It shows we actually do mean business when we say we have reverence for life.''

Archbishop Tutu, a leading campaigner against apartheid, called the death penalty ''obscenity,'' saying it, in effect, said to criminals, ''We want to show you that we care about life so we kill you too.''

Amoung white political groups the reaction to the ruling was typically negative, running from carefully worded statements of displeasure to outright hostility.

Saying that the overwhelming majority of South Africans supported the death penalty, F.W. de Klerk, vice president in the country's coalition transition Government, said that his National Party, a predominantly white party that had governed the country for decades under apartheid, would campaign to reinstate capital punishment.

Other conservative white groups reacted even more harshly. ''The rights of murderers

and rapists are being held in higher regard than those of their victims,'' said one Afrikaner youth organization.

For his part, Mr. Mandela, who served 27 years of a life sentence under a succession of apartheid governments made no public comment today on the ruling. The President's office, however, issued a statement intended to reassure those who fear a growing leniency toward crime.

''The President also wishes to emphasize that this decision has no bearing on the commitment of the Government to tackle the problem of crime, and particularly violent crime, with all the resources and determination it can muster.''

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, parliamentary inquiry. Is there any time remaining?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is no time.

Mr. BIDEN. I ask unanimous consent that I be able to speak 2 minutes on the Senator's amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, this is pretty clear here.

What the Senator from Michigan does in his amendment is stick with one part of the change in the law. Right now there is no requirement in the law to file the successive petition that says that the defendant has to explain why he did not file the petition before.

Now, under the Hatch approach and under the approach if adopted by Senator LEVIN, that is tightened up. Even Senator LEVIN is saying we have to show cause why this was not raised before. There is only one disagreement before the Senate. That is, what standard of proof do you have to bring forward to show you are innocent?

By implication, they are agreeing a person ought to be able, if there is evidence of innocence, ought to be able to have another petition. Senator LEVIN says the same thing.

I think every American would say you ought to have another crack at it. The difference is, they say ''clear and convincing.'' Right now, the Supreme Court says, no, you do not have to go that far, but you have to go pretty far. You have to sufficiently establish the constitutional violation. You said what happened to you in the lower court, you say your constitutional rights were violated in a way that probably resulted in the conviction of a person who is actually innocent.

Are we going to quibble over putting someone to death on whether or not we abide by the Supreme Court majority that says all you have to do is say ''probably'' this resulted in a conviction of an innocent person?

But they want to go even further. They want to say, no, ''probably'' is not enough. You have to show that there is clear and convincing. The only thing they do not say is ''beyond a reasonable doubt.''

Keep in mind, folks, what everybody misses, when we talk about habeas corpus, is this is not about having a convicted person go free. That is not what this is about. Nobody under habeas corpus petition goes free. They get a new trial. That is all they are saying here. I sure think this is distinction with a difference that can mean the difference between life and death of an innocent person. I hope they will yield on ''probably'' and not ''clear and convincing.''

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I do not want to prolong this. I think I have 11 minutes left. I will just take a minute or two.

What I am saying, there has been a trial, conviction, there have been posttrial proceedings, there has been an appeal to the intermediate court in the State, an appeal to the supreme court of the State, then a petitioner of certiorari to the Supreme Court, all of which are denied, and a petition for clemency to the Governor. He denies. In every case where we found actual innocence, or any kind of innocence, it has been through those proceedings, not in Federal habeas.

I have to say that all of this is another attempt to just prolong the process and allow—call it what it is—a liberal judge who does not believe in the death penalty to prolong the process, again at a tremendous cost to the States, everybody concerned, and I think a cost to justice.

People out there are starting to say, my goodness gracious, is there no finality to the decisions, the just decisions, of the court?

I have to say the cases that we can cite where people have been helped, where innocence has been proven, have been through that State process, not through the Federal habeas process. It is just another layer of expense.

I am not going to knock those who are trying to do this because they will sincerely do anything to stop the death penalty. I respect that.

If I was a defense lawyer again, I would do anything to try and preserve somebody's life. But I have to say it would be pretty cynical to keep doing what is being done in some of these cases today. We can call it sincerity, but the fact of the matter is it is a legal obligation to do what you can. But there is an element out there in the legal community which, having failed to convince the public and the courts that the death penalty is wrong, has set about to eliminate the death penalty defect by making death penalty litigation too costly and protracted.

As a lawyer I do everything I can within the law, and if we provide this law, I will be doing that, and so will every other defense lawyer. It is another appeal, another cost to the States, another frivolous appeal which we are trying to limit here while still giving the protections we need in these matters.

The Levin amendment relies on the term ''actual innocence.'' Actual innocence means—and let me just read out of the leading Supreme Court case on it, Sawyer versus Whitney. This is what they held:

1. To show actual innocence one must show by clear and convincing evidence that but for a constitutional error no reasonable juror would have found the petitioner eligible for the death penalty under the applicable State law.

The amendment before us, the Levin amendment, will not help the truly innocent. This amendment will further undermine the proper role of habeas corpus and that is the effect of the amendment. The effect of it is not meant to overturn the fundamental defects. The Specter-Hatch habeas bill has the safety valve. It has a safety valve available for the truly innocent. We provide successive petitions for those who prove innocence. The proposed amendment will do nothing to help the truly innocent. It is merely another means of delaying justice. There are plenty of procedures and mechanisms in the Specter-Hatch bill to protect the truly innocent. So we do not need to continue to prolong this.

I move to table the Levin amendment. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator yield his remaining time?

Mr. HATCH. I yield my remaining time.

Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the vote on the motion to table the Levin amendment be deferred to a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, after 2 p.m. today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. I now ask the Levin amendment be laid aside so the distinguished Senator from Arizona can call up his amendment. I understand there is to be a 1-hour time agreement.

I ask unanimous consent there be a 1-hour time agreement with the time equally divided—in the usual form, we will put it that way.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. I also ask unanimous consent at the conclusion or yielding back of the time on the Kyl amendment that it be set aside and the vote occur on or in relation to the Kyl amendment following the vote on the motion to table the Levin amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Arizona is recognized.

AMENDMENT NO. 1211

(Purpose: To stop the abuse of Federal collateral remedies)

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I have an amendment at the desk and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] proposes an amendment numbered 1211.

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

STOPPING ABUSE OF FEDERAL COLLATERAL REMEDIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 153 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"§ 2257. Adequacy of State remedies

''Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an application for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of a person in custody pursuant to a judgment or order of a State court shall not be entertained by a court of the United States unless the remedies in the courts of the State are inadequate or ineffective to test the legality of the person's detention.''.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . STOPPING ABUSE OF FEDERAL COLLATERAL REMEDIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 153 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"§ 2257. Adequacy of State remedies

''Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an application for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of a person in custody pursuant to a judgment or order of a State court shall not be entertained by a court of the United States unless the remedies in the courts of the State are inadequate or ineffective to test the legality of the person's detention.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 153 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''2257. Adequacy of State remedies.''.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, the reason I asked the key provision of that amendment be read is to illustrate its simplicity. It is very simple and yet I think very important and necessary as an improvement to the bill which is before us now.

I want to begin by complimenting the manager of the bill, the Senator from Utah, for not only getting the bill to this point but for insisting that we have habeas corpus reform in this important piece of legislation.

My amendment will improve the habeas corpus reforms by, as was just read, ensuring that a case in the State courts can be reviewed in the State court system, but that as long as the State court system provides adequate and effective remedies, that person does not have the authority to go over to the Federal courts and relitigate all of the same claims in the Federal courts.

Of course, it should go without saying that there is always a review in the U.S. Supreme Court from any decision of the highest court of a State. So there is ultimately still the potential for Federal review of a State court decision.

I would like to illustrate exactly what we are talking about here with a hypothetical and a real case. The Senator from Oklahoma is here. One of the reasons the Senator from Oklahoma is so interested in this provision is because of the recent tragedy in his State. Let us assume two cases in the State of Oklahoma. In the first case, there is a robbery and in the course of that robbery someone is shot. The person is tried in the State courts, there is an appeal to the appeals court and on up to the supreme court of the State—eventually a prosecution, a conviction and a sentencing.

Thereafter that State court prisoner may file writs of habeas corpus in the Oklahoma State court system as often as that person can find grounds for doing so. Those writs can be determined legally in the appeals and supreme court of the State of Oklahoma, and eventually of course, after the supreme court of Oklahoma has ruled, they can be considered by the U.S. Supreme Court. So that State court prisoner has virtually an unlimited right to take these writs of habeas corpus up and down the State court system.

In today's law he also has the right to go to the Federal court system and essentially relitigate the exact issues. ''I have some newly discovered evidence that will prove I was innocent of the crime. I have gone up and down the State court system, now I would like to try my luck in the Federal courts.'' Under existing law, that person can do it.

What the bill says is we are going to put a couple of roadblocks in the way. It should not be quite so easy for you to you do that. You at least ought to have some time limits within which to file these habeas corpus writs in Federal court, and the Federal courts at least ought to give great weight to the previous decisions of the supreme court. Those are both sound provisions but they obviously do not preclude the State court prisoner from going to Federal court.

Let us take, on the other hand, the perpetrators of the heinous tragedy in Oklahoma City a few weeks ago. They will probably—he or they—will probably be tried in the Federal district court in Oklahoma. If convicted, there could be an appeal to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and eventually to the U.S. Supreme Court. But those people, having been convicted, will have their writs of habeas corpus reviewed only in the Federal district court and circuit courts of the United States of America. They do not have the right to go over to the Oklahoma State court system and relitigate those same claims. So, whereas the State court prisoner can use both the State system and the Federal system, in duplicate appeals, a Federal prisoner may only use the Federal system.

The constitutionality is obviously clear. Either the State courts or the Federal courts are competent to adjudicate constitutional claims. That is established. There is no legal question about that whatsoever. But the Federal court prisoner has one set of options. The State court prisoner, under the stats quo, has two sets of options. And we are limiting them a little bit by the bill before us.

My amendment says: No, a Federal court prisoner adjudicates his claims in Federal court. A State court prisoner adjudicates his claims in the State court. The only time the State court prisoner can go to a Federal court is from an ultimate appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

This will end the duplicative appeals that we have all been complaining about. This and only this amendment will end those duplicative appeals. Because it will still be quite possible for State court prisoners under the bill before us to adjudicate their claims in State court and then go to the Federal court so long as they do it in a timely manner. So long as they meet the time limits we impose in this bill, they can still go to the Federal court and relitigate exactly the same claims.

What ordinarily happens is that the Federal district courts or circuit courts of appeals say, ''Wait a minute, the State court has already decided that. Your appeal is summarily denied.'' But that takes time.

I just spoke to the presiding judge of the Arizona court of appeals and he said we summarily dismissed many of these. But he said every one of them has to be considered. And that is the point. From a very small number to a very large number, the district courts and the circuit courts of appeals are having to handle these writs that have already been decided by the State court and, as the Federal courts have said over and over again, the State courts are perfectly able to resolve these issues.

Mr. President, this is not just an idea that I have come up with. This is what is happening in the District of Columbia today, and has been for the last 25 years, because 25 years ago the Congress passed a law and established that in the District of Columbia courts—by the way, the District of Columbia has in effect a State court system which parallels the U.S. District Court and the Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

So it is similar to States in that it has its own system of courts. We in the Congress 25 years ago said that prisoners in the District of Columbia can only use that quasi-State court system here in the District of Columbia. That was tested in the U.S. Supreme Court and the constitutionality was upheld in the case of Swain versus Pressley in 1977. And there have also been other opinions with respect to the constitutionality of what was done. One judge, as a matter of fact, even wrote that because of this experiment in the District of Columbia, which has worked very well for the last 25 years, that the Congress ought to consider the same kind of limitation of remedies in the State courts, exactly what we are proposing here today with my amendment.

So at the invitation of Judge McGowan, we are proposing an amendment which says in the State courts,

you do like the District of Columbia. You exhaust your remedies in the State court. You can go to the U.S. Supreme Court, but not jump over to the Federal District Court and the Circuit Court of Appeals to litigate the same claims.

Judge Robert Bork has written a letter in support of my amendment. He writes, in part:

> Your proposed amendment to the antiterrorism bill to stop the abuse of Federal collateral remedies is an excellent and much-needed reform. There is no doubt about the constitutionality of the provision you propose, nor is there any doubt about the need for your amendment. Your amendment is a sorely needed reform to a situation that is now out of hand.

Mr. President, the constitutionality of what I propose is beyond question. It has been tried for 25 years here in the District of Columbia. It is found to be very workable. Everybody agrees that we need to limit duplicative appeals.

Therefore, it seems to me that, if we are to really make the provision of habeas corpus reform in this bill work, we do not just play with it at the edges by proposing some time limits and providing for deference to State court proceedings. We go right to the heart of matter and say if you have a complete and adequate remedy in the State courts, then that is what you will get except, of course, for your ultimate appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. You cannot jump over to the Federal system of courts to readjudicate those very same claims.

The Senator from Oklahoma is on his feet. I would like to yield time to the Senator from Oklahoma to further discuss this particular amendment.

Mr. NICKLES addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). The Senator from Oklahoma is recognized.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I would like to compliment my friend and colleague from Arizona for his leadership. He brought this amendment to my attention. I told him I was not very familiar with it, but I told him I would do a little more homework. I have. I have become more convinced that he is on the right track.

I talked to the Federal judge in the Western District of the State of Oklahoma, and I asked him about the number of appeals; prisoner petitions. We find out in the last 10 years they more than tripled, and have actually consumed about 25 percent of the work load in the western district. The court has before them hundreds of prisoner petitions and appeals that have to be reviewed.

The Senator from Arizona makes an excellent point, and says the States have ajudicated these cases thoroughly. They have gone all the way through the State courts, through the appeals process, State supreme courts, and then all the way even—with capital punishment cases—to the Supreme Court.

Yet, they continue to press, and want to run through the Federal court system as well where the Federal judges do not have time to go through the entire case, where there is almost a presumption that, if they have to do that, maybe the Federal Government knows better, which is not always correct. The Federal judges I have talked to said we are in serious need of habeas corpus reform.

I compliment my friend and colleague from Arizona for, I believe, truly making more significant reform. I think Senator HATCH's bill has some good reform. I compliment him for it. The reforms in S. 735 will help expedite the procedures. There are time limits under the proposal now before us from the Senator from Utah. Senator KYL's amendment would go much, much further. It would eliminate these hundreds of, in almost all cases—at least, in my State, frivolous petitions placed before the Federal courts, frivolous but yet they still take time. At 25 percent of the caseload, you are talking about a very significant amount of time and energy and dollars that now are being expended by frivolous appeals because many prisoners become quite good at filing petitions, and there is no limit whatsoever on the number of petitions that they can file.

So I compliment my colleague from Arizona for his leadership and for coming up with very significant reform. I appreciate the fact that we have outstanding scholars such as Judge Bork and others who have endorsed the reforms in this amendment.

I urge my colleagues to adopt the amendment.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I would like to yield 7 minutes of additional time to the junior Senator from Oklahoma, Senator INHOFE.

Mr. INHOFE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. INHOFE. Thank you, Mr. President.

First of all, let me thank the Senator from Arizona for bringing this up. I think it is significant for all of us to realize that had it not been for the bombing in Oklahoma City, we would not be here today. We would not even be having a discussion. There would not be a debate on habeas reform. There would not be a counterterrorism bill.

Certainly, this contentious item of habeas that we have been trying to bring up, at least for the last 9 years that I know of, would not even be discussed in an open debate as it is today. So it is very significant for people to understand this is all precipitated by the tragedy that took place in April of this year in Oklahoma City.

On Monday of this week, we had a group of people that came up from Oklahoma. Among others, they were Diane Leonard, whose husband, Don, a Secret Service agent, was killed in the bombing; we had Glenn Seidl, who lost his wife, Kathy; Kay Ice, who lost her brother, Paul, a Customs Agent; Mike Reyes, who lost his father and was injured himself; and Danny McKinney, Linda's husband. It goes on and on. There is not time to name all of them. But they were here for one reason. That reason is that they wanted to be sure that we had the strongest possible habeas reform in this bill.

So when you stop and realize what has happened in Oklahoma, and what happened in Oklahoma as I mentioned once before on this floor, but I think it is worth bringing up again at this point because it gives you an insight into what the families of the victims in Oklahoma are thinking about because it is something that is contemporary right now—a guy named Roger Dale Stafford is scheduled to be executed on July 1. I do not know whether he will be. It is hard to say. In the spring of 1978, someone stopped to help him with his car. He was broken down in Oklahoma. He murdered in cold blood a Sergeant Lorenz, and the sergeant's wife and small son, and drove 60 miles to Oklahoma City, and committed a great crime known as ''The Sirloin Stockade Crime,'' where he rounded up six people and took them into the refrigerator, tied them up, and executed the six of them. He has been found guilty on all nine counts and has nine death sentences. That was 17 years ago.

I might suggest that Roger Dale Stafford today is 100 pounds heavier than he was 17 years ago. So I am sure he is eating well. He has been in the cell, probably living under better conditions than he was before, for the past 17 years.

I cannot help but think when anyone is considering a crime of the magnitude of that which we had in Oklahoma City, Mr. President, that they spend a lot of time thinking, ''What is the downside? What is the worst thing that can happen to me if I get caught and convicted? It is going to be that I will be executed. Wait a minute. The average time between conviction and execution in America is 9½ years. So I will be there for 10 or 15 or 20 years watching color TV in an air-conditioned cell.''

That loses its deterrent value for those of us who are narrow enough in our thinking to believe that punishment is a deterrent to crime.

So without this, we have no way of delivering the message to other individuals who might be considering such a heinous crime as that which was committed in Oklahoma City.

So let me just say that I am here today on behalf of multitudes of people in the State of Oklahoma who were killed in the brutal bombing, the mass murder that took place last April in Oklahoma City.

The message they told us last Monday to deliver on the floor of this Senate, the loud and clear message, was yes, if this does not pass, we still want to support the bill as it is right now and the habeas element that is in the bill. That is fine. But the message was let us get the strongest possible habeas

reform that we can have. That happens to be the John Kyl amendment.

So I am not here speaking on behalf of one U.S. Senator from the State of Oklahoma. I am speaking on behalf of the families of those individuals who were killed in that very brutal act in April of this year.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, does the Senator reserve the remainder of his time?

Mr. INHOFE. I yield.

Mr. KYL. Both Senators from Oklahoma have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner following the tragedy in their State in a way both to help the people of their State but also to try to do everything they could to assist law enforcement officials to bring to justice the responsible parties and to see to it that there are changes in the law that perhaps can help prevent those kinds of things from happening in the future and, in the cases where they cannot be prevented, that the people are brought to justice.

I very much appreciate the support of both of the Senators from Oklahoma.

Mr. President, I would like to reserve the remainder of my time at this point should anyone from the minority wish to speak.

Mr. BIDEN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. BIDEN. Let me say while our colleague from Oklahoma is in the Chamber that I, too, admire the way in which he and his senior colleague have conducted themselves in the wake of such a horrible tragedy. I do not in any way question that the victims' survivors, families of the victims in Oklahoma City, want what he states, and that is a change in the way habeas corpus works. They do not want any more Staffords. They cannot understand, nor can I, why Stafford is in jail for 17 years after having filed apparently successful petitions to delay his execution, and they want action.

But I would say that we would be on habeas corpus whether or not that godawful tragedy in Oklahoma had occurred. The Republican crime bill has the habeas corpus petition in it. We are scheduled to take up the Republican crime bill. We were scheduled to take up the Republican crime bill before we left for our Easter recess. Then we were scheduled to take it up before we left for Memorial Day. Now we are scheduled to take it up before the Fourth of July recess.

In that Republican crime bill is the reform of habeas corpus. In the crime bill that I offered 2 years ago, 18 months ago, there was a reform of habeas corpus. So I just want to make it clear that the Senate's attention is not focused on habeas corpus at this moment because of what happened in Oklahoma and the counterterrorism bill. It is a convenient—and I mean that in a literal sense; I do not mean that in a disparaging way—it is a convenient vehicle to move up the debate on this issue, but the debate was necessary and inevitable.

Let me point out there are three sort of teams in this debate. One team says keep habeas corpus the way it is; we do not want any changes in habeas corpus. I got a bite out of that apple over the last couple years because every time I would offer amendments on habeas corpus I would read in the editorial page of the New York Times about how Senator BIDEN is emasculating habeas corpus, and what a terrible thing he is doing, and the compromises Senator BIDEN is working out are—and it went on and on. Every liberal newspaper in America pointed out that wanting to change habeas corpus from the way it is to make sure that the Staffords of the world are executed——

Mr. INHOFE. Just for a moment, will the Senator yield?

Mr. BIDEN. I would be happy to yield.

Mr. INHOFE. Let me clarify. I used the words ''at this level.'' I do not believe we would be having the debate at this level if it had not been for the fact it did not happen.

I might also observe that the same attorney, who is a very capable and competent attorney in Oklahoma, Steven Jones, the one who so successfully got the delays in the Stafford case, is the same attorney that is handling Timothy McVeigh's case here, too.

Mr. BIDEN. I thank the Senator.

But there are basically three points of view on this floor in a broad sense. One is, do we maintain the status quo on habeas corpus? That is made up of half a dozen to a dozen Members on my side and one or two Members on the Republican side. And they do not want to see any change in habeas.

There is a second school of thought in a broad sense represented by the distinguished Senator from Arizona, who is a capable and competent lawyer in his own right and knows this area well, as he demonstrated by his presentation. And that is to say, in effect, as I read what he says but what others have said as well, that State courts are fully competent to determine whether or not somebody's constitutional rights have been violated. And that is a respected, understood, and clearly articulated school of thought that has existed for some time and has been in a very articulate manner stated here today.

There is a third school on this floor that says status quo is bad. We do not want habeas corpus to continue as it statutorily has and has been interpreted by the courts over the last couple decades. We want it changed.

Now, we differ. There are limits to that third group, and they range somewhere between Senator SPECTER and probably me. And Senator SPECTER and I have been for years debating this issue, agreeing and disagreeing, but we are into that school that says, wait a minute, do not take the Federal courts totally out of this or, in effect, take them totally out of it but drastically curtail the time within which someone is able to file a habeas petition and how many times they are able to file one and what constitutes a successive petition.

Now, I am certain that the Senator from Oklahoma was right when he ticked off the names of the families of the victims and said they want action. I would respectfully suggest that it is unlikely that they know the difference between a successive petition based upon probable innocence versus clear and convincing evidence. Most lawyers on this floor do not know the difference. Most lawyers who practice law do not know the difference; 85 percent of the highest paid lawyers in America, if you brought them in and sat them down in these chairs and asked them to define what a successive petition is, could not do it, could not do it. I am talking about the thousand-dollar-an-hour guys. They could not do it.

Now, I do not mean that to malign the legal profession. They do not handle these cases. Death penalty cases, habeas cases are complicated. Just like I could not, if I were back in the practice of law, explain to you a complicated antitrust provision. I did not practice antitrust law.

So with all due respect, what I am proposing and will propose —and my opposition to the Kyl amendment is just as likely to be acceptable to those folks in Oklahoma as anyone else's because the effect of what I wish to see happen—and I think a majority in here—is to make sure that we are no longer in a situation where this fellow Stafford could be gaining weight in an air-conditioned cell after having filed 17 petitions.

If we adopt the amendment that I am going to offer after this amendment, Stafford would be dead. No more Staffords. There is no legal way in which anyone could hang around, after having been convicted of a capital offense, for 17 years, let alone 7 years, because there are strict time limits and strict circumstances under which a second petition could be filed.

Now, one of the problems here is that we confuse all crimes with apples and oranges. We hear about delay all the time, and it is true, with all due respect, even the Kyl amendment will not fundamentally change the delay. If you take a look at where the delay occurs—and just pick this one case that we talk about—and I will get the second graph, if I can, about the length of delay in State courts versus Federal—the case often cited is this Guerra case, to find out how long this fellow, after having been convicted, languished in, at the expense of the taxpayers, a prison avoiding the inevitable.

Of the delays that took place, only—still, there are delays—24 percent of them were because of what the Federal courts did. And 76 percent, or 9 years 2 months' worth of delays had nothing to do with the Federal courts. They were all in the State court in the State of Texas.

Leave that graph up for another moment, please. I want to make sure everybody understands. The State of Texas, under State court and State law, provided for 9 years 2 months' worth of delay.

The Federal courts, having Federal habeas available, did, in fact, add to the delay, 2 years and 10 months. But let us eliminate, as my friend from Arizona wishes to do, in effect, the ability of the Federal courts to get into the game. There still would have been a 9-year-2-month delay in the execution of a man who was convicted and should have been put to death. The point is, the end result of all this was he ended up with a granting of habeas in the end. The point is, it was 9 years 2 months in the State court.

In the State of California, we heard a lot of talk about how Federal habeas corpus causes all these delays. The delays in execution of the death penalty, much of the responsibility is in the State courts. The California experience: California's Supreme Court has on its docket four capital cases that have been fully briefed for over 7 years, but the State court has not even heard the argument yet. It has nothing to do with the Federal courts. You have four cases, as of a month ago, when this chart was made up for a hearing. Maybe something has happened in the last month, but as of a month ago, there were four capital cases in the California Supreme Court where the petitioners seeking redress filed their briefs 7 years ago, and the State court has not even acted yet. Translated, that means 7 years living off the taxpayers in an air-conditioned cell because the California State Supreme Court has not even looked at the briefs or, if they looked at them, have not told anybody they looked at them.

The California Supreme Court has taken more than 8 years to decide 24 of the cases in which it affirmed the death penalty.

One State habeas petition has been pending for 4½ years and another has been pending for 6 years. This is not even getting to the Federal court.

The reason I cite this is the distinguished former Member of Congress and attorney general of the State of California, Mr. Lungren, came before our committee and said, ''The Federal courts should work like the State courts work. My State of California really knows what it is doing.'' Look at what the State of California knows.

I understand the anger. I feel angry and aggrieved as an American citizen that convicted killers are in California sitting in the jails for 7 and 8 years because the court has not even gotten around to listening to what they have to say. You cannot put them to death, because they filed a petition but they have not gotten around to looking at the petition.

What are we doing, though, when we decide that we are angry about that? We are saying the answer is get the Federal Government out of this, the Federal courts out of this. That does not solve the problem, but it creates another problem. The problem it creates when there is no Federal habeas corpus is bad decisions. Bad decisions made by State courts allow people who deserve another trial to not get it. Their constitutional rights are violated. A significant number of the habeas corpus petitions that are filed are granted.

I admit I cannot change the State of California. I have no authority as a Federal official to tell the State of California how they should look at their petitions. But I can do one thing. When it gets to the bottom here and they finally act, under the proposal I want, they get one chance to get into Federal court, to say the State court judges did not know what they were doing on the Constitution.

Keep in mind now, what I am proposing means when all this is done, within 6 months, the person in jail has to file a petition in Federal court. If they do not, they are out of luck, and they can only file a second petition under the same ground rules that my friends from the Republican Party, that Senator SPECTER and Senator HATCH's bill says, where we differ, which I will debate later, where we differ, Senators SPECTER, HATCH and BIDEN, is on what they are allowed to look at once they get that petition in front of them. I will speak to that later.

But look, I really think, to quote my old friend Sid Balick again, ''You gotta keep your eye on the ball here.'' The vast majority of us in this body want to and have been trying for years to change the old system to limit the time in which a petition can be filed and to limit the number of petitions that can be filed. So essentially you get one bite out of the apple.

What my friend from Arizona would do would deny that one bite. I ask you, what damage is done to the Nation allowing a person who, after the fact, learns that perjured testimony was used against him; after the fact, learns that information was made available to the prosecution which went to his innocence that was never made known to him; after the fact, after the fact, after the trial, after the appeals?

If you have to file it within 6 months, I do not know how much additional weight old Stafford would have gained in 6 months, but it would not have been 100 pounds. What is the alternative? The alternative, for example, in this Guerra case was when they finally got down to it, they granted his appeal. They said, ''Wait a minute, you did not get it right at the trial.''

But I, with the greatest amount of respect, suggest that although I understand the motivation, it will not speed up the process. All it will do is enhance the likelihood that a person whose constitutional rights have been denied—and those constitutional rights usually relate to whether they are innocent or guilty—whether they have had a chance to make their case.

Senator Kyl's amendment would bar a prisoner even from being able to file a habeas petition if the State court system has in place what are determined to be adequate and effective procedures to test the legality of the prisoner's detention.

This amendment makes clear that the State court need not have gotten the result right in a particular case and, in fact, it need not even have applied its system fairly in a particular case. All it says is they have to have had a process, and if they had a process, even though it may not have been applied fairly in a particular case, even though it may not have gotten the result right on a constitutional basis, the Federal court cannot look at it.

Everyone agrees that there is a need to end the delays in the system. It just does not work right now. But I also think everyone agrees that there should be a fair process and one that does not execute innocent people.

We know most prosecutors and law enforcement officers are honorable. Most cases proceed fairly, and we can have confidence in the result. Under my approach, after the first petition, most of that will be made clear. They will be rejected and they will be put to death. And I support the death penalty. The Biden crime bill is the only reason why, if McVeigh is convicted in Oklahoma, he would be put to death. I wrote the law. If he is tried in Federal court without that law having been passed, he could not be put to death. I support the death penalty. But I do not support a reasonable ability for a person, if they have a strong case, to suggest they did not get a fair trial, to be able to have one bite out of the apple to determine in Federal court whether that was true.

We all know that occasionally prosecutors or cops act in bad faith, as Senators do, as doctors do, as lawyers do, as housewives do. Every one of our professions, every one of them, has some bad apples. So, occasionally, prosecutors or cops act in bad faith and there are cases which have demonstrated that. As we all know, our judicial system will make honest mistakes and has done so.

The recent case of Kirk Bloodworth is one example. Bloodworth was convicted and sentenced to death for the rape and murder of a young girl. After a new trial, he was again convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Subsequent DNA testing confirmed his innocence. Bloodworth lost 9 years of his life because of the error in our legal system. Habeas corpus has existed to correct just such errors, and to ensure that there will never be another Leo Frank, another innocent person who has been executed.

You do not have to have 17-year delays to ensure that. You do not have to have any delay to ensure that. But what you have to have is the ability of a Federal court, on one occasion, to look at the facts in the petition and

make a judgment as to whether or not a new trial is warranted.

So I respectfully suggest that the debate between the Senator from Arizona and me is not about maintaining the status quo; it is about how we change the status quo. I respect the Senator's intelligence and motivation greatly. But I also respectfully suggest that his approach, A, does not solve the real problem—State court delay—and, B, takes away the one last shot, as a practical matter, that one has to get before a Federal court.

Now, I will acknowledge—and I suspect he would agree—that 75 years ago Federal review was probably needed much more than it is today, because the competence of State court justices was, in some cases, de minimis. And the prejudice that existed in some States—my own included—was real and palpable, making it very difficult for some people to get a fair trial and get their constitutional rights guaranteed. I acknowledge that. That is why the Leo Frank case generated a change in statutory habeas corpus. He was a Jew and he was put to death in large part because he was a Jew. Facts were overlooked, and a decade later it became clear from witnesses that he did not commit the crime.

Most States do not operate that way anymore. I will pick a State so that I am not being parochial and bragging about my State court system, and I will not brag about the Arizona State court system, which is very good. I know several of their State supreme court justices and State court judges. They are first rate. I will pick a State. I would rank the New York State court of appeals, their highest court, over the last 50 years, up against any Federal district court or Federal circuit court of appeals in the Nation. But I cannot say that for probably 20 States that I will not name, because it would be a violation of Senate rules, and because I would be maligning the justices of other States. But I will say, as Barry Goldwater once said, ''In your heart, you know I am right.'' In your heart, you know there are certain States you would just as soon not be tried in for a capital offense as other States.

So what this does—although I acknowledge that State courts get it right the vast majority of the times, I will put this in the negative—what damage is done by the proposal of time limits built into the proposal I am making and that are made, I might add, in the underlying bill, that say you have to file a petition within a certain amount of time and there is a limited circumstance under which you can file a second petition.

So for those reasons, and others which I will not take the time to speak to, I am going to oppose the amendment of my distinguished friend from Arizona.

Mr. President, Is any time left in opposition?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The opposition has 12 minutes 42 seconds.

Mr. BIDEN. I reserve the remainder of my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If I was not clear, the Senator from Arizona has 12 minutes. The Senator from Delaware has 4 minutes.

Mr. BIDEN. I reserve my 4 minutes.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I will yield myself 6 minutes of my remaining time. I would like to respond to the comments of the Senator from Delaware. They were well put and thoughtful, and I think they contribute to the debate. I am going to consider the arguments that he made, with the primary arguments in reverse order, if I might.

The last argument he made essentially was what happens when, after the fact, the defendant finds something out that might enable him to win his freedom? That, of course, is the rationale for the writ of habeas corpus. Of course, the answer is, if you are a Federal court prisoner, you have the opportunity to file a writ of habeas corpus in the Federal courts. If you are a State court prisoner, you have the right to file a habeas corpus petition in the State courts. So that is your remedy for something that happens after the fact.

The Senator from Delaware said it must be a fair process, and indeed it must be. Under my amendment, one of the things that can be contested, and could be contested in Federal court, is that the remedy of the State is not adequate or fair. Finally, with regard to this last point, the Senator from Delaware said he will be proposing an amendment that at least gives the prisoner in the State court system one shot in the Federal courts and primarily base that argument on the notion that while great strides have been made in State courts' competence over the years, there may still be some situations where the State court would not be as competent as the Federal court.

I would like to respond to this in a couple of ways, Mr. President. First of all, we do have one shot in the Federal system under my amendment. It is directly to the U.S. Supreme Court. That right exists today, and it could not be taken away in our amendment, and we do not do that, of course. So if a State court prisoner believes that, despite all of the hearings he has gotten in the State court system, he still has not gotten a fair shake, and that he has really two things that he can claim—first, the State court system is not fair, and secondly, he can go to the U.S. Supreme Court and make his final point there.

Let me read something that Justice Powell wrote not too long ago that I think goes to this point:

He said this nearly 20 years ago:

> We are unwilling to assume that there now exists a general lack of appropriate sensitivity to constitutional rights in the trial and appellate courts of the several States. State courts, like Federal courts, have a constitutional obligation to safeguard personal liberties and to uphold Federal laws.

That was in the case of Stone versus Powell, in 1976.

Later, speaking to the American Bar Association, Justice Powell said:

> Another cause of overload in the Federal court system is conferring Federal habeas corpus jurisdiction to review State court criminal convictions. Repetitive recourse is commonplace. I know of no other system of justice structured in a way that assures no end to the litigation of a criminal conviction. Our practice in this respect is viewed with disbelief by lawyers and judges in other countries.

So, Mr. President, I think that particular issue is disposed of by, among other things, the words of Justice Powell.

A second point the Senator from Delaware said is that most of the delay is in State courts. He is correct, although the chart he has there represents one case. He has about 25 or 24 percent of the delay in the Federal courts, and the rest in the State court. Actually, there is a better figure than that, and the figure is about 40 percent in the Federal courts, 60 percent in the trial courts.

This is from the Powell committee report, and it talked about overdue process. The Powell committee report on page 27 notes ''Federal habeas corpus made up 40 percent of the total delay from sentence to execution, in a sample of 50 cases.'' That is 50 cases as opposed to one case.

The point of the matter is the Senator from Delaware is correct in noting that most of the delay would be State courts. I submit, however, that that is due to several factors. I am not sure the statistics fail to account for the fact that most of the cases are in State court. As a matter of fact, there are not that many in the Federal court.

Say it is between 25 and 40 percent. At least under my amendment we are dealing with 40 percent of the problem. That is not insignificant. Or, the least, taking the number of the Senator from Delaware, 25 percent of the problem.

Whereas the Senator from Delaware would simply make it more difficult to get into Federal court if you are a State court prisoner, we say you cannot. As Federal legislators, what we can do something about, the Federal court, we do something. We say you cannot go there. It is up to the States to deal with the rest of the problem which is before them.

Finally, Mr. President, the Senator from Delaware made a point with respect to Senator INHOFE's presentation, and it was a valid point. But I think it makes a point too far, or one point too much.

The Senator from Delaware said it is doubtful that Senator INHOFE's constituents understand the difference between the Hatch and Kyl amendment, and mentions a lot of lawyers could not identify the difference. He is correct. I do not believe that makes the case.

It is true we have to be careful about what we do here. It is also true that

while the common citizen may not understand the technicalities, the legalities, even the word habeas corpus coming from Latin, the common citizen does understand when something is broken. And the Senator from Delaware made an eloquent case for the proposition that something is drastically broken when people can stay on death row as long as they do.

The Senator from Oklahoma made the same point, 16 or 17 years, with the average being over 9 years. The system is drastically broken. It does not take a lawyer to figure that out.

Mr. President, let me conclude at this point that the ordinary man may not understand all of the technicalities we are talking about, but he knows something is broken here. The fix in my case is quite simple. Federal prisoners go to Federal court, State prisoners go to State court with an ultimate appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, but State prisoners do not get the extra bites of the apple in the Federal court. It is a simple solution.

The solution in the bill and the solution of the Senator from Delaware is much more complex. We will impose some limitations on how you get into the Federal court. That does not stop you from getting in the Federal court. So if you want to solve between 25 and 40 percent of the problem, voting for the Kyl amendment will definitely do that.

It has been held as constitutional. It is supported by Judge Bork and by many others. I submit it would be a good addition to this bill. I am happy to yield to the Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask the distinguished Senator from Delaware to yield.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I believe the Senator from Delaware needs his remaining 4 minutes. How much time does the Senator need?

Mr. SPECTER. I shall be brief, holding to 5 minutes.

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent that the Senator be granted 5 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I am opposed to the amendment by the distinguished Senator from Arizona. At the outset, I acknowledge his experience in the field. But it is my view that Federal review of State criminal convictions, especially in capital cases, is very, very important in order to guarantee appropriate constitutional safeguards.

I believe the death penalty is an effective deterrent against crimes of violence. I spoke earlier about my own experience as a district attorney of Philadelphia, and before that as an assistant district attorney where I tried murder cases. My thought is that it discourages many professional robbers and burglars from carrying weapons because of concern that a killing might result and they would face the possibility of first-degree murder and the death penalty.

I believe that it is very, very important, Mr. President, if we are to retain the death penalty, we have to use it very, very carefully.

There are some 37 States which favor the death penalty. Thirteen jurisdictions in the United States oppose it. It took many years to bring back the death penalty on the Federal level, having achieved that only last year.

The news from South Africa is they have abolished the death penalty. The death penalty is not in use in many jurisdictions, in many nations. I think it is very, very important to retain the death penalty as an effective weapon. Therefore we have to use it very, very carefully.

I have objections to the pending amendment both on constitutional grounds and on public policy grounds. I am well away of the contention that there is constitutional support to it. Frankly, I doubt that the constitutional support would stand up.

When we are dealing with the question of jurisdiction of the Federal courts to entertain questions on Federal issues, on constitutional issues, I believe it is necessary that the Federal courts retain that jurisdiction as a constitutional matter.

I am aware of ex parte McCardle and aware of the distinctions on habeas corpus where there is supposedly an adequate State habeas corpus remedy. When someone comes into the Federal courts on habeas corpus, especially in a capital case, and makes an assertion of denial of actual rights on privilege against self-incrimination or coerced confession or ineffective counsel or absence of counsel or search and seizure issues, I believe it is necessary as a constitutional matter that the Federal courts retain that kind of jurisdiction.

In our Judiciary Committee hearings, this is a question which I frequently ask the nominees as to whether they believe the Congress has the authority to take away jurisdiction on constitutional issues from the Federal courts. It is too lengthy a subject to discuss at any length today.

Beyond the constitutional issue is a matter of public policy. I think it is very important to have the kind of detached, objective review that the Federal courts give.

In many of our States we have elected judges. I think that is, in some circumstances, perhaps in many circumstances, an impediment to the kind of review we have by judges who have life tenure.

I recall reading for the first time in law school the case of Brown versus Mississippi, 1936, a decision by the Supreme Court of the United States saying that the due process clause which limited State action warranted the Supreme Court of the United States to reverse a conviction in a State court in a capital case. Without reciting the case of Brown versus Mississippi and the horrendous facts there, it was not until 1936 that the Supreme Court of this country intervened in a State criminal matter to say that it violated the U.S. Constitution.

The Federal courts have been providing the safeguards on constitutional rights significantly through Federal habeas corpus. I believe that has to be maintained. In urging the adoption of the Specter-Hatch amendment, our amendment really goes to the issue of curtailing the time.

Some might say that it is a restriction on defendant's rights. I think, actually, it is not, for reasons I stated earlier, on the challenge to cruel and barbarous treatment, keeping someone on death row for a protracted period of time.

The international court I referred to earlier this morning, refused an extradition from England to Virginia, because Virginia kept prisoners on death row for 6 to 8 years, which was deemed a violation of cruel and barbarous treatment.

I think, Mr. President, on constitutional grounds and on public policy grounds we ought not to restrict the jurisdictions of the Federal courts.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment. I yield the floor.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President I appreciate the remarks of the Senator from Pennsylvania. He makes some good points that I would like to respond to, but at this point I would like to ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Mississippi be allotted the same amount of time that the Senator from Pennsylvania spoke on, so that I may utilize the remaining amount of my time to close the debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. INHOFE) Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I thank the distinguished Senator from Arizona for letting me have this time and for his effort on this amendment. I certainly am pleased to support it because I think it really does what needs to be done in this area of habeas corpus, because it provides that when a State—State—provides adequate and effective remedies for considering prisoners' claims, there is simply no basis for allowing additional rounds of litigation on the same claims in the lower Federal courts.

I am not a constitutional expert. But let me just read what Judge Robert Bork has said about this particular amendment. He says:

> [This] . . . amendment to the anti-terrorism bill to stop the abuse of federal collateral remedies is an excellent and much-needed reform. . . . There is no doubt about the constitutionality of the provision you propose. . . . Nor is there any doubt about the need for [the] amendment. . . . [The] amendment is a sorely needed reform to a situation that is now out of hand.

Again, I am not a constitutional expert and I know when we have bills like this the lawyers descend on the floor and start arguing. There are very good merits on both sides. But let me just say what I hear from the American people when I go to my State and other

States. They think there is horrible abuse in this area. They think these endless appeals are totally out of control and that it should be cut back and cut back significantly.

I want to emphasize, this does still allow for the Supreme Court to be involved. But how many rounds are we going to have? The American people understand how this system is being abused. That is what is so applicable in this case. If we have a process whereby the people who were involved in the bombing in Oklahoma City are found, apprehended, indicted, convicted and sentenced, if you will, perhaps to death, and then we go through a long, protracted process of appeals through the State courts, appeals through the Federal courts, the American people are going to be even more horrified at our judicial system in America.

They are looking now at the Simpson trial and wondering what have we wrought? This is one small step in the right direction.

Under current law, habeas corpus claims that are rejected after thorough consideration in the State courts are readjudicated in the lower Federal courts. It is duplicative review in the Federal courts and it is needless and time consuming. The habeas corpus provision in S. 735 reduces this redundancy, but it does not eliminate it.

I commend the Senator from Utah, Senator HATCH, for the good work he has been doing in this area for years. Finally he has brought this issue almost to a climax. But I think now Senator Kyl will go one step further and that will really help in dealing with this problem of abuse, delay, and repetitive litigation in the lower courts, the State courts, and the Federal courts.

Under current law, criminal defendants in the State present their claims at their trials, in State court appeals, in State collateral proceedings, and in applications for review by State supreme courts and then by the U.S. Supreme Court. After exhausting these State remedies, prisoners can then go back and initiate additional rounds of litigation through the habeas corpus proceedings in the lower Federal courts, presenting the same claims that have already been raised and decided in State court review. As a result of this redundant review, the criminal justice system in the United States really now is plagued with problems of delay and abuse.

We talked about, I guess it was, cruel and inhuman punishment in the past. The Supreme Court addressed the question of people staying in jails awaiting final conclusion of their trials or convictions, and that was ruled as being wrong. What about the fact that many of them now sit on death row for years and years with access to libraries and computers and everything they could possibly need so they continue to drag out this process? There has to be an end to it.

The habeas corpus provisions in the bill, S. 735, do moderate the redundancy of the current situation through the time limits on Federal habeas filings, stricter limits on the repetitive habeas filings, and more deferential standards of review. But they do not address the underlying problem of pointless readjudication in the lower Federal courts. The Kyl amendment addresses the root cause of the existing problems of delay and abuse by eliminating these habeas corpus reviews of the State judgments.

I think we have seen where this has been changed in the District of Columbia. That has worked quite well. The experience here in DC demonstrates that the rights of defendants can effectively be protected without the redundancy of these habeas corpus reviews in the lower Federal courts. This amendment, as I understand it, would extend those benefits to all the other States.

Punishment is intended to be a deterrent to heinous crime. Under the present system, however, many killers do not fear the punishment because they know of the delays that will be involved. The Kyl amendment addresses this problem, and I commend him for his efforts. I certainly support this amendment.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time?

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I yield myself the remainder of the time.

Let me respond quickly to my friend's comment in response to what I had said.

First of all, he said this is about winning freedom. This is not about winning freedom. Habeas corpus is granted—no freedom. It means a new trial.

He points out very forthrightly that he attempts to prevent folks from going to Federal court except as it relates to being able to go to the Supreme Court. It is not the Supreme Court's job to take a detailed look at every State court conviction. It is for the Supreme Court to decide weighty issues of Federal constitutional law. That is why we have Federal courts and that is why my committee spends so much time, a significant portion of it, considering the nomination of Federal judges. Our system depends on Federal courts, all the Federal courts, being the safeguarders of Federal law.

Let us just put this in very practical terms. Let us assume he is right, the State courts are fully capable and do not need any Federal review. What you end up with is as many as 50 different interpretations of the Federal Constitution; 50 different ways in which 50 different States could interpret whether or not a constitutional right has been denied or not denied. Just from a very practical standpoint that is not good policy. Whereas, when you have the appeal to the Federal court system, that becomes the law, the law of the land governing all 50 States.

I also point out that the State—as the Senator said: Look, we allow folks who are convicted in State court to go to State courts for their appeal and folks convicted in Federal court to go to the Federal courts for their habeas corpus petitions. The problem is that Federal court judges are trained in their experiences in interpreting the Federal Constitution. State courts hardly deal with the Federal Constitution. They deal with the State constitutions. We should have the people who are trained and experienced in interpreting the Federal law relative to the Federal Constitution being able to determine whether there has been a violation of that Federal law or, in this case, the Federal Constitution.

Last, Justice Powell, I am confident—and I am willing to bet; you are not allowed to bet on the floor—but figuratively speaking, I would be willing to bet him dinner at any restaurant in America that Justice Powell does not support his amendment. I can say that with certainty because Justice Powell's commission came forward with an explicit guarantee that there would be access to Federal courts; an explicit guarantee. They made it absolutely clear that it is essential there be access to the Federal courts. I do not doubt that Judge Bork would support this, I do not doubt that at all. In fact, I am certain he would and we should all keep that in mind.

So I reserve the remainder of my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. How much time remains?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona has 6 minutes. The Senator from Delaware has 1 minute 1 second.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask both sides to allow me to have a few minutes just to make—I ask unanimous consent I be given a few minutes just to make some short comments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I have listened to this debate and I really want to compliment the distinguished Senator from Arizona. I think this has been one of the most spirited parts of this whole debate on the habeas corpus provisions of the bill. I deeply appreciate, of course, the frustration some have with the Federal court's micromanagement of State court decisions. Indeed, I think the abuses of Federal habeas corpus practice fuel the desire to remove the Federal courts altogether from the review process. The Kyl amendment would effectively end Federal habeas review of State convictions where the State already has postconviction collateral review. And I can appreciate my colleague's willingness to address the gross abuse that currently occurs under our Federal habeas process. We are all sick of it. Something has to be done.

Senator KYL's amendment would return habeas review to its original moorings, as a corrective process where no other real remedy exists. And it deserves consideration.

In the early history of this country, habeas review was not available at common law to review by any other court a conviction of a felony entered by a court of competent jurisdiction. The function of the writ was to free people who had been imprisoned illegally. Let us understand what I am saying. The constitutional great writ is preconviction.

That is the Constitution writ. The writ of habeas corpus we are talking about is postconviction, and it is a statutory writ that can be changed readily by the Congress of the United States. Senator KYL has cogently pointed out that that is exactly what it is. The writ is guaranteed against suspension by the Constitution. The earlier great writ was well understood to refer to habeas for Federal prisoners, only Federal prisoners. The Kyl amendment appreciates the history of the writ and attempts to return it to its original understanding. He has argued that nobly and well.

I think the proposal of the Senator from Arizona deserves close scrutiny, and he should be complimented for his efforts to address this difficult problem. I have to say that I believe there needs to be postconviction habeas corpus review. But I also believe that the Senator makes a very strong point because, as a lot of people do not know, the District of Columbia has done away with postconviction habeas corpus review, collateral review. And it has worked very well in the District of Columbia. All the Senator is saying perhaps is that we should consider doing that for the country as a whole.

So I just wanted to make these few short comments. I have to say that I compliment my friend and colleague from Arizona for his intelligence on this issue, and for the very, very spirited debate that we have had here on this. I want to express that for all concerned.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who yields time?

Mr. KYL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I would like to use the remainder of my time and close the debate, if there are no others who wish to speak.

Mr. President, first of all, let me compliment the Senator from Delaware who has conducted a very intelligent and thoughtful debate. I appreciate that. I very much appreciate the comments of the Senator from Utah just now. It is only because of his tenacity that this issue is before us. As he said, he has been fighting this issue for years to try to bring some reform to the Senate and was able to do that finally in the bill that he brought to the Senate floor. I appreciate very much his efforts.

I also appreciate the comments he just made. He is exactly correct in describing my amendment as an attempt to return the habeas petition to its original meaning. There is a statutory postconviction remedy, as he points out. I believe he is very familiar, as a matter of fact, with Congress' law of 25 years ago under which the District of Columbia uses a purely quasi-State court system for the review of its writs and does not allow prisoners to go into the Federal system, a system which has worked very well and which we have been invited to consider as a result by Federal judges who have written on the subject.

Let me also address briefly two points, one made by the Senator from Pennsylvania, and one by the Senator from Delaware. The Senator from Pennsylvania questioned the constitutionality of what we are doing here. I understand the point he was making. But I do not think that the constitutionality of what we are proposing here is in doubt. The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld this procedure unanimously in a 1977 opinion, Swain versus Pressley. The opinion was written by Justice Stevens. That was—to use the phrase—''bandied about'' a fairly liberal court in 1977. Subsequently, the Federal courts have consistently held that the remedy provided in this District of Columbia court system, which does not permit a Federal writ of habeas corpus, is adequate and effective to test the legality of detention.

Among the cases are, for example, Garris versus Lindsay in 1986, a D.C. Circuit Court case, and Saleh versus Braxton, a District of Columbia District Court case in 1992. So consistently the courts have upheld, and I also cited the U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality, as well.

The Senator from Delaware argued finally that there could be 50 different interpretations of the constitutional law, if the State court prisoners are relegated only to a State court habeas remedy. With all due respect, I do not think that is correct because, as we all know, those of us who are constitutional lawyers anyway, the U.S. Supreme Court precedents must be followed when State supreme courts—or as in New York's case, it is called the court of appeals, or the circuit courts—are adjudicating constitutional questions, they must follow U.S. Supreme Court precedents.

Therefore, it is not possible for there to be 50 different interpretations of Federal law by State supreme courts unless those courts are dealing in bad faith, and I am sure that no one is suggesting that is the case. It has always been the case that under our Constitution, the Framers contemplated that State courts would be making these interpretations. As a matter of fact, there is an interesting book by Curt Sneideker who writes to this point. He said that in our judicial system it has been understood from the very beginning that State courts could pass on Federal questions. And, by the way, he cites Federalist Papers No. 82 for that proposition. Indeed, the Constitution itself expressly directs them to do so in article VI, clause 2.

So very clearly, the State courts have always been thought of as a place where Federal constitutional issues could be resolved. As I noted earlier, Justice Powell has made a very convincing case, and he is not the only one. But he specifically has made a convincing case that the State courts have the competence to rule on these issues.

Mr. President, just in summary, again I compliment both managers of this bill for the very intelligent way in which they have approached this issue. I appreciate the opportunity to debate my amendment in this way, and I will simply say that in summary, what I am trying to do with my amendment is to ensure that there is an adequate remedy for all habeas petitions for both Federal and State court prisoners, Federal prisoners in the Federal system, State court prisoners in the State court system, but to limit State court systems to the State just as Federal writs are limited to the Federal system.

The only exception which we could not take away, even if we tried—and, of course, we do not want to—even in the State court system, prisoners have the ability to go to the U.S. Supreme Court, the ultimate Federal court, to test the propriety of the final decision of the State court, in most cases called the State supreme court. So there is adequate ability to protect the constitutional rights of both State and Federal prisoners.

My amendment simply helps to solve this problem of overburdened Federal courts by taking out of the Federal courts somewhere between 25 and 40 percent perhaps of the cases that are currently adjudicated not only in State courts but in a duplicative way in the Federal courts, as well.

I urge that my colleagues support my amendment.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, do I have any time left?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware has 1 minute and 19 seconds.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, my staff pointed out to me, as I sat down when I said we should keep that in mind, I said in jest that we should keep that in mind, my reference was to Judge Bork. I believe Powell does not support this, the Powell Commission would not support this, and that Justice Bork would. We should keep in mind the distinction.

But I would also like to point out, as my staff pointed out to me, in Wright versus West, the Supreme Court case decided a couple of years ago, where the Bush administration sought to ask the Supreme Court to rule on the standard of full and fair, which is what Senator KYL is proposing, Justice Rehnquist, from his home State of Arizona, refused to adopt the standard that Senator KYL is proposing. He is certainly no liberal. He refused to adopt the standard and insisted that there be access to the lower Federal courts.

But I thank my colleagues for their indulgence.

I yield the remainder of my time.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, let me again compliment both managers of the bill. I think this has been a good debate. I reiterate my amendment simply restricts the State court prisoners to the Start court as prisoners until they are able to go the to U.S. Supreme Court. I believe this will significantly reduce the number of duplicative appeals. That is what this is all about on the habeas corpus reform, to strengthen the bill. In any event, I reiterate that this is a good bill that we should all support.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator's time has expired.

The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I compliment both Senator KYL and Senator BIDEN. Both have presented very interesting and good arguments. They both deserve being listened to.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the vote on the Kyl amendment be at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, do we first have to ask for the yeas and nays?

Mr. HATCH. Yes. I ask for the yeas and nays on the Kyl amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I would like to join my colleagues in supporting S. 735, the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act. This legislation contains a broad range of needed changes in law to enhance our country's ability to combat terrorism, both at home and from abroad. The managers of this bill have described its provisions in some detail, so I will not repeat their comments. Briefly, however, this bill would increase penalties: for conspiracies involving explosives, for terrorist conspiracies, for terrorist crimes, for transferring explosives, for using explosives, and for other crimes related to terrorist acts.

The bill also contains habeas corpus reform to curb the abuse of habeas corpus and to address the acute problems of unnecessary delay and abuse in death penalty cases. The bill also includes provisions to combat international terrorism, to remove aliens, to control fundraising for foreign terrorists, and procedural changes to strengthen our counterterrorism laws. Among those strengthening laws are a requirement to use chemical tagging in plastic explosives, to criminalize a threat to use a weapon of mass destruction, and to add conspiracy crime to certain terrorism offenses.

Finally, the bill authorized increased funding for Federal law enforcement agencies, providing $1.5 billion over 5 years for the FBI, DEA, assistant U.S. attorneys, the INS, and the U.S. Customs Service.

Mr. President, I would like to concentrate the remainder of my comments of two provisions of mine that are included in this bill with the assistance of the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator HATCH, and our distinguished majority leader, Senator DOLE. These two provisions are the Terrorist Exclusion Act and the Law Enforcement and Intelligence Sources Protection Act, both of which I have introduced separately this session of Congress.

Traditionally, Americans have thought of terrorism as primarily a European, Middle Eastern, or Latin American problem. While Americans abroad or U.S. diplomatic facilities have been targets, Americans have often considered the United States itself largely immune from acts of terrorism. Two events have changed this sense of safety. The first was the international terrorist attack of February 26, 1993, against the New York World Trade Center, and the second was the shocking domestic terrorist attack this April 19 against the Federal building in Oklahoma City.

I first introduced the Terrorist Exclusion Act in the House 2 years ago, and this year I have reintroduced the legislation in the Senate with Senator BROWN as my original cosponsor. The Terrorist Exclusion Act will close a dangerous loophole in our visa laws which was opened up in the Immigration Reform Act of 1990. That bill eliminated then-existing authority to deny a U.S. visa to a known member of a violent terrorist organization.

The new standards required knowledge that the individual had personally been involved in a past terrorist act or was coming to the United States to conduct such an act. This provision will restore the previous standard allowing denial of a U.S. visa for membership in a terrorist group.

The elimination of authority to exclude a foreigner from the United States for mere membership in a terrorist group happened in the context of Congress' rewrite of the old McCarran-Walter's Act. The McCarran-Walter's Act contained a wide range of visa exclusions for ideological or associational reasons. But in narrowly refocusing all visa exclusions on personal acts, it perhaps inadvertently treated foreigners who join violent terrorist organizations no differently than if they had merely joined a political club, or fraternal order. This removed a valuable tool for protecting American lives. In my view, and I am sure the view of the vast majority of Americans, there is a difference.

I discovered this dangerous weakness in our visa laws in early 1993 during my investigation of the State Department failures that allowed the radical Egyptian cleric, Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, to travel to and reside in the United States since 1990. I undertook this investigation in my role as ranking Republican of the House International Operations Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over terrorism issues, a role I have continued in the Senate as chair of the International Operations Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Sheikh Rahman is the spiritual leader of Egypt's terrorist organization, the Islamic Group. His followers have been convicted for the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York, and the sheikh himself is now on trial for his alleged role in planting and approving a second wave of terrorist acts in the New York City area.

The significance of Sheikh Abdel Rahman is that he was clearly excludable from the United States under the old pre-1990 law, but the legal authority to exclude him ended with enactment of the Immigration Reform Act that year. He was admitted to this country through an amazing series of bureaucratic blunders.

But then, the 1990 law came into effect, and the State Department was forced to try to deport him on the grounds that he once bounced a check in Egypt and had more than one wife, rather than the fact that he was the known spiritual leader of a violent terrorist organization. This was before the World Trade Center bombing.

A high-ranking State Department official informed my staff during my investigation that if Sheikh Abdel Rahman had tried to enter after the 1990 law went into affect, they would have had no legal authority to exclude him from the United States because they had no proof that he had ever personally committed a terrorist act, despite the fact that his followers were known to have been involved in the assassination of Anwar Sadat.

The urgency of passing this provision comes from the sad truth that every day American lives continue to be put at risk out of deference to some imagined first amendment rights of foreign terrorists. This is an extreme misinterpretation of our cherished Bill of Rights, which the Founders of our Nation intended to protect the liberties of all Americans.

In my reading of the U.S. Constitution I see much about the protection of the safety and welfare of Americans, but nothing about protecting the rights of foreign terrorists to travel freely to the United States whenever they choose.

The second of my bills contained in S. 735 is the Law Enforcement and Intelligence Sources Protection Act. This legislation would significantly increase the ability of law enforcement and intelligence agencies to share information with the State Department for the purpose of denying visas to known terrorists, drug traffickers, and others involved in international criminal activity.

This provision would permit denials of U.S. visas to be made without a detailed written explanation for individuals who are excluded for law enforcement reasons, which current law requires. These denials could be made

citing U.S. law generically, without further clarification or amplification. Individuals denied visas due to the suspicion that they are intending to immigrate would still have to be informed that this is the basis, to allow such an individual to compile additional information that may change that determination.

Under a provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act [INA], a precise written justification, citing the specific provision of law, is required for every alien denied a U.S. visa. This requirement was inserted into the INA out of the belief that every non-American denied a U.S. visa for any reason had the right to know the precise grounds under which the visa was denied, even if it was for terrorist activity, narcotics trafficking, or other illegal acts. This has impeded the willingness of law enforcement and intelligence agencies to share with the State Department the names of excludable aliens.

These agencies are logically concerned about impeding an investigation or revealing sources and methods if they submit a name of a person they know to be a terrorist or criminal—but who we do not want to know that we know about their activities—who then goes on the lookout list, is denied a visa, and then is informed in writing that he or she was denied a visa because of known drug trafficking activity. That drug trafficker then will know that the DEA knows about his or her illegal activity and may be developing a criminal case. This information is something the United States would want to protect, until the case against is completed and, hopefully, some law enforcement action is taken. At the same time, however, for the protection of the American people we should also make this information available to the Department of State to keep the individual out of our country.

The key issue is that travel to the United States by noncitizens is a privilege, not a constitutional right. There is no fundamental right for extensive due process in visa decisions by our consular officers overseas. While I believe that our country should do what we can to be fair in our treatment of would-be visitors to the United States, in cases where providing information to an alien would harm our own national security, complicate potential criminal cases or potentially reveal sources and methods of intelligence gathering, we should err on the side of protecting Americans, not the convenience of foreign nationals.

Mr. President, I again congratulate Senator DOLE, Senator HATCH, and all of my other colleagues—on both sides of the aisle—who have been instrumental in bringing this comprehensive counterterrorism bill to the Senate floor for swift action. This is an example of our capacity to act quickly on a bipartisan basis and in cooperation with the administration on critical issues. It is my hope that this bill is an example of what we can accomplish together in this body, and I hope we will continue to approach issues important to the future of our Nation in this manner.

I urge adoption of the bill.

Mr. HATCH. I now ask that the Kyl amendment be laid aside and the Senator from Delaware be recognized to offer the last amendment to this bill as soon as we have a quorum call.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. DOLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished majority leader is recognized.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, what is the pending business? Are we on the final amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair would observe we just dispensed with the Kyl amendment. There is no pending amendment at this time.

Mr. DOLE. Is there a time agreement on the Biden amendment?

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment of the distinguished Senator from Arizona be laid aside; that as soon as the distinguished majority leader is finished, we can move to the final amendment, the Biden amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. How much time is the Biden amendment?

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be 90 minutes equally divided between Senator BIDEN and myself.

Mr. COHEN. Reserving the right to object, I might indicate to the Senator from Utah that Senator BIDEN indicated he will allow me to have an additional 15 minutes separate and apart from this agreement.

Mr. HATCH. Let us make it 105 minutes with 45 minutes——

Mr. DOLE. I have a better idea. Why not the Senator from Utah give him 15 minutes of his 45.

Mr. HATCH. That will be fine.

Mr. COHEN. I do not want to take the time of Senator HATCH.

Mr. DOLE. We want to finish this bill.

Mr. HATCH. That is fine with me. Half-hour to me, an hour to Senator BIDEN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Does the Senator from Maine object?

Mr. COHEN. No.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, then it would appear to me that we are not going to finish this bill until after 5 o'clock. But we will take up the telecommunications bill. We will be here late because we have frittered away the afternoon here. We hoped to conclude action on this bill by 1 o'clock. It is now 3:30, and it is going to be 5 or 6 o'clock. So we do not have any recourse because Senator PRESSLER and Senator HOLLINGS have been waiting all day long to take up the telecommunications bill, and there will be votes and there will be amendments probably until 10 or 11 o'clock tonight. So if we can finish, whenever we finish this bill, we will be on the telecommunications bill.

I understand the Senator from Delaware is now prepared to offer his amendment, which will be the final amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I see the distinguished Senator from Maine is prepared to speak and utilize his 15 minutes.

Mr. COHEN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, first let me thank the Senator from Utah for allowing me to use 15 minutes of his time. I will try and cut it down if I can, because I do not want to trespass on his time, especially since I am going to be speaking in opposition to his position. So it is kind generosity on his part, superimposed by the majority leader, I might add, but nonetheless I appreciate it.

Mr. President, I have in my past life been both a prosecutor and defense counsel. I believe firmly that some reform of habeas corpus is necessary. Successive and repetitive petitions, appeals and Supreme Court reviews have led to excessive delays and imposed costs on State prosecutors' offices that otherwise would be dedicated to law enforcement. I think these delays have rightly been perceived by the American people as an abuse of the judicial process by those opposed to the death penalty.

I also want to point out that I oppose the death penalty, but I cannot support a system that allows respect for the law to be undermined. Consequently, I believe many of the procedural reforms contained in S. 735 are appropriate and necessary.

I support limits on successive, repetitive petitions. I support a statute of limitations for filing habeas petitions. And I support time limits on judicial consideration of habeas cases. I think these reforms should be sufficient to eliminate the abuses of the habeas system that have led to decade-long delays in many capital cases.

But the goal of habeas corpus reform ought to be that prisoners have one complete bite at the apple.

The bill before the Senate gives prisoners one bite at the apple but changes the law so that the bite is incomplete. It weakens the standards under which Federal courts review constitutional errors that take place in State courts by requiring a Federal court to defer to a State court's reasonable interpretation and application of constitutional law.

By weakening the effectiveness of the writ in this way, I think it is going to erode what has been a cherished procedure over the centuries, the hallmark

of Anglo-American jurisprudence. The writ of habeas corpus is the last line of defense for constitutional rights.

An effective habeas remedy is especially necessary in modern times because of the poor caliber of legal representation capital defendants are being provided in capital trials.

Many of the States that produce a large number of capital cases have no minimum competency standards for defense counsel. One State limits the compensation for court-appointed counsel to $1,000 for all pretrial preparation and trial proceedings—I repeat, $1,000 for all pretrial preparation and trial proceedings.

Another State pays a maximum of $2,500. A survey by the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association estimated that the average capital defense attorney is compensated at a rate of $11.75 an hour, just 2½ times the minimum wage.

There are reported cases of trial counsel sleeping during trial, not presenting any mitigating evidence during the penalty phase of the trial, having only 6 months of legal experience and no criminal trial experience, or filing a one-page brief on appeal.

In one of his last opinions from the bench, Justice Blackmun listed six egregious examples of the poor representation many capital defendants receive. One case Justice Blackmun described was that involving John Young, who was represented in his capital trial by an attorney who was addicted to drugs and who a few weeks after the trial was incarcerated on Federal drug charges. The court of appeals of the eleventh circuit rejected Young's ineffective assistance of counsel claim on Federal habeas review and the Supreme Court denied certiorari. Young was executed in 1985.

In another case, Larry Heath was represented on direct appeal by counsel who filed a six-page brief before the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. The attorney failed to appear for the oral argument before the Alabama Supreme Court and filed a brief in that court containing a one-page argument and citing a single case. The eleventh circuit found no prejudice, and the Supreme Court denied review. He was executed in 1992.

The bill before the Senate does nothing to remedy the serious problem of incompetent counsel in State court capital cases. But in light of this, I think the Biden amendment is all the more imperative to maintain the effectiveness of habeas under these circumstances. When trial counsel has done little to protect a capital defendant's constitutional rights at trial, at the very least, it seems to me the Federal Government ought to provide effective Federal court review of the State court conviction and sentence to ensure that the core constitutional requirements have been satisfied.

Mr. President, I think Senator BIDEN has already talked at some length about the case of Rubin ''Hurricane'' Carter. I read a book that was written some time ago called ''The 16th Round.'' In ''The 16th Round,'' we have a description of what happened to Rubin ''Hurricane'' Carter, the one time the middleweight prizefighter. It was not a death penalty case, but it was a case of an innocent man being convicted for a crime he did not commit, primarily because he was a black man who was in the vicinity when a triple murder was committed.

It was way back in June 1966. Two light-skinned black men, one described as thin, about 5 feet 11 inches, shot and killed three people in a Paterson, NJ bar. Carter, a very dark-skinned, stocky, prizefighter, 5 feet 8 inches tall, was driving in the vicinity with two other people. They were stopped by the police and then released because they did not match the description of the killers. Later that night, Carter and a man named John Artis were again picked up by the police, but the survivor of the shooting failed to identify them as the killers. They were given lie detector tests and they passed.

In the meantime, a small-time thief who was robbing a factory nearby the murder site told the police he had seen the commission of the crimes, and in an attempt to curry favor with the police, he told them Rubin ''Hurricane'' Carter was the killer.

Based on that information, Carter and Artis were tried, convicted, and sentenced. Carter himself was sentenced to life in prison.

Ten years later, after the thief recanted his trial testimony, Carter and Artis were given new trials. Then at the time of trial the thief recanted his recantation. Carter and Artis were convicted again. The New Jersey Supreme Court affirmed Carter's conviction by a vote of 4–3.

Then a habeas corpus petition was filed in Federal court. In 1985, the court issued an opinion finding two serious constitutional violations: The prosecutor's misuse of a lie detector test and the denial of equal protection due to the prosecutor's unfounded racial allegations against the defendants. The prosecution argued that the defendants were simply out to murder white people when, in fact, the evidence was that they both had many white friends.

The third circuit upheld the lower court's decision to grant the petition. The Supreme Court denied certiorari. And the State of New Jersey finally dismissed the indictment.

Here we have a situation where a person spent over 20 years in prison over charges that were false. The attorney for Mr. Carter has written to Senator HATCH to point out that if a proposal similar to the one on the floor right now were law today, Carter's habeas corpus petition would have been dismissed. He said, ''I do not see what legitimate criminal justice purpose would be achieved by such a result.''

Indeed, the 16th round never would have occurred. The 15th round would have knocked Carter out for the rest of his life, without him ever having a legitimate opportunity to challenge the injustice that took place 20 years ago.

So let us not fool ourselves. The substantive changes to the habeas bill being proposed are not designed just to eliminate frivolous cases. They are designed to weaken the Federal courts' role in scrutinizing State court verdicts for constitutional error. Prof. Henry Monaghan from Columbia University said it very well in a letter to Senator HATCH. He acknowledged that he is ''no fan of habeas corpus.'' But he was satisfied that the changes in the Supreme Court law and the procedural reforms in this bill ''would go a long way to eliminating abuses.'' He went on to urge that the substantive standards not be altered:

> I believe the writ's core function of affording independent Federal review to mixed questions of law and fact should be retained and that the deference provision in S. 735 should be withdrawn. The deference provision in S. 735 would keep habeas corpus from serving any meaningful role. Effectively, it would repeal the habeas corpus statute.

Similarly, a former State prosecutor recently wrote to me that the ''reasonableness'' rule of deference in this bill is not the way to speed up habeas corpus review. It is not a way to prevent the same prisoner from filing more than one petition. Rather, ''it is an unprecedented attack on the rule, as old as the Republic, that Federal courts have the last word on what the Federal Constitution means and how it is to be applied. It would require Federal courts to stand by and do nothing even if presented with a State court ruling that was wrong, and the cause of the person being unjustly imprisoned or even executed.''

So, Mr. President, I think it is important that those accused of serious capital crimes have one complete bite at the apple. I believe the Biden amendment will make sure that one bite is complete and not incomplete. I hope that it will receive the endorsement of the Senate, because habeas corpus without it will become a hollow remedy, one that I do not think would be worthy of the title ''the Great Writ.''

A strong case has been made for the procedural reforms in this bill. They will increase respect for the law by stopping the endless delays and appeals of capital sentences. But no case has been made for changing the substantive standards applicable in federal courts for well over a century. When we are making such radical changes in our legal system, we should act prudently. We can always cut back on habeas in the future if the procedural reforms in this bill do not work. But we may never recover the habeas process once it has been effectively been repealed by the substantive changes being proposed.

I yield the floor.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Maine. The Senator from Maine has a reputation in this

body of being one of the most thoughtful, and when he speaks in debates, unlike the Senator from Delaware, a most measured Senator, and one whose career has been marked by observable high points of principle. And this is, I detect, from his speech, a principled issue here. This is an important issue. This is not one where we should, quite frankly, be guided by the legitimate but sometimes not fully articulated concerns of our constituents.

I believe what our constituents want is what the Senator from Maine has outlined. I doubt whether there is a man or woman in America who thinks that Hurricane Carter should not be free today. I doubt whether there are any people in America today who would have been happy had this been the law and had he been denied the opportunity to make that final plea in Federal Court.

Yet, if we amend the law along the lines of the Biden amendment, which Senator COHEN supports, we would have drastically cut down frivolous appeals and drastically cut down successful appeals. As a matter of fact, there is no difference in the time limitation for filing an appeal and the number of successive appeals that are allowed between what Senator HATCH wants and what we want. The big difference in what the Senator from Maine and I are saying is the standard the court is able to apply when the Federal court looks at, as Professor Monaghan states, those mixed questions of fact and law. This would essentially not allow them to look at fact, just theoretically the law.

So what I propose to do is precisely what Professor Monaghan, who is not a fan of habeas corpus, wants done. Let us be real clear right from the start here what we are arguing about and what we are not arguing about. Again, as my old buddy Sid Balick, says, ''keep your eye on the ball.'' What are we arguing about and what are we not arguing about? We are not arguing about whether or not to speed up the process of habeas corpus review, and we are not arguing about reducing the current abuses in the system.

I agree with my Republican colleagues from Utah and Pennsylvania that we have to have a strict statute of limitations and a strict limit on successive petitions. Put another way, how many times after that first one, or under what circumstance, can you file another petition if you are able to at all. Nothing I am trying to do today, nothing in my amendment would change what the Republicans propose for speeding things up or cutting down on abuses. They have a 6-month statute of limitations in their bill. I am not trying to make that 9 months or 1 year or 2 years. I am not proposing to change a single word in the statute of limitations. As this chart up here shows, in the Biden amendment the time limits for filing a petition are the same as in the Specter-Hatch provision. We both set limits on time.

Nothing in my amendment, nothing at all, would change what the Republicans propose for speeding things up or for cutting down on abuses.

The Republicans have a new strict limit on successive petitions in their bill. Many of my liberal friends think these restrictions are excessive. I do not. I have not attempted to change a word. I have not attempted to change a word on their bill relating to successive petitions. Not a period, not a comma of their proposal is changed by my amendment.

Put another way, at the end of the day, or the end of today, even if I were to win everything I am asking for, the statutory right of habeas corpus will be drastically altered from what it is today. No longer will we see a guy filing petition after petition. No longer will my friend from Utah, my distinguished friend from South Carolina, Senator THURMOND, my friend from Pennsylvania, my new friend and colleague from Oklahoma, be able to put up on a board or reference cases which are real and exist today where someone has sat, after having been convicted for a capital offense, on death row for 2, 5, 10, 12, 15, 16, or 19 years. That will not be possible if we adopt my amendment.

Now, usually, the Senator from Utah has a chart out here listing the number of petitions in several cases. I am not making light of that. When he brings out that chart, if he does in his response, I want everyone to look at it and understand that if the Biden amendment passes, that would be the end of charts like that.

There would no longer be an ability for a convicted prisoner, convicted of a capital offense, to be able to file those successive petitions and delay for the number of years the charts have always shown.

I also point out that we will still have the problem of irresponsible State courts who do not read briefs, who do not take the time to follow through. I cannot affect that, nor can they. At a Federal level, we will have eliminated the ability to have those successive petitions.

So let the Senate be clear on what we are not arguing about. What we are arguing about is whether we should dismantle the habeas corpus process by dramatically restricting the Federal power of the Federal courts to decide whether a State court got it wrong, whether a State court wrongly convicted a person, whether a State court is wrongly sending a person to death. That is what we will be changing.

That is where I part company with my Republican friends. I want to fix the problem. They want to do away with the right. I want to get a habeas corpus petitioner in and out of Federal court quickly. I do not want to make it practically impossible for him to get into Federal court. I want to say you get in, and you must get in quickly, and you can only get in under certain circumstances, and you are out. The Republicans want to slam the door of the Federal courthouse closed.

I know there are a lot of things about Federal overreaching, but one thing I do not think most Americans—whether they are liberal or conservative, whether they are moderate, whether they are Republican or Democrat—I do not think they believe that is a remedy, to slam the Federal courthouse door. They do not want it swinging off its hinges, but they do not want it slammed shut.

What I propose is—to be able to use this silly metaphor—to be able to open the door once, walk through the door, and say, ''Federal judges, experts on the Federal Constitution, listen to my plea. Make a decision. If you decide against me, I'm out, but listen to it.''

As the Senator said, the lawyer for Hurricane Carter, and I suspect everyone else would agree he would be a man in jail the rest of his life were that door slammed shut, had it been slammed shut in the way I believe this present bill does.

So that is what we are arguing about.

AMENDMENT NO. 1224

(Purpose: To amend the bill with respect to deleting the rule of deference for habeas corpus)

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] proposes an amendment numbered 1224.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Delete page 105, line 3, through page 105, line 17.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, let Members be clear about what we are talking about.

A petition for habeas corpus—I want to complicate this—a petition for habeas corpus is literally and simply a piece of paper on which a State prisoner says, ''I have been denied my constitutional rights in the following way,'' and takes that paper or has his lawyer take the paper and file that in a Federal court.

In almost all instances, this is after his remedies have expired in a State court system. The issue is whether he or she should be able to file that in Federal court and under what circumstances.

The piece of paper that a habeas corpus petition is written on says that the prisoner claims to be held or sentenced to death in violation of the Federal Constitution, the U.S. Constitution. It does not ask that the prisoner be released, but it does ask that he be given a new trial.

Habeas corpus is the means by which Federal courts ensure that State

courts are following the Constitution. It ensures that those in jail or on death row were not only not put there mistakenly, but that they were not put there in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

I might add, if we, in fact, eliminate Federal habeas corpus or in effect eliminate Federal habeas corpus, what we do is we leave to 50 different States the potential for 50 different interpretations of fact and law.

We all know if a Federal court makes a judgment on a Constitution in a circuit or in a district, it usually goes to a circuit, and then to the Supreme Court. We get a final national judgment on how to read that provision and that fact/legal mixture under the Federal Constitution. We have a uniform application of the law.

The writ of habeas corpus, known historically as the ''great writ,'' is enshrined in the Constitution itself, which provides that ''The writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended,'' article I, section 9.

Unfortunately, under the current system, guilty people can sometimes delay their death sentences by filing frivolous habeas petitions. There is no time limit on when the petition has to be filed, and there is no statutory limit on the number of petitions.

I have, in years past, proposed legislation that would reform this system to generally limit a petitioner to one petition in Federal court, and to impose strict limits on when that petition had to be filed. But my legislation also recognized in that one round of Federal review, the prisoner is allowed and must be allowed a full and careful review to ensure that we do not execute innocent people.

The death sentence is unlike any other. There is no turning back once it has been carried out; to state the obvious, a mistake cannot be fixed. Because of that, we cannot allow the death penalty to be used against innocent people and we cannot allow it to be carried out unfairly.

I am certain all of my colleagues would agree that, although the death penalty should be applied swiftly and with certainty, the worst thing in the world would be for it to be applied wrongly.

My amendment tries to preserve the important role that habeas plays, while reducing delays. It strikes at what I believe is the issue that truly rises above all else in the Republican bill. It strikes the provision in the Republican bill that I think is the most troublesome, and that is the so-called rule of deference, which has been known around here the last 20 years that I have been here as the full and fair rule.

This, in my view, and probably in the view of advocates of both sides of the habeas corpus debate, is the single most important provision of the Republican bill and the single biggest difference between my approach and their approach.

As the chart I have just had put up illustrates, when it comes to speeding things up, Senator HATCH and I are in the same spot. Both our bills have time limits on when a petition can be filed. Both our bills have limits on successive petitions. But our bill differs when it comes to the issue of deciding these petitions.

I said the Federal courts should exercise independent review while the Specter-Hatch bill requires Federal courts to defer to the States.

It is important to realize that the deference standard in the Specter-Hatch bill effectively makes the rest of the bill irrelevant. After all, what difference does it make what the time limits are if the Federal courts are going to be precluded from examining what the State courts did in any event? What difference do the time limits make? That is the fundamental difference in our approaches, because that is what the result of the Specter Hatch bill will be.

Let me give a hypothetical example. Suppose an innocent man is charged with a capital crime and during the investigation one of the witnesses identifies someone else as having committed the crime other than the defendant, a fact which is concealed from the defendant. And there are cases where this has occurred.

At trial the witness identifies the defendant, the innocent man, even though the prosecution has in its possession the evidence that another witness identifies someone else as having committed the crime. But at trial, the second witness identifies the defendant, the innocent man.

In addition, the witness testifies that he has never met the defendant before when, in fact, the prosecutor knows that the witness harbors a grudge against the defendant, the witness who identifies the defendant.

Now, the prosecutor goes ahead and does not tell the defense about the details of what the witness previously said, that he previously said, no, I identify somebody else, and where the prosecution knows that the identifying witness has a grudge against the defendant.

The State courts go ahead and uphold the conviction anyway, reasoning that the truthful evidence would not actually prove the defendant innocent.

Let me get this straight now. If in a trial the stenographer here is accused of killing John Doe and the prosecutor interviews me as a witness. I say no, he did not kill John Doe, Charlie Smith killed John Doe. But then I say, no, I change my mind. I think he did kill John Doe.

The prosecutor investigates and finds out that the stenographer and I have hated one another for the last 20 years, or I have held a grudge against the stenographer because he took down one of my speeches incorrectly.

They never do that, I might add.

Now, the prosecutor does not tell the defendant about my grudge against the defendant and about the fact that I initially identified somebody else. So, now there is a trial and he is convicted.

After the conviction takes place, he files a petition for the writ of habeas corpus and proves that this information was withheld from him; that it would have made a difference to the jury. And the State court of Delaware says: No, no, even if that is true, it does not prove that he is innocent. It just proves that I have a grudge against him and it just proves that the prosecution was not totally honest. But it does not prove his innocence. Therefore, hang him. Or, in Delaware, lethal injection.

Now, the fact of the matter is under the language of this bill the State court's decision on this issue, that is the scope of the prosecutor's duty to turn over the information, would be the absolute last word because, as long as the State court decision could be described by a lawyer as being reasonable, the Federal court could not overturn it. In this example, an innocent man may be put to death because, under this bill's provisions, the issue before the Federal court would be, was it reasonable for the State court to say that they are upholding the conviction because the information withheld would not have proved his innocence?

The probability is the Federal court would have to say that is reasonable. It may not be right. We might not have decided it that way, but it is reasonable. A reasonable man could say, all right, even if the jury had known this, it did not prove his innocence. They still may have convicted him. The Republican bill says:

> An application for writ of habeas corpus on behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court shall not be granted with respect to any claim that was adjudicated on the merits in State court proceedings unless the adjudication of the claim * * * resulted in a decision that * * * involved an unreasonable application of, clearly established Federal law, as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States.

That is a heck of a standard to have to apply.

So, I say goodbye to the stenographer. He is off to death row. He probably thinks he is off to death row when he has to come out here and take down my speeches. But he is off to death row. Because even though—even though—the prosecution withheld evidence that goes to his innocence, instead of the court saying, ''This would have made it difficult for the jury to find beyond a reasonable doubt he was guilty,'' which would have been a reasonable conclusion to reach as well, they said ''This does not prove that he is innocent so we are not going to overturn the conviction.'' So he is gone. Because, as long as the State court decision could be described by a lawyer as being reasonable, the Federal court has to defer to the State court.

The effect is there is no habeas corpus review on matters of fact and law at a Federal level. My amendment simply strikes this language. It leaves in the bill the rest of the reforms—time limits, limits on second petitions—but it strikes the deference rule and allows

the current practice of independent review by the court, the Federal court. The Federal court should be able to say in that circumstance: We understand what the State court did but under our interpretation of the Constitution and his constitutional rights we believe that withholding this information was so prejudicial that he should get a second trial with all the facts being known. They should be able to do that. This would preclude them from doing that.

I think there are four parts of this long sentence I read up here on the board, four parts of this long sentence which have a devastating effect.

(Mr. THOMPSON assumed the chair).

Mr. BIDEN. First, the language sets out clearly what the general principle is. The general principle in this language in the Hatch bill is that Federal courts shall not grant a claim that was adjudicated in State court proceedings. That is what is at the top. It seems to me that is what the sponsor of this bill views as the most desirable outcome in a habeas petition. Of course, this is directly contrary to the purpose of habeas corpus, which is to have Federal courts, and in particular the Supreme Court, decide issues of Federal constitutional law.

The second problem, in this instance, the bill seems to allow an exception to the general rule but one that is likely to be illusory because a claim can be granted only if the State court's application of Federal law to the facts, before it was unreasonable, not merely wrong but unreasonable. It could be wrong but viewed as reasonable. This is an extraordinary deferential standard to the State courts, and I believe it is an inappropriate one. It puts the Federal courts in the difficult position of evaluating the reasonableness of a State court judge rather than simply deciding whether or not he correctly applied the law, not whether he did it reasonably. You can have a reasonable mistake. They could reasonably conclude that on a constitutional provision, it should not apply, when in fact the Supreme Court would rule it must apply. Reasonable people could have reached the conclusion prior to the application of the Miranda decision that it was reasonable not to tell someone their rights. That is a reasonable decision. It may not be born out of animus. The Supreme Court said no. You have to tell people their rights. A reasonable standard of review is the lowest standard used by Federal courts.

In reviewing the constitutionality of statutes, for example, in cases where courts used the reasonable or rational standard, it looks only at whether there is any rational basis supporting the statute. It is a cursory standard of review. In fact, looking at thousands of cases since the late 1930's, our Supreme Court has found—to the best of my knowledge—no statute invalid when they have applied the reasonable standard.

Reasonable people, like Senator HATCH and I, are going to be arguing on the floor about the regulatory reform bill and about the takings clause and all of those issues, right now if the U.S. Congress passes a law saying you cannot have more than 2 parts per billion of a carcinogenic substance in the liquid effluent coming out of your factory, the Supreme Court says not whether that does or does not cause cancer, they say it is reasonable for those folks in the Senate and the House to conclude that is dangerous and, therefore, they will uphold the statute.

It is the lowest standard. It is one thing to apply that when we are protecting the public against environmental pollution. It is another thing when we are applying that standard to the application of constitutional rights to individuals. There we have always applied the highest standard. The Government has been required to meet the highest standard before they can put someone in jail or put them to death. This reasonableness standard reduces to its lowest common denominator.

The court also uses a reasonableness standard in reviewing Federal agencies' interests, and the administrative statutes. I will not get into it now. But the Chevron case and others are cases we debated about whether or not, in applying civil law, which standard we should apply. But the bottom line is this, folks. If the standard is reasonableness, it is the lowest common denominator. And, if the Federal court is required to give deference to a State court on the grounds that it acted reasonably as opposed to correctly, a lot of folks—I should not say a lot; I do not know how many—but there will be individuals who will be put to death where they otherwise would not have been put to death if the Federal court were able to apply the standard that determines their ability to go back and look at the facts and the law and make an independent judgment.

By the way, let me say the whole reason to have the ability of a defendant to go into Federal court is to allow Federal judges to apply the Federal Constitution and determine whether they think the State court applied it correctly. But if you limit what they can look at and the standard they use in review, you have in effect undercut the very rationale for allowing the defendant to get into that Federal court in the first place.

The third problem with this language is the bill's reasonableness exception is limited not only by the requirement that the decision must have been unreasonable, but that it must have been unreasonable in light of Supreme Court law. So even if there is a Federal court decision directly on point, the State court could ignore it as long as the application of law had not been directly decided by the Supreme Court.

As the Presiding Officer knows, as a former prosecutor and a first-rate trial lawyer, there are a number of lower Federal court decisions that never get to the Supreme Court because no one bothers to conclude that they were wrongly decided. And they are accepted as Federal law. In this case, you could have all the districts or the circuits agreeing on one application of the law, and the State court ignore what the Federal courts have said because there is no Supreme Court decision on point. That seems to me to be a very dangerous precedent. Even so, if there is a Federal court decision directly on point, under this language, the State court could ignore it as long as the Supreme Court has not spoken to it. In other words, State courts could ignore the decisions of the lower U.S. courts interpreting the Constitution without any prospect of being corrected by Federal courts.

For example, an appeals court recently held that a defendant cannot be prosecuted criminally and have his property forfeited under the civil forfeiture laws because of the double jeopardy clause prohibiting that. That ruling is clear. It is unambiguous. But it is not a Supreme Court ruling. Under this bill, a State court, which subsequently refused to follow that interpretation, could not be corrected by habeas corpus review because it could never get back into the Federal court system.

This limitation on Supreme Court laws is particularly nonsensical because the Supreme Court generally does not accept for review decisions by circuit courts of appeal unless there is a split in the circuits, as the Presiding Officer knows. If all the circuits agree on a principle of law, the Supreme Court would have no reason to address it.

So under this standard that we are about to write into the law, a State court could ignore a rule that all the circuit courts agreed on and no Federal court could correct that State decision. That is preposterous; maybe unintended, but that is the effect.

Fourth, the exception to the general rule in habeas shall not be granted if the State court ajudicating the claim is further narrowed by the language in the statute requiring that the Federal law at issue must have been clearly established. Not only must the decision of the State court have been unreasonable, and not only must it have been unreasonable in light of Supreme Court law, not Federal law, but it must have been unreasonable in light of Supreme Court law that is clearly established.

The one thing we know is that where lawyers are involved, there is little that can be said to be clearly established. So where the application of a U.S. Supreme Court decision to a new set of facts is unclear, the State court need not worry about it.

For instance, the Supreme Court quite logically has held that the prosecution must give to the defendant any evidence it has that is favorable to him. It is called justice—justice. This is not a game. Prosecutors are not

there to determine whether they can win. They are there to do justice. And so the Supreme Court has said that, if the prosecution has at its disposal evidence that goes to the innocence of the defendant, that has to be made available to the defendant. But is a certain kind of evidence favorable to the accused? That might not be clearly established. And so the State courts will be free to go their own way.

For example, a clear case would be assume that in the State court, the prosecutor had evidence there were two witnesses at the same time who said the defendant did not do it. Well, they cannot withhold that from him. But they may conclude at the State court level that they have evidence there is a motel receipt that indicated the defendant was at such and such a place when this crime was committed. They can reasonably conclude at a State court level we really do not think that goes to the innocence, that is not favorable to the defendant, that is a marginal question so we are not going to tell him.

Now, what you have to do, if you are filing a Federal habeas corpus appeal to get them to go back and get them to look at that, you have to prove that judgment was unreasonable even though there is a Supreme Court decision out there saying you have to make things that are favorable to the defendant available to the defendant, because it is not clearly established law, because it is not around long enough to have been applied to 10, 20, 30 fact circumstances.

Now, it seems to me that we are requiring an awful lot of hurdles and limitations on what a Federal judge can look at once we get to court. Again, keep our eye on the ball here. We are not talking about successive abilities to get into Federal court. We are not talking about extended time limits to get into Federal court. We are not talking about whether or not you can get into Federal court repeatedly. We are only talking about when you get to Federal court what is the Federal judge able to look at. And right now the Federal judge is able to look at the whole thing from ground up if he wants to. He can make an independent decision based on what the specific statement by the defendant is in his petition as to why they should be granted a new trial. They can go back and look at the facts in the case and the law and apply them in conjunction with one another.

So let me summarize what I think this language in the Hatch bill says. First, it states that habeas relief cannot be granted by a Federal judge if a State court has adjudicated the claim, which is directly contrary to the entire purpose of Federal habeas corpus.

Second, it creates what looks to be an exception but one that is largely illusory. It requires that a State court merely behave reasonably—not correctly, reasonably. It requires that a State court merely act reasonably in relation to a Supreme Court decision, not in relation to decisions of lower Federal courts in their State. And it requires them to act reasonably only if the Supreme Court law can be said to be clearly established. All this amounts to is that State courts in almost every case will be free to reach virtually any decision without any chance of Federal review later. This rule, the so-called rule of deference, turns habeas on its head. The purpose of habeas is to correct State court errors. But if Federal courts have to defer to State court decisions, they will not be able to correct their mistakes except in the most egregious circumstances.

Now, through the years we have fought in this Chamber battles over the so-called full and fair standard, essentially what Senator KYL had introduced. At least he was straightforward and blatant about it. He said: Look, my purpose here is to do away with any State prisoner being able to get into a Federal court, period, and because the Constitution says you can go to the Supreme Court under rare circumstances, I am not going to try to eliminate it. But he said 40 percent of the delay is in Federal court, so what I am going to do is do away with the ability to get into Federal courts.

Straightforward. This provision suggested by my Republican friend essentially does the same thing, making it sound like we are really letting someone get in.

Admittedly, the most egregious cases, which would not be captured by the Kyl amendment, would be captured in this amendment. But the vast majority of cases are in a gray area. And again my proposal to delete this standard will in no way slow the process up and will in no way increase the number of opportunities that a prisoner has to file a petition.

While this language looks different than full and fair, the language in this bill would have virtually the same effect. It would prevent Federal courts from granting relief for a violation of the Federal Constitution because it would require deference to the State decision unless that decision were unreasonable. Being wrong would not be enough to get it overturned. It would have to be unreasonable.

If I can make an analogy to the Presiding Officer—who is the only one here at the moment and so that is why I am speaking to him, although I always like to speak to him—it is like this deal with good-faith exceptions to the fourth amendment, search and seizure. All of a sudden, by the way, my friends on the right side of the Chamber, my right and on the ideological right, all of a sudden are beginning to realize: Wait. Maybe we do not want to do away with that so quickly. But at any rate, there is an exception that if a cop violates the fourth amendment but did it in good faith, it should be admissible in court.

Well, you can theoretically argue that makes sense. But how about where a court wrongly but in good faith, in good faith wrongly decides a provision in the Constitution, wrongly decides it, the result of which is the person goes to death. Are we going to reward ignorance? Are we going to reward reasonableness just because it came from the State? It may be reasonable that he reached that decision but wrong. Wrong. This would preclude Federal courts from looking at the merits—whether it was wrongly decided. They only get to do it if it meets the threshold that it was an unreasonable application of the facts and the law.

When the Supreme Court announces a constitutional wrong such as the right of the defendant to know about evidence held by the prosecutor that suggests he is innocent, it necessarily leaves open the question of how that general rule applies to specific facts. Does that mean evidence that could be used to impeach a witness must be turned over? How strong does the evidence need to be before the requirement kicks in? The Supreme Court cannot possibly decide all of these issues in one case.

But lawyers arguing in courts will be able to come up with all sorts of different ways of applying that general rule in individual cases. And many of those ways of applying them may be reasonable. That means that Federal courts will be unable to review State decisions through habeas corpus and begin to establish some uniform law in that portion of the country. Instead, virtually any decision a court reaches will have to be considered acceptable solely because it was reasonable.

I ask everybody listening to this, do we want 25 different interpretations of what is reasonable? Do we want 25 or 50 different versions of what is reasonable? That flies in the face of the notion of a uniform application of the only unifying document that exists in our Nation, the U.S. Constitution. This would mean that the Federal Constitution would be determined by State court judges.

Placing primary responsibility for the Federal Constitution in the hands of State courts is a dramatic departure from this country's historical principle, and that is that it is the Federal courts that should be the final arbiters of Federal law. It would relegate us to a system in which the 50 State court systems and in fact the individual judges within those systems are the separate and ultimate arbiters of what the Constitution means. The meaning of the Federal Constitution could be different, depending on what State you are in.

Independent review is the only sensible approach, I suggest. Even Justice O'Connor has said in rejecting a judicially created full and fair rule—which is what this rule is—that:

> We have never held in the past that Federal courts must presume the correctness of State court legal decisions.

Let me stop there and read it again:

We have never held in the past that Federal courts must presume the correctness of State court legal decisions.

This requires us to presume—presume—the correctness of State court decisions. I am not certain that the State of Mississippi would apply the Constitution the same way the State of New York would, as the State of California would, as the State of New Hampshire would. I do not know if anybody else is very sure of that.

Let me go on and read the entire quote from Justice O'Connor:

We have never held in the past that Federal courts must presume the correctness of State court legal decisions or that State courts' incorrect legal determination has ever been allowed to stand because it was reasonable. We have always held that Federal courts, even on habeas, have the independent obligation to say what the law is.

That is the Federal constitutional interpretation by the Supreme Court. I quote her again:

We have never held . . . that State courts' incorrect legal determination has ever been allowed to stand because it was reasonable.

This would allow incorrect State court decisions to stand because they are reasonable, although incorrect.

That quote, I might add, was from Wright versus West, decided in 1992. Even Justice Rehnquist——

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All the time of the Senator from Delaware has expired.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, although I have much more, that I be allowed to have 7 more minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, even Justice Rehnquist publicly stated that this full and fair doctrine goes further than is wise, and the Supreme Court, reflecting that view, has on at least five occasions refused to apply this doctrine. Let me give some of the cases.

The effect of the deference rule is best illustrated, I think, by looking at some of the real-life cases. The last time the Federal courts were required to defer to State courts, we executed an innocent man. That was in 1915. There is a chart I have to illustrate that.

Leo Frank, a Jewish man, had been convicted and sentenced to die by a jury intimidated by an angry lynch mob outside the courtroom. The mob could be heard inside the courtroom. Mr. Frank's lawyers were so intimidated that they left the courtroom at times because they feared for their lives.

Nevertheless, the State court reviewing the conviction concluded the trial had been fair and upheld the conviction. A majority of the Supreme Court voted to uphold the conviction and, after determining that they were required to defer to the State court decision, upheld the conviction. The dissenters thought independent review was appropriate and, on that basis, they concluded that the State court decision was wrong.

The Supreme Court applied the rule of deference in 1915, and Mr. Frank was killed in prison by an angry mob, and later the actual offender confessed and Frank was posthumously pardoned. But because of the deference rule, an innocent man was executed, and that is what is at stake today. We are talking about going back to the 1915 standard.

Several years later, after the Frank case in Moore versus Dempsey, 1923, the Supreme Court was faced with another similar case. Again, this time several African-American men were on trial for murder, which they claim was self-defense, when a mob attacked them in their church and set the church on fire. At the trial, the same mob armed and surrounded the courthouse. The State court held that there had been no violation of the constitutional right to a fair trial by an impartial jury, notwithstanding those little incidental facts.

This time, the Supreme Court rejected the deference rule and concluded that independent review is required and the dissenters argued that the Federal court should defer to the State court decision and voted to uphold the conviction.

Many years later, in the famous 1953 case of Brown versus Allen, the court considered a case in which the defendant had confessed after being subjected to psychological and physical coercion, sleep deprivation, and other types of pressure that put the confession and the resulting conviction in serious doubt.

The State court found the confession to be voluntary, notwithstanding the circumstances. The Supreme Court overturned the conviction, applying independent review. Had they been required to apply this standard, they would have been required to hold that person guilty, even though he had been subjected to psychological and physical coercion and sleep deprivation before the confession was granted.

These Supreme Court cases, and others I will not take the time to go into, illustrate in concrete terms what the effect of the deference rule is. There are also lower court cases in which habeas relief has been granted. These cases would be decided differently under the deference rule.

Consider the recent case of Herrera, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to death. The State court denied his appeal and the habeas petition. A few months ago, a Reagan appointee of the Federal bench granted habeas relief because the prosecutor had threatened and intimidated witnesses and failed to disclose evidence that proved Mr. Herrera innocent and knowingly used false evidence in a closing argument to the jury.

That was not some wacko liberal judge appointed by a liberal President. That was a judge appointed by Reagan. If, in fact, this law had existed at the time, he would not have been able to make that judgment. For instance, one woman told the police Herrera had not committed the killing. She was threatened by a police officer who said he would take away her daughter unless she cooperated. The prosecutor knew this. The prosecutor also insisted she change her testimony to implicate Herrera, and the judge found many other such violations of law, but the State court concluded, no, he was guilty; the conviction should stand.

The Federal court corrected it. Based on this severe misconduct, this Reagan-appointee judge said but for the conduct of the police officer and the prosecutor, either Herrera would not have been charged with the offense or the trial would have resulted in acquittal. The prosecutor's misconduct was designed to obtain a conviction and another notch in their guns despite the overwhelming evidence that another man was the killer and the lack of evidence pointing to Herrera.

This remarkable finding that a constitutional violation would put an innocent man on death row would not have occurred under the Hatch-Specter bill. The same claims had been made to the State courts. There was nothing new in the Federal court habeas petition, but the State court found that they did not amount to a constitutional violation. If the bill's deference rule had been in effect, the Federal judge would have been foreclosed from correcting the State court's decision and saving an innocent man's life.

Let me pose the question to Senator HATCH. In the Herrera case, the court was confronted with various questions, including whether the conduct of the police officer, when intimidating witnesses and withholding evidence, amounted to a violation of the Constitution.

I would like to ask him when he comes back, would not his bill, which requires deference to the decisions of the State court, have prevented the judge from granting Federal habeas relief?

Mr. HATCH. As I understand it, it is the Herrera case.

Mr. BIDEN. It is the Herrera case.

Mr. HATCH. I do not think so. The fact of the matter is, let me just take a second and look at that Herrera case.

Mr. BIDEN. I would like to describe another case: Fred Macias. He was convicted of murdering two people in their homes. The main evidence was the testimony of another man who admitted having been in the house when the murder occurred, but who then claimed Macias was with him and committed the murder. Macias' lawyer did such a poor job. He did not investigate and discover a credible witness who provided an alibi.

The State court rejected Macias' claim that his lawyer had failed to give him an effective representation. Only when a Federal court looked at the fact an innocent man was facing the death sentence was the conviction thrown out.

The prosecution still tried to reindict Macias, but on being presented with all the evidence, a grand jury in that same jurisdiction refused to indict Macias again.

Again, as I read the Hatch-Specter bill, the Federal court would have been forced to defer to the State court. So I would like to also point out another case, that of Hurricane Carter, which has been referred to. Carter was convicted of the murder of three people—despite the fact that he did not match the physical description of the killers, and was sentenced to life in prison.

The prosecution used the eyewitness testimony of a thief who at first denied seeing Carter at the scene. But the police then showed the witness a manufactured lie detector test that falsely showed he was lying.—In the face of this pressure, the witness changed his testimony. The fact that the witness had been pressured into his testimony using a false lie detector was not disclosed to the defendant, and was concealed from the jury.

The New Jersey Supreme Court upheld the conviction—but the Federal courts concluded that the prosecutor had unconstitutionally withheld evidence favorable to Carter. After habeas was granted, the State dismissed the indictment rather than seek a retrial in which it would have to give all the evidence to the defendant.

The deference rule in this bill would have prevented the Federal courts from correcting the State court's decision that the prosecutors had not violated the Constitution.

In fact, in that case, the State of New Jersey tried to win the case by arguing that the Federal court should defer to the State court. The Federal court instead exercised independent review, and ruled for Mr. Carter.

Let me also discuss the case of Walter McMillian. McMillian was convicted of murder and sentenced to death. The main evidence at trial was the testimony of a white man who claimed to have been an accomplice, and who was granted immunity. Two other witnesses testified that they had seen McMillian's truck in front of the dry cleaners. The jury ignored the testimony of a number of friends and family members who said he was at a fish fry.

After trial, a new investigation showed that the alleged accomplice who testified against McMillian at trial did not even know him at the time of the offense.

That, in fact, he had denied McMillian's involvement in three interviews before finally fingering McMillian.

That witnesses who claimed to have seen McMillian's low-rider truck could not have done so since the truck was not a low-rider at the time of the offense.

That the accomplice had complained to prison doctors that he was being pressured to frame McMillian, and that the doctors told the prosecutors about this before trial.

And that the State had interviewed other inmates who said the ''accomplice'' had told them he was going to frame a man.

The new investigation into the McMillian case showed that all of this evidence was withheld from the defendant at trial.

Despite this new evidence, the Alabama trial court refused to grant relief, turning down the constitutional claims about perjured testimony and Government misconduct. Eventually, the Alabama Appeals Court reversed. But, had the Alabama Appeals Court come out the other way, the deference language would have barred the Federal court from preventing the execution of an innocent man.

While my colleagues rightly point out the crush of repetitive petitions—many of which are frivolous, they leave the impression that habeas is no longer needed.

The cases I have just described demonstrate how important it is to preserve independent Federal review. While most State courts try to apply the law properly, sometimes they fail because of police or prosecution misconduct, or simply because they make mistakes.

Here are a few more examples of recent cases in which Federal courts granted habeas relief:

In Brown versus Lynaugh (5th Cir. 1988), Habeas relief was granted because the presiding judge left the bench, took the witness stand and provided evidence against the defendant. Even though that type of conduct seems to make the trial patently unfair, the State court didn't think so. The rule of deference has prevented the Federal Courts from correcting that error.

In McDowell versus Dixon (4th Cir. 1988), the conviction of a dark-skinned African American was reversed because the prosecutor had withheld eye-witness statements that the assailant was white. The state courts found that this error did not deprive the defendant of a fair trial. The Federal court overruled and granted habeas relief. The deference rule would have prevented the Federal courts from granting relief.

These cases demonstrate that habeas corpus is still needed—and that injustices continue to occur. Without habeas, those injustices would be left to stand uncorrected.

CONCLUSION

Everyone agrees that there is a need to end the delays and that the current system just doesn't work right. But I also think everyone would agree that we should have a fair process—one that does not execute innocent people.

We know that most prosecutors and most law enforcement officers are honorable. Most cases proceed fairly, and we can have confidence in the result.

But occasionally, prosecutors or cops act in bad faith—and there are cases which have demonstrated that. And, as we all know, our judicial system can make mistakes—and has done so.

The recent case of Kirk Bloodsworth is one example. Bloodsworth was convicted and sentenced to death for the rape and murder of a young girl. After a new trial, he was again convicted and sentenced to life in prison. Subsequent DNA testing confirmed his innocence. Bloodsworth lost 9 years out of his life because of an error in our legal system. He was lucky to escape with his life.

Mistakes do happen. Innocent people are convicted and sentenced to die.

Habeas corpus has existed to correct such errors—and to ensure that there will never be another Leo Frank—that there will never be another innocent person—man who is executed.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

I hope that the Senator from Utah, when he gets an opportunity, will respond to my question relating to the case I raise. I thank the Chair for the time.

I yield the floor.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, this chart, I think, says about everything that needs to be said on this. Everything that Senator BIDEN has said can be answered by the Specter-Hatch bill. These are the inmates on death row versus the actual executions. There were 2,976 inmates on death row as of January 1995. The yellow bar on the chart shows 281 executions since 1977. There are multiple frivolous appeals in almost every one of these almost 3,000 death row cases. If they lose on one, they conjure up another one, and then they conjure up another one, and they conjure up another one, just like Andrews in Utah—18 years, 30 appeals. Every one of them were frivolous; every one was denied. No question of guilt. No question of problems. No question he did the murders. Yet, it took 18 years. And every time he brought up a habeas corpus petition, the victims and their families had to relive the whole murder situation again. You wonder why people in this country are worried about the laws and do not believe in them.

There is no finality, no way of solving these problems. It is a farce. Why is it? Because liberal judges—and I have to say active defense lawyers who are doing their jobs under a system that allows this charade to go on and on—continue to allow this to happen because they do not like the death penalty.

I think we ought to face that death penalty straight up and down. If you have arguments against the death penalty, I understand that. I know there are two sides to it. I do not like it myself, except in the most heinous of cases. I would never use it unless it was a really heinous case, like the Andrews case, or like any number of other cases, like the Manson case. He was saved by the Furman case, the Supreme Court case where we had a temporary law on whether or not the death penalty is to be inflicted. There are many others you can talk about.

Mr. President, I have to oppose this amendment. It is offered to modify the standard of habeas corpus reform that we have proposed in this antiterrorism

bill. Our present system of multi-layered State and Federal and collateral appeal has resulted in enormous delays. I have just made the case between sentencing and judicial resolution as to whether the sentence was lawful, without any improvement in the quality of the adjudication. The resulting lack of finality saps public confidence in our criminal justice system and undermines the proper roles of the State and Federal Government. I know there are people here who believe that only the Federal courts tell the truth. That just is not true. State courts, in many respects, are just as good, if not better, than the Federal courts—in these areas, just as good. I get a little tired of the Federal courts being demeaned and maligned because, basically, people do not like the death penalty.

A system incapable of enforcing legally imposed sentences cannot be called just and must be reformed. I mentioned in my home State of Utah, for example, the William Andrews case. He delayed imposition of a constitutionally imposed death sentence for 18 years, and we went through 30 appeals, and the survivors—I think there was one where they poured Drano down his throat. There were others, too, and they would drive pencils through their eardrums before killing them. This survivor had to be there each time and had to go through it each time, had to have it recollected each time. There was no question of guilt, no question of the sentence, and no question it was constitutional. Yet, it took 18 years and 30 appeals and millions of dollars to get done. He was not an innocent person seeking freedom from an illegal punishment. Rather, he committed a particularly heinous crime and simply wanted to frustrate the demands of justice.

The Andrews case is hardly an isolated example. As I have said, as of January 1995 there were almost 3,000 people on death row. Yet the States have executed only 263 since 1973—38 last year. Now, Federal habeas corpus proceedings have become, in effect, a second round of appeals in which convicted criminals are afforded the opportunity to relitigate claims already considered and rejected by the State courts.

The abuse of habeas corpus litigation, particularly in those cases involving lawfully imposed death sentences, has seriously eroded the public's confidence in our criminal justice system. It has drained our State criminal justice resources and has taken a dreadful toll on the victims' families and those who have to live through that every time there is a habeas petition found.

The single most important provision contained in the habeas reform proposal in S. 735, the bill today, is the standard of review that this provision has. It determines the degree of deference the Federal court will give to the decisions of a State court.

I notice the standard of review on the habeas proposals by the Biden staff-prepared poster. It says that Specter-Hatch requires Federal courts to defer to State courts in almost all cases, even if the State is wrong about the U.S. Constitution. That is absolutely false. The fact of the matter is, currently, Federal courts have virtual de novo review of a State court's legal determination. Under our change, Federal courts would be required to defer to the determination of State courts, unless the State court's decision was ''contrary to or involved in an unreasonable application of clearly established Federal laws as determined by the Supreme Court.'' I will read that again.

An application for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court shall not be granted with respect to any claim adjudicated on the merits in a State court proceedings unless the adjudication of that claim (1) resulted in a decision that was contrary to or involved an unreasonable application of clearly established Federal laws as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States or (2) resulted in a decision that was based on an unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented in the State court proceeding.

This is a wholly appropriate standard. It enables the Federal court to overturn State court positions that clearly contravene Federal law. It further allows the Federal courts to review State court decisions that improperly apply clearly established Federal law. The standard also ends the improper review of the State court decisions.

After all, State courts are constrained to uphold the Constitution and faithfully apply Federal law as well. There is simply no reason that Federal courts should have the ability to virtually retry cases that have been properly adjudicated by our State courts. There is no reason to allow Federal courts to do that. If you talk to your State attorneys general, they will tell you that a review standard is the single most important provision of our bill. Meaningful reform will stop repeated assaults upon fair and valid State convictions through spurious petitions filed in the Federal courts. We cannot stop the spurious petitions without changing the standard under which these petitions are reviewed.

If the Biden amendment passes, we are back to business as usual, except for some time constraints. Even then it is business as usual, because there will be repetitive frivolous appeals allowed by the liberal judges in almost every case brought to them where they can make any kind of a claim, regardless of whether it is legitimate or not.

It happens all the time now. People are fed up to here with it and are sick of it. That is why this issue is so important. We have the balance of the procedural protections afforded to defendants against the need for maintaining the integrity of the finality of decisions of our State courts.

Mr. President, I think that part of the disagreement we have with respect to the appropriate standard of review in habeas petitions involves differing visions as to the proper role of habeas review. Federal habeas review takes place only after there has been a trial.

A direct review by the State appellate court, usually in intermediate court, another direct review by the State supreme court, then a third review or fourth review by the U.S. Supreme Court on a petition for certiorari. Thus we have a trial in at least three levels of appellate review, four different ways of protecting the rights of the defendant.

In a capital case, the petitioner often files a clemency petition, so the State executive branch also has an opportunity. That is five: The trial, the initial appeal to the intermediate court, the State supreme court, the petition to the Federal Supreme Court, and the petition for clemency to the Governor. Five different protections for the defendant. Those are the direct appeals.

Then we give them separate habeas appeals all the way up to the State courts again, all the way up to through the Federal court again.

I notice the distinguished Senator from Pennsylvania was at an Intelligence Committee hearing and needs to get back there. So I will interrupt my remarks to grant him 5 minutes for his remarks on this very important issue.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I thank my distinguished colleague, the chairman of the committee, for yielding to me at this time. I have worked with him intimately on this legislation.

As he has noted and I noted earlier, we are in the midst of an Intelligence Committee meeting, a committee which I chair, so I appreciate his yielding to me for a few moments.

I have sought recognition to support Senator HATCH and to oppose the amendment offered by the distinguished Senator from Delaware.

This legislation is the result of a great deal of work over many, many years. It has been going on since the 1980's. As I commented earlier, a habeas corpus reform bill was passed by the U.S. Senate in 1990, but it did not survive a conference with the House of Representatives.

Legislation to reform habeas corpus has been considered and reconsidered each year for many years. The provision which is being debated now, I think, is a reasonable compromise. It is not my absolute preference on the kind of language that I would have chosen had I written the bill alone, but I think it is a reasonable compromise.

Part of my concern is that when we change the standards it breeds a lot of new litigation to have interpretations of untested language. I think there is substantial latitude here for interpretation.

Current law gives significant deference on questions of law and on factual determination to State court determinations. Under the current bill, I think there is still a good bit of latitude which the Federal judge will have when he makes a determination under a habeas corpus petition. There will be deference to the determinations of the State court, but the Federal judge will still have latitude to alter the State court decision in any case in which the Federal judge determines that it was contrary to or involved an unreasonable application of clearly established Federal law as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States, or resulted in a decision that was based on an unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented in the State court proceedings.

So there still is latitude for the Federal judge to disagree with the determination made by the State court judge. It is my sense, having litigated these cases as an assistant district attorney years ago, in the Federal and State courts, that where there is a miscarriage of justice, the Federal court can come to a different decision than was made in the State court proceedings.

The language in the habeas corpus reform bill passed earlier this year by the House is even more restrictive than the language in the Senate bill. The House bill contains a provision that precludes the granting of a writ of habeas corpus unless the State court's decision is arbitrary. This is an even more restrictive standard than that in the Senate bill.

Mr. President, in the legislation which is pending before us, there are provisions which I consider a step backward from the bill which passed the Senate in 1990, which would have eliminated the requirement of exhaustion of State court remedies.

Were I to craft a bill myself, I would not require an exhaustion of State court remedies before the filing of a Federal habeas corpus petition because if that exhaustion requirement were not present there would be a much more orderly and a prompt disposition of these contested issues.

Were exhaustion of State remedies not necessary, we would not have the interminable tennis match back and forth between the State and Federal courts as illustrated by the Pennsylvania case of Peoples versus Castille, which is illustrative of the complexity of bouncing back and forth between the courts.

In the Peoples case, the defendant was convicted in the State court of aggravated assault. The conviction was reviewed and upheld by the Pennsylvania superior court, an intermediate appellate court. Then the case went to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on what is called an allocatur application, a request for review. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania denied the petition for allocatur but the court may do so either considering the case on the merits or refusing to hear it as a discretionary matter.

The defendant then sought a writ of habeas corpus from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, which sent the case back to the State court, holding that Peoples had failed to exhaust his available State remedies because it was unclear whether the Pennsylvania Supreme Court had considered the merits in denying allocatur.

The case then went from the district court to the court of appeals which reversed the district court, saying that there had been an adequate exhaustion of State court remedies.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time has expired.

Mr. HATCH. I yield an additional 3 minutes.

Mr. SPECTER. The State then went to the Supreme Court of the United States which hears few cases. Thousands apply and the year in which the court agreed to hear this appeal only about 150 cases were heard. They took this case. The Supreme Court of the United States then reversed the circuit court and sent the case back to the district court.

Now, had there been no requirement for an exhaustion of State court remedies, the case could have had one hearing in the Federal court, all of the issues would have been decided, and I think decided about the same way if we did not have State court proceedings, bearing in mind that there had already been a full decision by a State appellate court which had upheld the judgment of conviction in the first instance.

What we are really looking at with about 2,900 inmates on death row, there were only 38 cases in which the death penalty was carried out. It would be very much in the interests of the objective of swiftness and certainty to put an end to the long delays. Eliminating the requirement of exhaustion of State remedies would go a long way to achieving these goals.

The State prosecutors and the attorneys general, however, disagree with my view as to what is in the public interest on the issue of exhaustion. We have the same objective. That is, to make the punishment swift and certain, to eliminate the long delays which are a detriment to law enforcement and undermine the deterrent effect of the death penalty, not to have the matter come to closure for the families of the victims, and not to harm the interests of the defendants, as interpreted by some international tribunals, which say it is cruel and unusual punishment to have the cases last longer than 6 to 8 years, an issue also raised by two of the current Justices of the Supreme Court, as I mentioned earlier today. I will not go into that because of the limitation of time.

The issue of exhaustion of State remedies has been eliminated, however, because this bill does not abolish to exhaustion requirement. Unlie the resolution of this issue in the 1990 legislation, which passed the Senate, which eliminated the requirement of exhaustion of State remedies, that provision is not in this bill.

I refer to that to illustrate how uniformity and consensus cannot be achieved on these difficult issues, and different people will have different views. But what we come down to at bottom in this legislation that is currently crafted, I think, is a realistic compromise. I think defendants' rights are protected. There are increased protections in this legislation with the appointment of counsel. We have the requirement that there are timetables and limitations periods so the defendants' rights, the States rights, and the victims' rights are all protected.

I think it is a carefully crafted compromise which ought to be enacted to promote the interests of all parties involved. That is why I urge my colleagues to reject the amendment offered by the distinguished Senator from Delaware on this state of the record.

I thank my colleague for yielding to me at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I thank my colleague. I have enjoyed working with him on this Specter-Hatch habeas corpus reform. Without him I do not think we would be nearly as far along as we are, so I want to personally thank him for the efforts he has put forward.

Let me get back to what I was saying. Look at all the reviews these cases have: The trial, the direct review to the intermediate court, the direct review to the State supreme court, the direct review to the Supreme Court of the United States of America, petition to the Governor for clemency.

But that is not the end. In virtually every State a postconviction collateral proceeding exists. In other words, the petitioner can file a habeas corpus petition in State court. The petition is routinely subject to appellate review by an intermediate court and the State supreme court. The prisoner then may file a second petition in the U.S. Supreme Court and may also, of course, seek a second review of that by the Governor. So after conviction we have at least six levels of review by State courts, two rounds of review at least in capital cases by the State executive.

Contrary to the impression that may be left by some of my colleagues on the other side of this issue, Federal habeas review does not take place until well after conviction and numerous rounds of direct and collateral review.

The Supreme Court has clearly held in Goeke versus Branch that habeas review is not an essential prerequisite to conviction. Indeed, this very term the Supreme Court reaffirmed that principle that the Constitution does not even require direct review as a prerequisite for a valid conviction, and that is the Goeke case.

Now that we have the proper context for this debate, let us look at the proposed standard again. Under the standard contained in S. 735, Federal courts would be required to defer to the determinations of State courts unless the State court's decision was ''contrary to or involved an unreasonable application of clearly established Federal law as determined by the Supreme Court.''

That is a wholly appropriate standard. It enables the Federal court to overturn State court decisions that clearly contravene Federal law. Indeed, this standard essentially gives the Federal court the authority to review de novo whether the State court decided the claim in contravention of Federal law.

Moreover, the Federal standard, this review standard proposed in S. 735, allows the Federal court to review State court decisions that improperly apply clearly established Federal law. In other words, if the State court unreasonably applied Federal law its determination is subject to review by the Federal courts.

What does this mean? It means that if the State court reasonably applied Federal law, its decision must be upheld. Why is that a problematic standard? After all, Federal habeas review exists to correct fundamental defects in the law. If the State court has reasonably applied Federal law it is hard to say that a fundamental defect exists.

The Supreme Court in Harlow versus Fitzgerald has held that if the police officer's conduct was reasonable, no claim for damages under Bivens versus Six Unknown Agents can be maintained.

In Leon versus United States, the Supreme Court held if the police officer's conduct in conducting a search was reasonable, no fourth amendment violation ensues or would obtain, and the court could not order suppression of the evidence obtained as a result of the search.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly endorsed the principle that no remedy is available where the Government acts reasonably. Why, then, given this preference for reasonableness in the law, should we empower a Federal court to reverse a State court's reasonable application of Federal law to the facts? If we give that power that Senator BIDEN will give, we have hundreds of judges who do not like the death penalty, who are just going to give repeated habeas corpus reviews any time some clever defense lawyer demands it—which is exactly what we have today.

Our proposed standard simply ends the improper review of State court decisions. After all, State courts are required to uphold the Constitution and to faithfully apply Federal law so there is no reason for what the distinguished Senator from Delaware is arguing for.

He does not believe in the death penalty. I understand that. I respect him for that. But the arguments against meaningful habeas reform, like we have in this bill, are in reality arguments against the death penalty. If that is so, then let us debate the efficacy of the death penalty. Let us not continue frivolous appeal after frivolous appeal at a cost of billions of dollars in this society, just because we do not like the death penalty. Let us decide whether death is the appropriate sanction for people like those who murdered 168 individuals in Oklahoma City, for whom I am wearing this memorial set of ribbons pinned on me by the daughter of one of the victims, somebody, I have to say, by whom I was very moved.

I am prepared to debate the point on whether or not the death penalty is an appropriate penalty. But let us not disguise the argument under the guise of phony habeas corpus.

The second argument I think my friends are making is that they fundamentally distrust the decisions of the State courts. It is an insult to all of the wonderful, fine State court judges around this country. They cannot show cases that literally show that the State courts cannot do the job.

Let me just give an illustration. We have heard a lot about the Rubin Carter case, ''Hurricane'' Carter. The fact of the matter is we have heard all kinds of arguments relating to that case.

He is supposed to be an innocent individual, falsely held in prison despite his innocence. As a trial lawyer, I know that you should always be suspicious of alleged evidence offered at the last minute by your opponents. And this Carter case is no different.

Here, at the last minute, we hear about still one more apocryphal, highly disputed case on which there is absolutely no agreement whatsoever about the guilt or innocence of the defendant.

First we are told that Carter was falsely convicted in New York—well, he was convicted for murder—twice, but in New Jersey. Then we are told that he served 28 months, when, in fact, he served for nearly 20 years. And now, we are told, without any supporting proof, that he is innocent of the very murders that two juries have found—beyond a reasonable doubt—that he committed. And we are supposed to believe these unsupported allegations of innocence—allegations made by Senators who don't even know what State Rubin Carter was tried in?

These allegations are directly disputed by the prosecutors in New Jersey who know this case best. They are directly disputed by every jury and every court that has reviewed this case. And we should remember that it was Judge Lee Sarokin— a very liberal judge—who was the district judge that released Rubin Carter, after nearly 20 years in jail. And he released him not because he was innocent, but because of a procedural objection to the composition of the jury. An objection raised 20 years after the fact.

The Carter case does not show the value of Federal habeas corpus—the Carter case is a fresh indictment of the current system. It shows more clearly than ever, that if you can get your habeas petition before the right liberal Federal judge, you can get out of State prison, regardless of your innocence or guilt.

Here is what the New York Times—one of the most liberal papers in our Nation—said about Judge Sarokin's decision in the Carter case: it said that the judge's decision was ''flawed by excessive lecturing on the need for 'compassion' and the injustice of a possible third trial'' for Rubin Carter. Well, I submit that the Federal courts are not empaneled to provide compassion, they are there to provide justice. In the area of habeas, they are there to provide a constitutional back-up for constitutional issues. The Hatch/Dole bill preserves that function of the Federal courts.

The floor of the U.S. Senate is not the place to determine the guilt or innocence of persons involved in highly disputed cases. That is what hearings are for.

Where were these defenders of the alleged innocence of this three-time murderer when the Judiciary Committee held hearing after hearing on the specific question of whether habeas corpus was needed to protect innocent prisoners? They were nowhere.

I have asked witness after witness to show me a case—even one case—where Federal habeas corpus has been used to free an innocent man or woman, and not one case has been cited. Specifically, I asked Chief Judge Charles Clark of the fifth circuit if he could name even one case that he had ever seen in which Federal habeas corpus had resulted in the release or retrial of an innocent man. And he could not. Yet he was the chief judge of the largest circuit in the Nation—running from Texas to Florida in those days. Not one case.

So forgive me if I am a bit reluctant to accept today the unsupported allegations made on the Senate floor as to the alleged innocence of prisoners who have long been held to be guilty of serious crimes.'

It should also be pointed out that the Carter case rebuts entirely the point that the Senator from Delaware has made several times to the effect that habeas petitions only result in retrials—they do not result in release. So he says. But there was no retrial for Rubin Carter—nor could there be after 20 years. He was released outright—despite the jury verdict that he murdered three individuals.

(Ms. SNOWE assumed the chair.)

Mr. HATCH. We can go on and on. There are a number of others. Virtually every case brought up—I do not know the Garrett case, but every case brought up can be distinguished.

The Frank case, cited by Senator BIDEN, involved a lynching. There was nothing State or Federal corrective process could have done to help Mr. Frank. It was wrong that they lynched

him, but it happened. That case, decided in 1915, occurred at a very different time and under very different circumstances. That is not applicable to this debate. We can go on and on.

Madam President, this is the most important stage in criminal law in the last 30 years, and maybe in our lifetime. This is a change to stop the incessant frivolous appeals that are eating our country alive. We have the chance to really, really do something about this while at the same time protecting constitutional rights and civil liberties for everybody, and doing it in an appropriate, legally sound manner. This amendment will do that.

I hope we will vote down all of these amendments that we have heard debated here today.

I am prepared to yield back the remainder of my time.

I yield the remainder of my time.

I ask unanimous consent that the rollcall vote on the motion to table the Biden amendment No. 1253 be the standard 15-minute vote and that all remaining stacked votes be limited to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent—I have the approval of Senator Biden to do this—on behalf of myself and Senator BIDEN, that all action on amendment No. 1241 be vitiated, the Heflin amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, do we have rollcall votes ordered on every one of the amendments?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We have rollcall votes ordered on the first three with the exception of 1224.

Mr. HATCH. I move to table the Biden amendment, and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, a rollcall vote is ordered on one which is not a motion to table, and the rest are motions to table?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE AMENDMENT NO. 1253

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion of the Senator from Utah to lay on the table amendment No. 1253 offered by the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN]. On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered, and the clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 65, nays 34, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 238 Leg.]

YEAS—65

Abraham	Feinstein	McCain
Ashcroft	Ford	McConnell
Baucus	Frist	Murkowski
Bennett	Gorton	Nickles
Bond	Graham	Nunn
Brown	Gramm	Pressler
Bryan	Grams	Reid
Burns	Grassley	Robb
Byrd	Gregg	Rockefeller
Campbell	Hatch	Roth
Chafee	Hatfield	Santorum
Coats	Helms	Shelby
Cochran	Hutchison	Simpson
Cohen	Inhofe	Smith
Coverdell	Jeffords	Snowe
Craig	Johnston	Specter
D'Amato	Kassebaum	Stevens
DeWine	Kempthorne	Thomas
Dole	Kyl	Thompson
Domenici	Lott	Thurmond
Exon	Lugar	Warner
Faircloth	Mack	

NAYS—34

Akaka	Harkin	Mikulski
Biden	Heflin	Moseley-Braun
Bingaman	Hollings	Moynihan
Boxer	Inouye	Murray
Bradley	Kennedy	Packwood
Breaux	Kerrey	Pell
Bumpers	Kerry	Pryor
Daschle	Kohl	Sarbanes
Dodd	Lautenberg	Simon
Dorgan	Leahy	Wellstone
Feingold	Levin	
Glenn	Lieberman	

NOT VOTING—1

Conrad

So, the motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 1253) was agreed to.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE AMENDMENT NO. 1245, AS MODIFIED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 1245, as modified, offered by the Senator from Michigan, Senator LEVIN. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 62, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 239 Leg.]

YEAS—62

Abraham	Feinstein	McCain
Ashcroft	Ford	McConnell
Baucus	Frist	Murkowski
Bennett	Gorton	Nickles
Bond	Gramm	Nunn
Breaux	Grams	Pressler
Brown	Grassley	Reid
Burns	Gregg	Robb
Byrd	Hatch	Rockefeller
Campbell	Helms	Roth
Coats	Hutchison	Santorum
Cochran	Inhofe	Shelby
Cohen	Johnston	Simpson
Coverdell	Kassebaum	Smith
Craig	Kempthorne	Snowe
D'Amato	Kerrey	Stevens
DeWine	Kyl	Thomas
Dole	Lieberman	Thompson
Domenici	Lott	Thurmond
Exon	Lugar	Warner
Faircloth	Mack	

NAYS—37

Akaka	Bingaman	Bradley
Biden	Boxer	Bryan
Bumpers	Hollings	Moynihan
Chafee	Inouye	Murray
Daschle	Jeffords	Packwood
Dodd	Kennedy	Pell
Dorgan	Kerry	Pryor
Feingold	Kohl	Sarbanes
Glenn	Lautenberg	Simon
Graham	Leahy	Specter
Harkin	Levin	Wellstone
Hatfield	Mikulski	
Heflin	Moseley-Braun	

NOT VOTING—1

Conrad

So the motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 1245), as modified, was agreed to.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 1211

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment offered by the Senator from Arizona, Senator KYL.

The yeas and nays have been ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 38, nays 61, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 240 Leg.]

YEAS—38

Ashcroft	Grams	McConnell
Brown	Grassley	Murkowski
Burns	Gregg	Nickles
Campbell	Helms	Pressler
Coats	Hutchison	Santorum
Cochran	Inhofe	Shelby
Coverdell	Kassebaum	Simpson
Craig	Kempthorne	Smith
D'Amato	Kyl	Stevens
Dole	Lott	Thomas
Domenici	Lugar	Thurmond
Faircloth	Mack	Warner
Gramm	McCain	

NAYS—61

Abraham	Feinstein	Lieberman
Akaka	Ford	Mikulski
Baucus	Frist	Moseley-Braun
Bennett	Glenn	Moynihan
Biden	Gorton	Murray
Bingaman	Graham	Nunn
Bond	Harkin	Packwood
Boxer	Hatch	Pell
Bradley	Hatfield	Pryor
Breaux	Heflin	Reid
Bryan	Hollings	Robb
Bumpers	Inouye	Rockefeller
Byrd	Jeffords	Roth
Chafee	Johnston	Sarbanes
Cohen	Kennedy	Simon
Daschle	Kerrey	Snowe
DeWine	Kerry	Specter
Dodd	Kohl	Thompson
Dorgan	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Exon	Leahy	
Feingold	Levin	

NOT VOTING—1

Conrad

So the amendment (No. 1211) was rejected.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE AMENDMENT NO. 1224

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on the motion to table amendment No. 1224, offered by the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN]. The yeas and nays have been ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced, yeas 53, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 241 Leg.]

YEAS—53

Abraham	Feinstein	McConnell
Ashcroft	Frist	Murkowski
Baucus	Gorton	Nickles
Bennett	Gramm	Pressler
Bond	Grams	Reid
Brown	Grassley	Rockefeller
Burns	Gregg	Roth
Byrd	Hatch	Santorum
Campbell	Helms	Shelby
Coats	Hutchison	Simpson
Cochran	Inhofe	Smith
Coverdell	Kempthorne	Specter
Craig	Kyl	Stevens
D'Amato	Lieberman	Thomas
DeWine	Lott	Thompson
Dole	Lugar	Thurmond
Domenici	Mack	Warner
Faircloth	McCain	

NAYS—46

Akaka	Glenn	Levin
Biden	Graham	Mikulski
Bingaman	Harkin	Moseley-Braun
Boxer	Hatfield	Moynihan
Bradley	Heflin	Murray
Breaux	Hollings	Nunn
Bryan	Inouye	Packwood
Bumpers	Jeffords	Pell
Chafee	Johnston	Pryor
Cohen	Kassebaum	Robb
Daschle	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Dodd	Kerrey	Simon
Dorgan	Kerry	Snowe
Exon	Kohl	Wellstone
Feingold	Lautenberg	
Ford	Leahy	

NOT VOTING—1

Conrad

So the motion to lay on the table the amendment (No. 1224) was agreed to.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the motion to lay on the table is agreed to.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the quorum call be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 1254 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1199

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, on behalf of Senator BIDEN and myself, I send a managers' amendment to the desk, which is agreed to by us, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], for himself and Mr. BIDEN, proposes an amendment No. 1254 to amendment No. 1199.

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent that further reading of the amendment dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 5, lines 8 and 9, strike ''113 (a), (b), (c), or (f)'' and insert ''113(a) (1), (2), (3), (6), or (7)''.

On page 5, line 20, strike ''destructs'' and insert ''obstructs''.

On page 7, line 11, insert ''intent to commit murder or any other felony or with'' after ''assault with''.

On page 9, line 12, strike ''any manner in'' and insert ''interstate''.

On page 10, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following new subsection:

(f) EXPANSION OF PROVISION RELATING TO DESTRUCTION OR INJURY OF PROPERTY WITHIN SPECIAL MARITIME AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—Section 1363 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking ''any building, structure or vessel, any machinery or building materials and supplies, military or naval stores, munitions of war or any structural aids or appliances for navigation or shipping'' and inserting ''any structure, conveyance, or other real or personal property''.

On page 13, strike lines 5 through 8 and insert the following:

(b) PENALTY FOR CARRYING WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVES ON AN AIRCRAFT.—Section 46505 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking ''one'' and inserting ''10''; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking ''5'' and inserting ''15''.

On page 23, line 23, strike ''2339A)'' and insert ''2339A of title 18, United States Code)''.

On page 29, line 25, strike ''determined'' and insert ''designated''.

On page 36, line 2, strike ''item of''.

On page 48, lines 21 and 22, strike ''Notwithstanding any other provision of law,''.

On page 60, strike lines 1 and 2, and insert ''Columbia not later than 30 days after receipt of actual notice under subsection (b)(6).''

On page 57, strike lines 18 and 20, and insert ''The designation shall take effect 30 days after the receipt of actual notice under subsection (b)(6), unless otherwise provided by law.''

On page 93, lines 22 through 24, strike ''to— '' and all that follows through ''(ii) expand'' and insert ''to expand''.

On page 95, line 15, strike ''shall provide'' and insert ''shall provide to appropriate State law enforcement officials, as designated by the chief executive officer of the State,''.

On page 95, strike line 23 and all that follows through page 96, line 2 and insert the following:

(D) ALLOCATION.—(i) Of the total amount appropriated pursuant to this section in a fiscal year—

(I) $500,000 or 0.25 percent, whichever is greater, shall be allocated to each of the participating States; and

(II) of the total funds remaining after the allocation under subclause (I), there shall be allocated to each State an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount of remaining funds described in this subparagraph as the population of such State bears to the population of all States.

(ii) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ''State'' means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands, except that for purposes of the allocation under this subparagraph, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall be considered as one State and that for these purposes, 67 percent of the amounts allocated shall be allocated to American Samoa, and 33 percent to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

On page 99, line 19, insert after ''Attorneys'' the following: ''and personnel for the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice''.

On page 99, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

''(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

On page 117, lines 3 and 4, strike ''right made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court'' and insert ''right that is made retroactively applicable''.

On page 133, line 3, strike ''(a) IN GENERAL.—''.

On page 133, strike lines 8 through 10 and insert the following:

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking ''; or'' and inserting the following: ''and the results of such use affect interstate or foreign commerce or, in the case of a threat, attempt, or conspiracy, would have affected interstate or foreign commerce if such use had occurred;'';

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4);

(D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

''(3) against a victim, or intended victim, that is the United States Government, a member of the uniformed services, or any official, officer, employee, or agent of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches, or any department or agency, of the United States; and''; and

(E) in paragraph (4), as redesignated, by inserting before the comma at the end the following: '', or is within the United States and is used in any activity affecting interstate or foreign commerce''.

On page 133, line 21, before the end quotation marks insert the following: ''The preceding sentence does not apply to a person performing an act that, as performed, is within the scope of the person's official duties as an officer or employee of the United States or as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, or to a person employed by a contractor of the United States for performing an act that, as performed, is authorized under the contract.''.

On page 134, strike lines 1 through 8.

On page 140, line 20, insert after ''employee,'' the following: ''or any person assisting such an officer or employer in the performance of official duties,''.

On page 140, line 21, strike ''their official duties,'' and insert ''such duties or the provision of such assistance,''.

On page 141, line 1, insert ''or manslaughter as provided in section 1113'' after ''murder''.

On page 143, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(i) CLARIFICATION OF MARITIME VIOLENCE JURISDICTION.—Section 2280(b)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in clause (ii), by striking ''and the activity is not prohibited as a crime by the State in which the activity takes place''; and

(2) in clause (iii), by striking ''the activity takes place on a ship flying the flag of a foreign country or outside the United States,''.

On page 147, line 19, strike ''effective date of section 801'' and insert ''date of enactment of title VII''.

On page 148, line 13, insert ''of title VII'' after ''date of enactment''.

On page 148, line 18, insert ''of title VII'' after ''date of enactment''.

On page 149, lines 6 and 7, strike ''effective date of section 801'' and insert ''date of enactment of title VII''.

On page 152, strike lines 3 through 5 and insert the following: ''Except as otherwise provided in this title, this title and the amendments made by this title shall take effect 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.''.

On page 160, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SEC. 902. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES PARK POLICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury for the activities of the United States Park Police, to help meet the increased needs of the United States Park Police, $1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 903. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury for the activities of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, to help meet the increased needs of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, $4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 904. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury for the activities of the United States Customs Service, to help meet the increased needs of the United States Customs Service, $10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

On page 51, line 10, replace ''1252(a)'' with ''1252a''.

On page 51, line 14, insert ''of this title'' after ''section 101(a)(43)''.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I urge adoption of the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

So the amendment (No. 1254) was agreed to.

Mr. HATCH. I move to reconsider.

Mr. DOLE. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. BRADLEY. Madam President, I rise in support of the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act. The Oklahoma City bombing brought into sharp focus the reality and horror of domestic terrorism in America. The death toll of the bombing now stands at 167, making it the deadliest mass murder in the history of the United States. This legislation will enhance the ability of law enforcement to combat both foreign and domestic terrorism. It is a strong, adequate response to the serious problem of terrorism, and will provide the United States with the necessary tools to respond to the international and domestic terrorist threats and prosecute these despicable acts to the fullest extent of the law.

Madam President, I had wanted to offer an amendment to this bill that was designed to make a technical correction to the existing law banning handgun bullets capable of piercing body armor. Law enforcement represents the first line of defense against threats to our internal security. My amendment therefore was designed to give the maximum level of protection to our police officers by extending the current composition-based ban on cop-killing bullets to provide that any bullet capable of penetrating body armor will be banned, regardless of the bullet's physical composition. I decided not to pursue adoption of the amendment, however, because of my concern that it would slow action on this important bill. I intend to offer this amendment to the next appropriate vehicle.

Madam President, the provisions in this bill are vitally important to our efforts to respond to international and domestic threats of terrorism. I, therefore, fully support this bill, and I am confident that because of our actions today, America will be more fortified against the evils of terrorism.

Mr. PELL. Madam President. Today, as the Senate considers final passage of S. 735, legislation designed to combat domestic and international terrorism, I regret that I must oppose the final version of the bill. I regret it because I believe that appropriate steps can be taken by this Congress to add to the tools currently available to law enforcement to combat terrorism. Especially in light of the recent, horrific tragedy in Oklahoma City, enhancement of the ability to combat the growing menace of terrorism is timely and necessary.

However, as Congress rushes to respond, we can not let our fervor for action allow us to unwisely circumscribe basic protections long enshrined in our Constitution. Unfortunately, I believe that as the bill stands, the Senate has gone too far in changing and restricting the application and availability of the right to appeal court decisions under the writ of habeas corpus. This writ has been a fundamental part of our jurisprudence since our country's founding. It is a critical part of the means by which our system of justice guarantees that everyone has the opportunity for a fair trial and that the rights granted under the U.S. Constitution will be respected and enforced.

With this time-honored tradition of habeas corpus so much a part of the bedrock legal principles which underpin our society, why are we considering changing it all? The answer is clear and has been readily acknowledged by the proponents of this so-called reform: they want to expedite the execution of those who have received the death penalty. It is that simple. There is no other driving force behind these efforts; efforts which incidentally have been around for years now. Those who favor the death penalty are frustrated that appeals under habeas corpus are available for those who protest their innocence and claim they were denied a fair trial. They argue that with an appeals process that lasts for years, the deterrent effect of the death penalty is lost. Thus, they want to drastically limit the ability of those convicted of crimes and given the death penalty to appeal their convictions, despite the fact that the sentence, if carried out, is irreversible and final.

Let me be clear. I harbor no sympathy for those appropriately found guilty of murder and strongly believe that it is critical that they face certain and severe punishment, including life in prison without parole. The victims deserve no less, the criminal deserves no more. However, I do oppose the death penalty. I do so because I believe that the death penalty is not a conscionable punishment in a civilized society. The reason is obvious; the death penalty once carried out cannot be reversed if turns out that an individual really was innocent. Indeed, I note that the last time an individual was executed in my state of Rhode Island, it was later proved that he did not commit the crime. It strikes me as remarkable that in a legal system which has the death penalty, such as ours, that procedures would be sought which limit the opportunities otherwise available for an individual to prove his innocence. If anything, I believe that additional avenues should be available for the proof of innocence, not fewer. But the bill before us today does just that—it limits the rights of the accused to have their convictions reviewed for error. This is wrong and in my opinion, a sad day in the U.S. Senate.

Accordingly, I feel that the limited good done by the bill—by which I mean the commendable efforts to fight terrorism—is outweighed by the attack on habeas corpus which has been included. Interestingly enough, efforts to limit the changes in habeas corpus to apply only to Federal terrorism cases, the supposed reason for this bill, were rejected. The entire habeas corpus system, meaning for both those cases brought in State and Federal courts, has been changed. It brings into question the true motivations behind attaching this language to this bill—a bill that on its face has great public appeal and is being moved by a sense of urgency given the events in Oklahoma City in April. But despite my profound sympathy for the victims of the bombing in Oklahoma City—indeed as well as all terrorist acts—and my desire to do something about relieving the pain they suffer, I believe that in good conscience, I cannot support the bill as it stands given the changes it contains to habeas corpus.

JUDICIAL REVIEW OF CRIMINAL ALIEN CASES

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, section 303(e) broadens the class of criminal aliens subject to special expedited deportation procedures and eliminates all judicial review.

Every Member of this body is willing to take every reasonable step to punish criminal aliens and deport them from the United States.

But the Justice Department reports that this provision is a step backward

in our fight against crime. It disrupts strong provisions against criminal aliens enacted in last year's crime bill and only recently implemented through regulation. It ties the Attorney General's hands in obtaining convictions against criminal aliens. And it eliminates all judicial review in these cases—a major departure from fundamental principles of due process.

This provision harms our crime fighting efforts in at least three ways.

First, it eliminates the Attorney General's ability to target the removal of the most serious offenders within the resources she has available. It applies to all criminal aliens, regardless of the gravity of their offense. Under current law, only aggravated felons—those committing the most serious offenses—are placed in expedited proceedings. Under this section, however, all criminal aliens must be removed within 30 days, whether they are murderers or petty shoplifters.

An immigrant with an American citizen wife and children sentenced to 1-year probation for minor tax evasion and fraud would be subject to this procedure. And under this provision, he would be treated the same as ax murderers and drug lords. INS is required to detain him. He gets a quick deportation hearing from an immigration judge in the Justice Department and he is out within 30 days—no judicial review, no nothing.

Over the past 2 years, the President and Congress have increased substantially the number of immigration officers and immigration judges to handle these cases. As a result, over the next year, the administration will double the number of criminal aliens deported to more than 58,000.

But even with the additional funds, resources are still limited. The Justice Department would be required to divert resources from the Border Patrol, from naturalization, and from other important activities to accommodate this provision.

The Immigration Subcommittee is now considering legislation which will reform the criminal alien definitions. We should allow that process to proceed, rather than make premature and drastic changes in the current definition and due process.

The second way in which this provision harms law enforcement is that it requires the Attorney General to detain all those in this broadened category of criminal aliens, with no allowance for those whose home countries will not or cannot take them back. This is the case today with Cuba, Vietnam, and Bosnia. In these cases, the Attorney General would be required to keep the alien in indefinite detention, even if the offense is relatively light and the Attorney General believes the alien would pose no danger to the community.

This is a drastic and unnecessary expense to the taxpayer. It takes jail space and resources away from more pressing criminal enforcement.

Under this provision, a Cuban refugee convicted of shoplifting in certain States could face life imprisonment in an INS jail.

Finally, by providing that all criminal aliens be removed within 30 days of the issuance of a deportation order, the provision ignores real law enforcement needs. The 30-day requirement may be waived where criminal aliens are cooperating with law enforcement as witnesses. However, there is no allowance for other law enforcement purposes. For example, an alien convicted and ordered deported for one offense could not be held in the United States for trial under other offenses for which the alien may subsequently be charged.

In the World Trade Center bombing, for example, one of the suspected conspirators in the case was already in jail for another crime. Under this provision, he would be subjected to mandatory deportation within 30 days of the issuance of a deportation order for the first crime, and would not be available for prosecution under the second—and far more serious—crime.

In addition to undermining the war on crime, this amendment virtually eliminates the Attorney General's flexibility to grant discretionary relief from deportation for long-time permanent residents convicted of lesser crimes. This discretionary relief is available to permanent residents who have resided here for at least 7 years. It is granted if the immigration judge believes their equities in the United States—such as American citizen spouses or children or contributions to their communities—outweigh the gravity of their offense.

Under current law, permanent residents with aggravated felony convictions who serve at least 5 years in prison are ineligible for this discretionary relief from deportation. However, under this provision, this discretionary relief would be denied to permanent residents for carrying a concealed firearm, drug abuse, or addiction, in which no conviction would even be required, any drug offense involving more than 30 grams of marijuana, and other such crimes. They could live here productively for 30 years and have an American citizen wife and children. But for them, it is one strike and you are out.

Similarly, refugees could also be deported to the hands of their persecutors for relatively small offenses.

Under this provision, for example, a refugee from Rwanda could put a bill in the mailbox and realize he forgot to put a stamp on it. When he innocently tries to remove the letter from the mailbox and he is arrested for tampering with the mail—a felony. Due to poor representation, he accepts a plea bargained sentence of 1 year. To his surprise, he is suddenly subject to expedited deportation with no judicial review.

Under this provision, an older immigrant who came to the United States as a child but was never naturalized gets tired of a rash of robberies on her store and buys a firearm which she doesn't realize is illegal. She is convicted of a felony. Even though she is married to an American and has four U.S.-citizen children, she must be placed in expedited deportation proceedings with no recourse to the courts.

A long-time permanent resident could decide to go fishing. He hooks and kills what he does not realize is a rare fish, which is a strict liability felony with a mandatory minimum of 1 year. Even though he is married to an American and has U.S.-citizen children, he is convicted, serves his time, and is immediately deported with no prospect for judicial review.

These are the kinds of cases which can easily happen if this drastic provision is allowed to stand.

Even if we accept—as this provision proposes—that virtually any offense results in automatic deportation, the elimination of judicial review alone would be grounds for opposing this provision. This is a major departure from fair principles of due process.

The need for judicial review in this instance is obvious. Immigration judges in the Justice Department make mistakes.

For example, in a recent ninth circuit case, the panel reviewed an immigration judge's deportation order against someone convicted of drug trafficking who claimed to be a U.S. citizen but did not have a lawyer. The court found that the immigration judge's order was ''not based on substantial evidence.'' In this case, a possible U.S. citizen could have been erroneously deported if the court had not intervened.

It is because of cases such as these that the standing policy of the American Bar Association is that legislation should not:

> Limit the availability and scope of judicial review of administrative decisions under the Immigration and Nationality Act to less than what is provided . . . in the Administrative Procedures Act: in particular judicial review of . . . denials of stays of execution of exclusion or deportation orders . . . and constitutional and statutory writs of habeas corpus.

I had intended to offer an amendment to the counter-terrorism bill which would correct these problems. While I will not offer the amendment at this time, it is my hope that the grave problems of the current language will be addressed as the bill proceeds.

The provision in the pending bill would do nothing to enhance our ability to exclude suspected terrorists. It would impede current efforts to remove dangerous criminal aliens. And I hope it will be addressed at a later stage.

ALIEN TERRORIST REMOVAL ACT

Mr. SMITH. Madam President, I rise this afternoon to commend Senators DOLE and HATCH for incorporating my bill, S. 270, the Alien Terrorist Removal Act of 1995, into S. 735, the comprehensive antiterrorism legislation now before the Senate.

I also want to thank Senator SPECTER again for the opportunity to testify before his Terrorism Subcommittee last month regarding my alien terrorist removal bill.

My bill—now the alien terrorist removal title of S. 735—essentially embodies the Smith-Simpson amendment that the Senate passed unanimously as part of the crime bill in the last Congress. Unfortunately, certain House Members of the conference committee insisted on the removal of the Smith-Simpson amendment from the 1994 crime bill.

This year, however, Madam President, the Clinton administration proposed its own substantially identical version of my bill as a part of its omnibus antiterrorism legislation. Thus, I am confident that the alien terrorist removal title of S. 735 will enjoy broad bipartisan support here in the Senate, will be supported by the House as well, and will be signed into law by the President in the next few weeks.

Let me summarize briefly for the benefit of my colleagues what the alien terrorist removal title of S. 735 is all about. The alien terrorist removal provisions of the bill would establish a new, special, judicial procedure under which classified information can be used to establish the deportability of alien terrorists.

The new procedures provided under title III of S. 735 are carefully designed to safeguard national security interests, while at the same time according appropriate protection to the necessarily limited constitutional due process rights of aliens.

Under current law, Madam President, classified information cannot be used to establish the deportability of terrorist aliens. Thus, when there is insufficient unclassified information available to establish the deportability of a terrorist alien, the Government faces two equally unacceptable choices.

First, the Justice Department could declassify enough of its evidence against the alien in question to establish his deportability.

Sometimes, however, that simply cannot be done because the classified information in question is so sensitive that its disclosure would endanger the lives of human sources or compromise highly sensitive methods of intelligence gathering.

The Government's second, and equally untenable, choice would be simply to let the terrorist alien involved remain in the United States.

Unfortunately, that is not just a hypothetical situation. It happens in real cases. That is why the Department of Justice—under both Republican and Democratic Presidents and Attorneys General—has been asking for the authority granted by my bill—now title III of S. 735—since 1988.

Utilizing the existing definitions of terrorism in the Immigration Act of 1990 and of classified information in the Classified Information Procedures Act, title III of S. 735 would establish a special alien terrorist removal court made up of sitting U.S. District Judges that is modeled on the special court that was created by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Under title III of S. 735, the U.S. district judge sitting as the special court would personally review the classified information involved.

Without the compromising classified information, the alien in question would be provided an unclassified summary of the classified information involved.

Ultimately, the special court would determine whether, considering the record as a whole, the Justice Department has proven, by clear and convincing evidence, that the alien is a terrorist and should be removed from the United States.

Finally, any alien ordered removed under the provisions of title III of S. 735 would have the right to appeal to the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

In closing, let me say that the most serious threat that our Nation faces in the post-cold-war world is the scourge of terrorism.

Foreign terrorism came to our shores in 1993 with the World Trade Center bombing. Tragically, with the Oklahoma City bombing in April, we learned the bitter lesson that we face the threat of terrorism from domestic extremists as well.

Now, this historic 104th Congress is doing its job by moving quickly to respond to those twin threats. I urge the prompt passage of S. 735 and, once again, I commend the sponsors for incorporating my alien terrorist removal bill into their landmark legislation.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Madam President, after the despicable attack on the Murrah Federal building in Oklahoma City almost 2 months ago, I reacted with the same feelings of shock and outrage as millions of other Americans.

Those feelings run deeper than language can adequately describe. The pictures of the ravaged building, the stories of the victims and the families will never be forgotten.

Madam President, there should be absolutely no debate about our national resolve to fight terrorism and to keep it from our shores. No American wants to fear that the kind of thing that happened in Oklahoma or at the World Trade Center in New York will occur in their hometown or that one of their loved ones will be hurt by this kind of heinous act.

Fighting terrorism requires that we take strong and forceful steps to stop terrorists before they strike, and if they do strike, to prosecute, convict and punish them.

We need to make sure that law enforcement officers have the resources to investigate and prosecute terrorist acts; we need to give them tools to apprehend terrorists before they strike.

There are a number of provisions of this legislation that are aimed at achieving that goal, and I strongly support those proposals.

The bill would make available about $1.2 billion to increase law enforcement resources to carry out these tasks. There are provisions added during floor consideration to provide for tracer elements to be placed in explosives to help identify where these materials are likely to have originated. There are other provisions included in this bill that are also likely to help us fight terrorist threats.

Nevertheless, I intend to vote against this legislation. I believe that in the haste to respond to a national tragedy, we may be making mistakes that will be difficult to undo.

There are a number of provisions in this legislation that are problematic, and quite frankly, I am equally concerned about the process which brought this measure to the floor of the Senate, the hasty debate, and the pressure to clear the measure without understanding the implications of what is being proposed.

The Administration proposed legislation to deal with international terrorism earlier this year; that initial proposal was quickly reshaped as a result of the Oklahoma City tragedy into a bill to deal with domestic terrorism. Although hearings were held in the Judiciary Committee, the Committee never met to debate the bill, there is no committee report, and the measure which was called up by the leader was drafted in private and introduced shortly before many Members left town for the Memorial Day recess.

It has also become the vehicle for what is called ''habeas corpus reform.'' What is described as ''reform'' is in fact an attempt to rewrite and weaken what is known as the ''Great Writ''—the common law instrument that allowed citizens to challenge the lawfulness of their detention by the crown. Suddenly, habeas reform has become a tool for fighting terrorism. I find that a stretch of the imagination. What we have is a classic, political move to get another agenda wrapped into an emotionally charged, moving vehicle.

In the past year, many of our basic, fundamental protections against government intrusion contained in the Bill of Rights have been under assault. I think many Americans are unaware that these reform movements are in fact assaults upon fundamental rights—not just the rights of criminals, but the rights of all Americans to be free from government overreaching and harassment.

I spoke at some length earlier today on my very grave concerns about how the so-called habeas reforms engrafted into this bill aimed at speeding up executions threaten the rights of the innocent and raise the spectre of gross miscarriage of justice taking place.

There are also a number of other provisions of this bill that I believe are either not well thought out or misguided.

For example, last night the Senate adopted by a voice vote an amendment

authorizing a greater role for the military in domestic antiterrorism activities.

Provisions dealing with this issue were included in the administration's original proposal and they were of great concern to me and a number of Senators who do not believe that the military should be playing a role in domestic law enforcement efforts.

Madam President, one of the hallmarks of a democratic society is the separation of the military—whose primary function is to defend the Nation from outside threats—from internal law enforcement responsibilities. Military dictatorships use soldiers to enforce their laws; democracies do not.

This country has a very closely defined set of rules, arising out of the Bill of Rights itself and applied by our judicial system, which guarantee due process and fairness in the administration of justice. Law enforcement personnel are trained in carrying out these rules; soldiers are not.

I recognized, Madam President, that a very sincere effort was made by a number of the principal authors of these provisions to craft a very narrow exception to the posse comitatus law, the 1878 statute which limits the role of the military in domestic law enforcement activities.

However, I believe that both the process used to craft this amendment and the substance of this amendment are flawed. This broadening of the authority of the military, albeit in a narrow area, was not part of a bill reported by the committees of jurisdiction, but rather was introduced and voice voted within the span of a few hours last night. There were no hearings on this specific proposal, no committee report filed outlining the expectations of how it will operate, and no real public debate over its provisions. Rather, we had a voice vote on language most of us had first seen a few hours earlier.

That is not the way to deal with such a fundamental issue. There is no reason for this hasty disposition of this kind of important issue.

Beyond the process used, I have concerns about whether the amendment itself may operate to open the door to perhaps an even broader role for the military than even the administration had initially proposed. The administration's proposal did not explicitly give the military the authority to make an arrest, although it had language about disabling and disarming individuals that was troublesome. The amendment adopted last night gives the Department of Justice and the Department of Defense the authority to promulgate regulations governing the role of the military and provides that those regulations shall not authorize arrests by the military except under ''exigent circumstances'' or as otherwise authorized by law. In other words, the military is given the power to make arrests, but the regulations will limit that authority to certain circumstances.

Madam President, while I recognize the authority being created is limited to cases involving biological or chemical weapons, I am concerned that we have opened a door that may be hard to close in the future when the case is made that the military can play a greater role, for example, in the war on drugs or other areas which have been the subject of heightened public concern. I do not believe that it is necessary to give the military arrest powers within the U.S. If military needs to be involved in a domestic investigation, I believe that civilian law enforcement officials should be present and available to make any arrests needed. The notion that military personnel will be operating without accompanying civilian officials is very troubling. If authority is needed to detain an individual until a civilian law enforcement official arrives, arguments can be made for that authority, but that does not justify, in my mind, granting a direct power to make an arrest under any type of circumstances.

Madam President, in a similar vein, I am concerned about the amendment adopted yesterday which loosens the requirements in current law for issuance of a warrant for what is called a ''roaming'' or ''roving'' wiretap. The Fourth Amendment, in very explicit language, requires that no search warrant may issue unless ''particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.''

The Fourth Amendment was written in such precise terms because the drafters of the Constitution were aware of the practice of British authorities of obtaining sweeping search warrants that allowed them to search wherever and whenever they pleased. The rights of the people to be secure in their homes from government officials barging in was not a right recognized before the American revolution. It is perhaps a unique American right, but it is one that many of us regard as sacrosanct.

The requirement for specificity is especially important with respect to wire tap authority because a wire tap is particularly invasive—no one knows that a government agent is listening to your private conversations. The law has long required that a wire tap warrant be very narrowly and carefully drawn. Current law allows a roaming wire tap—that is one that moves from place to place—only where there is an allegation that the suspect is moving form place to place with the intent to avoid interception of the communication. The amendment adopted strikes the ''intent'' requirement and allows such a wiretap where the person's actions and conduct would have the effect of thwarting interception from a specified facility. Again, this provision opens the door to greater government powers. I am not convinced that an adequate case has been made that this broader and potentially abusive authority is needed.

There are other provisions of the bill that may also have problems that I will not take the time to outline here. In sum, I think the bill was hastily crafted and goes beyond what is needed to deal with a terrorist threat.

Madam President, less than a year ago, I confronted this same situation when the Clinton administration's crime bill came to a final vote on the floor of the Senate.

Just as with this bill, there were a number of provisions in that legislation that I supported. I supported the concept of putting more police officers on the streets. I supported prevention programs as sensible and cost-effective ways to head off criminal activity.

But I objected to other provisions.

I objected to the expansion of the death penalty, a form of state-sponsored violence that few civilized nations practice. I note in today's papers that the Supreme Court of South Africa, a nation that has executed people for 350 years has ruled that the death penalty violates that nation's constitution.

The pending legislation would also add new death penalties to federal law. I oppose those provisions as well.

I also opposed some of the provisions of last year's crime bill that I believed amounted to unnecessary and counterproductive Federal intrusion into the war on crime, which is best fought at the State and local level.

Because of these objections, I voted against that bill.

Because of my objections today, I am voting against this one.

I believe that we are acting in haste, making law from outrage and not from deliberation.

I believe that despite good intentions and provisions of the bill that would provide additional resources to law enforcement personnel fighting terrorists, that we are not passing a thoughtful, meaningful response to a real threat. Instead, we are rewriting habeas corpus law because some proponents of these changes saw an opportunity in this bill to move their agenda. We are opening the door to a greater role for Federal Government take actions that will invade the lives of our constituents without reasonable grounds.

When we act in haste, we multiply our chances of error and I see errors in this bill. I cannot support it.

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I rise today to speak in support of S. 735, the antiterrorism bill.

This bill poses serious dilemmas for me, and for this Congress. It requires us to face some of the real dangers that exist in the modern world, and it motivates us to act in the interest of protecting the people. But it also makes us face the cost of freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

It is disturbing to me when the Congress is faced with a decision to increase protection for the people by chipping away at the edges of freedom.

But in this case, the imperative is clear. We have heard many compelling

stories on this floor about the horrors of Oklahoma City, the tragedy of the World Trade Center. These stories are real; they involved real Americans in today's world. I need not repeat these stories here. Let me simply acknowledge what we all feel: These events have shaken every American to the core of their being. To reduce the likelihood of such events occurring in the future, and to preserve a peaceful existence for Americans, we must act.

We must empower our law enforcement officials to zero in on terrorist organizations, at home and abroad. This bill does that.

We must make these crimes a high priority within the judicial system, and clearly subject terrorist activities to prosecution. This bill does that.

We must cripple the ability of terrorists to finance their activities in our own backyard. This bill does that.

We must draw on all the expertise of the Government, including the military where appropriate. This bill does that.

This bill contains many provisions that will improve our ability as a nation to prevent, combat, and prosecute against terrorist activities. As a result of the World Trade Center and Oklahoma City bombings, we owe it to the victims to act. As Senators in an increasingly dangerous world, we owe it to all citizens to protect the quality of life unique to the United States of America. Therefore, I will support S. 735.

Madam President, having said that, I must add a few concerns. I do not think it is ever a good idea to legislate in the heat of the moment. Cases like this are most susceptible to the laws of unintended consequences. As we broaden the reach of law enforcement, and as we broaden the application of penalties, we as elected officials have an equal obligation to keep from unnerving the people we are trying to protect. We have no idea what kind of mistakes will be made, or whose rights will be infringed, when this bill is implemented. It will be critically important for law enforcement officials of all types to keep in mind the responsibilities to protect the citizens that go along with the kind of broad new powers we are bestowing on them.

Likewise, we have to recognize the dangers of internal hatred and anger. If there is one thing we can conclude from recent tragedies, it is this: We must remain vigilant against extremism of all types. These are forces that may be motivated by legitimate feelings of frustration with the Government. But there are very clear lines that we must not cross. Our system of Government is geared toward discourse and debate; if we lose the ability to air out our differences through honest debate, and if we cannot agree to disagree when we have to, the entire country will suffer. We all have a responsibility to zealously defend our collective rights to democratic government.

To this end, I feel strongly that all of us—politicians, activists, citizens—have a contribution to make toward maintaining civil discourse. We can improve the environment dramatically by simply toning down the rhetoric. If we are going to protect constitutional democracy and our rights as citizens to express our opinions, we have to learn to respect each other as people.

Finally, Madam President, I would like to add a comment regarding the amendment offered by the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, Senator BIDEN. He rightfully pointed out that this legislation takes on an issue that is far too complicated to resolve here: habeas corpus reform. This is the wrong time and the wrong bill on which to attempt to resolve a debate that has raged in this country for years. As I said before, I believe it is unwise to legislate in the heat of the moment. By including the limits on habeas corpus in this bill, the majority is doing just that. I believe the Senate should instead have a thorough, thoughtful debate about habeas corpus independent of this legislation. It is simply too important to run through the Senate on a bill narrowly targeting antiterrorism activities.

Therefore, I support the Biden amendment. While it is obvious the votes are not there to postpone the debate over habeas corpus to a later time, at least the point has been made on the Senate floor.

Madam President, I hope my remarks are persuasive in pointing out the dilemmas in passing this legislation. While we can take comfort knowing this bill strengthens the hand of law enforcement to aggressively pursue terrorists, none of us should take comfort in what it might mean for innocents caught in the middle as the antiterrorism effort intensifies. I support S. 735 with some reluctance, and sincerely hope that authorities will use their new powers as judiciously as the spirit of freedom implores.

Madam President, on Monday, June 5, the Senate adopted by a vote of 90–0 an amendment by the Senator from California, Senator FEINSTEIN, to require the use of taggants to mark materials used in the construction of explosives. I was unavoidably detained, and therefore not present for that vote. I apologize to the leaders for my absence; had I been present, I would have voted ''aye'' on the Feinstein amendment. If there is one straight-forward thing we can do to help law enforcement investigate bombings, it is requiring the use of taggants.

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, the horrific April 19 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City shocked and stunned Americans. Every single one of us has been forced to confront the risks and the vulnerability of our open society. The United States needs a systematic and comprehensive counterterrorism policy to detect, deter, prevent, and punish terrorist acts.

Congress must consider and pass an effective antiterrorism bill; we must do so on a bipartisan basis. The problem is too dangerous to be treated in a partisan manner. We must stand together to protect the citizens of the United States.

One of the greatest fears that we all have for the safety of our citizens is the use of weapons of mass destruction by terrorist elements. As demonstrated by the recent Tokyo subway tragedy, even very limited use of chemical agents can cause widespread death and disaster. We must ensure that our Nation has the ability to marshall all available assets and expertise to deal with the potential use of mass destruction by terrorists.

For that reason, I am pleased to join in cosponsoring an amendment to authorize Department of Defense assistance to law enforcement authorities in emergency situations involving biological and chemical weapons. This amendment is patterned on authority which currently exists for the Department of Defense to provide technical assistance to incidents involving nuclear weapons and materiel. The amendment has been carefully drawn to limit the involvement of the military in law enforcement activities. Indeed, we have focused on the critical need to marshall the unique expertise of the military for use in these catastrophic situations.

The legislation pending before the Senate today will lay the foundation for an antiterrorism plan for America.

As the Senate considers legislation directed at antiterrorism, I am aware that we will also consider subsequently during this session modified anticrime legislation. I will continue to support measures that will provide local and State officials, and law enforcement personnel, the appropriate resources needed to combat the rising crime rate. This week, the Federal Bureau of Investigation released preliminary crime reports for 1994. The reports showed crime rates dropping from the year before. The crime rate may appear to decrease slightly, but not enough to calm the fears of many citizens. Crime will continue to terrorize Americans until the Congress can assist the States with adequate funds and legal tools necessary to make a drastic reduction in the crime rate.

I have no doubt that the General Services Administration has stepped up security at our Federal buildings as a result of the tragic events which occurred in Oklahoma City. The House held hearings on Federal building security shortly after the event.

As the chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, it is my intention to hold a hearing soon regarding building security under the auspices of the Federal Protective Service of the GSA.

I am increasingly concerned by recent reports which have indicated that memos produced within GSA have indicated internal skepticism about how reductions in the Federal Protective

Service of the GSA could adversely affect the agency's ability to assess and analyze Federal building security in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

It is my intention to review this matter for the Senate.

Madam President, while the Senate debates the legislation before us today, we must all realize that no legislation can make America totally safe. An open, democratic society simply will not allow for total and absolute security for our Nation.

Because of the freedom our society demands, we must be evervigilant concerning possible threats to our citizens. I have always been totally committed to maintaining the readiness of our Armed Forces whenever a threat to our national security becomes imminent. I am also totally committed to maintaining the readiness of our Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel to confront any domestic threat which may arise anywhere in the United States.

I do have a major concern with this legislation: we must ensure that its provisions do not violate the Constitution or place inappropriate restrictions on the personal freedoms protected by the first amendment. I will not support provisions which will prohibit free exercise of religion or speech, or which impinge on the freedom of association.

Mr. CRAIG. Madam President, I abhor and condemn terrorism in any form. Our Nation cannot tolerate terrorism—be it foreign or domestic—and our Nation's law enforcement must have the tools it needs to fight this menace.

There are some very important reforms in this bill that would be helpful. They include habeas corpus reform, which is the only change that will really have an impact in the Oklahoma City case.

I will vote for this bill in order to send a strong message of support for those reforms to the House and any future House-Senate conference working on this legislation.

However, for the record, my vote is not an endorsement of each and every provision of this bill. I am not convinced that the bill before us today is the best we can do to assist law enforcement in fighting against terrorism, and I would like to discuss some of the specific reservations I have.

First and foremost are potential constitutional problems such as those relating to the sections on restricting fundraising, excluding and deporting aliens, the new wiretapping authority we adopted last night, and acquisition of information including consumer records.

In all fairness, there are conflicting opinions even among my colleagues who are lawyers about whether some of these provisions will survive court review. I have been assured that the safeguards contained in the bill are sufficient to overcome potential constitutional problems. For that reason, I have decided not to oppose the entire bill on this basis. However, I remain concerned about these provisions and would hope they can be further improved before the Senate takes action on a final bill.

Another section of the bill that I think could be improved is the new language relating to taggants in explosives. Although I joined a unanimous Senate in voting for changes made on the floor during debate, I am not by any means convinced this is the best way to approach that issue. After the Senate acted, I was contacted by several resource-based industries in my State suggesting concerns that had not been raised or reviewed previously. I hope the House and any future conference will take a close look at that section and make improvements that will balance the interests of law enforcement with those of the affected industries.

There are other items in this bill that I question, but those are some of the most important, I do not think we would be sacrificing any tools needed by law enforcement if we were to make improvements in these sections.

I commend the majority leader and Senator HATCH for their hard work to deliver a bill that will strengthen the hand of law enforcement in fighting terrorism. I hope the bill will be improved as it moves through the remaining steps of the legislative process, so that I can vote for a truly effective package.

Mr. BIDEN. Madam President, the Oklahoma City bombing and the earlier bombing of the World Trade Center demonstrate clearly that the United States must respond seriously to those—whether foreign or domestic—who seek to make their point through the mass killing of Americans.

These events demand that we examine our current laws and practices to ensure that we are doing everything that is necessary and appropriate to guard against the threat. We must take strong action to counteract terrorism, both foreign and domestic.

There are steps we can take and should take.

Let me outline the key terrorism proposals from the President's bill that are contained in the substitute we will vote on shortly. These provisions include:

A new offense to assure Federal jurisdiction over all violent acts which are motivated by international terrorism.

This provision will cover gaps in current Federal law—for example, a terrorist who commits mass murder on private or State-owned property may now be subject only to State court jurisdiction.

This offense carries a new death penalty, complementing the terrorism death penalty in last year's crime bill.

The bill will implement an international treaty to require a detection agent to be added to plastic explosives.

It will enhance the Government's ability to obtain consumer credit reports and hotel/motel and vehicle rental records in foreign intelligence investigations. It does not change the law governing such information for domestic investigations.

It gives the Government greater ability to exclude from entering the United States those aliens who are involved in terrorist activities.

Let me also mention the amendments offered by Democrats to add tough law enforcement provisions to the Republican bill.

The Lieberman amendment, which was adopted, expands wiretap authority. It gives new authority for multiple-point wiretaps provided to Federal law enforcement.

Another Lieberman amendment, which was defeated, with no Republicans voting for it, gives authority for emergency wiretaps—identical to authority currently available for organized crime investigations—in terrorist investigations.

The Feinstein amendment, which was adopted, requires taggants. It gives authority to Secretary of the Treasury to require taggants in explosives. Taggants assist law enforcement by providing a means to trace the source of an explosive.

The Nunn-Thurmond-Biden-Warner amendment, also adopted, gives new assistance against chemical and biological weapons. The posse comitatus exception to allow the use of military to assist in the investigations of chemical and biological weapons.

The Kerrey amendment, also adopted, increases funding for Federal antiterrorist enforcement. It adds $262 million for ATF new explosives investigators and for Secret Service security initiatives.

The Boxer amendment, again, adopted, increases penalties for gun and explosives crimes. It extends statute of limitations for National Firearms Act offenses.

A Levin amendment, adopted by the Senate, increases penalties for the use of explosives.

A Feinstein amendment, again, adopted, prohibits the distribution of bombmaking material intended to be used for a crime.

A Leahy amendment, first as adopted, assists victims of terrorist attacks. It provides assistance and compensation for victims of terrorist attacks.

The Leahy-McCain amendment, as adopted, raises special assessment on criminal penalties.

The Specter-Simon-Kennedy amendment, as adopted, deports criminal aliens. It enhances protection of classified information when deporting alien terrorists.

Another Feinstein amendment, also adopted, increases international efforts against terrorism. It prohibits arms sales to countries who are not cooperating fully with U.S. antiterrorist efforts.

Particularly with these tough amendments now added to the bill, this counterterrorism is a big step forward

in giving law enforcement new tools to fight and prevent terrorism. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator majority leader.

Mr. DOLE. Let me announce for my colleagues, we are going to move to the telecommunications bill after this vote, and I understand Senator HOLLINGS and Senator PRESSLER are ready to do that. We will have opening statements. I have an amendment that I will offer. I think the distinguished Democratic leader has an amendment he may offer. These amendments may be accepted. But we are trying to find a couple of bona fide amendments that can be offered tonight and voted on in the morning.

If that is the case, if we have a couple, we can debate those amendments tonight and not have any more votes tonight and have those votes in the morning.

I will assume we can find one additional amendment so this will be the last vote tonight. Any votes that are ordered tonight will occur probably fairly early in the morning, around 9 o'clock.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, are the yeas and nays ordered?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. No, they have not been ordered.

Mr. HATCH. I ask for the yeas and nays on final passage.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on agreeing to amendment No. 1199, as amended.

So the amendment (No. 1199), as amended, was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, shall it pass? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 91, nays 8, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 242 Leg.]

YEAS—91

Abraham	Bryan	Daschle
Akaka	Bumpers	DeWine
Ashcroft	Burns	Dodd
Baucus	Byrd	Dole
Bennett	Campbell	Domenici
Biden	Chafee	Dorgan
Bingaman	Coats	Exon
Bond	Cochran	Faircloth
Boxer	Cohen	Feinstein
Bradley	Coverdell	Ford
Breaux	Craig	Frist
Brown	D'Amato	Glenn
Gorton	Kerrey	Pryor
Graham	Kerry	Reid
Gramm	Kohl	Robb
Grams	Kyl	Rockefeller
Grassley	Lautenberg	Roth
Gregg	Leahy	Santorum
Harkin	Levin	Sarbanes
Hatch	Lieberman	Shelby
Heflin	Lott	Simpson
Helms	Lugar	Smith
Hollings	Mack	Snowe
Hutchison	McCain	Specter
Inhofe	McConnell	Stevens
Inouye	Mikulski	Thomas
Jeffords	Murkowski	Thompson
Johnston	Murray	Thurmond
Kassebaum	Nickles	Warner
Kempthorne	Nunn	
Kennedy	Pressler	

NAYS—8

Feingold	Moynihan	Simon
Hatfield	Packwood	Wellstone
Moseley-Braun	Pell	

NOT VOTING—1

Conrad

So the bill (S. 735), as amended, was passed as follows:

S. 735

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act of 1995''.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.
Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—SUBSTANTIVE CRIMINAL LAW ENHANCEMENTS

Sec. 101. Increased penalty for conspiracies involving explosives.
Sec. 102. Acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries.
Sec. 103. Conspiracy to harm people and property overseas.
Sec. 104. Increased penalties for certain terrorism crimes.
Sec. 105. Mandatory penalty for transferring an explosive material knowing that it will be used to commit a crime of violence.
Sec. 106. Penalty for possession of stolen explosives.
Sec. 107. Enhanced penalties for use of explosives or arson crimes.
Sec. 108. Increased periods of limitation for National Firearms Act violations.

TITLE II—COMBATING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Sec. 201. Findings.
Sec. 202. Prohibition on assistance to countries that aid terrorist states.
Sec. 203. Prohibition on assistance to countries that provide military equipment to terrorist states.
Sec. 204. Opposition to assistance by international financial institutions to terrorist states.
Sec. 205. Antiterrorism assistance.
Sec. 206. Jurisdiction for lawsuits against terrorist states.
Sec. 207. Report on support for international terrorists.
Sec. 208. Definition of assistance.
Sec. 209. Waiver authority concerning notice of denial of application for visas.
Sec. 210. Membership in a terrorist organization as a basis for exclusion from the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

TITLE III—ALIEN REMOVAL

Sec. 301. Alien terrorist removal.
Sec. 302. Extradition of aliens.
Sec. 303. Changes to the Immigration and Nationality Act to facilitate removal of alien terrorists.
Sec. 304. Access to certain confidential immigration and naturalization files through court order.

TITLE IV—CONTROL OF FUNDRAISING FOR TERRORISM ACTIVITIES

Sec. 401. Prohibition on terrorist fundraising.
Sec. 402. Correction to material support provision.

TITLE V—ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Subtitle A—Antiterrorism Assistance

Sec. 501. Disclosure of certain consumer reports to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for foreign counterintelligence investigations.
Sec. 502. Access to records of common carriers, public accommodation facilities, physical storage facilities, and vehicle rental facilities in foreign counterintelligence and counterterrorism cases.
Sec. 503. Increase in maximum rewards for information concerning international terrorism.

Subtitle B—Intelligence and Investigation Enhancements

Sec. 511. Study and report on electronic surveillance.
Sec. 512. Authorization for interceptions of communications in certain terrorism related offenses.
Sec. 513. Requirement to preserve evidence.

Subtitle C—Additional Funding for Law Enforcement

Sec. 521. Federal Bureau of Investigation assistance to combat terrorism.
Sec. 522. Authorization of additional appropriations for the United States Customs Service.
Sec. 523. Authorization of additional appropriations for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
Sec. 524. Drug Enforcement Administration.
Sec. 525. Department of Justice.
Sec. 526. Authorization of additional appropriations for the Department of the Treasury.
Sec. 527. Funding source.
Sec. 528. Deterrent against Terrorist Activity Damaging a Federal Interest Computer.

TITLE VI—CRIMINAL PROCEDURAL IMPROVEMENTS

Subtitle A—Habeas Corpus Reform

Sec. 601. Filing deadlines.
Sec. 602. Appeal.
Sec. 603. Amendment of Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.
Sec. 604. Section 2254 amendments.
Sec. 605. Section 2255 amendments.
Sec. 606. Limits on second or successive applications.
Sec. 607. Death penalty litigation procedures.
Sec. 608. Technical amendment.

Subtitle B—Criminal Procedural Improvements

Sec. 621. Clarification and extension of criminal jurisdiction over certain terrorism offenses overseas.
Sec. 622. Expansion of territorial sea.
Sec. 623. Expansion of weapons of mass destruction statute.
Sec. 624. Addition of terrorism offenses to the RICO statute.
Sec. 625. Addition of terrorism offenses to the money laundering statute.

Sec. 626. Protection of current or former officials, officers, or employees of the United States.
Sec. 627. Addition of conspiracy to terrorism offenses.
Sec. 628. Clarification of Federal jurisdiction over bomb threats.

TITLE VII—MARKING OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES

Sec. 701. Findings and purposes.
Sec. 702. Definitions.
Sec. 703. Requirement of detection agents for plastic explosives.
Sec. 704. Criminal sanctions.
Sec. 705. Exceptions.
Sec. 706. Investigative authority.
Sec. 707. Effective date.
Sec. 708. Study and requirements for tagging of explosive materials, and study and recommendations for rendering explosive components inert and imposing controls on precursors of explosives.

TITLE VIII—NUCLEAR MATERIALS

Sec. 801. Findings and purpose.
Sec. 802. Expansion of scope and jurisdictional bases of nuclear materials prohibitions.

TITLE IX—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 901. Prohibition on distribution of information relating to explosive materials for a criminal purpose.
Sec. 902. Designation of Cartney Koch McRaven Child Development Center.
Sec. 903. Foreign air travel safety.
Sec. 904. Proof of citizenship.
Sec. 905. Cooperation of fertilizer research centers.
Sec. 906. Special assessments on convicted persons.
Sec. 907. Prohibition on assistance under Arms Export Control Act for countries not cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts.
Sec. 908. Authority to request military assistance with respect to offenses involving biological and chemical weapons.
Sec. 909. Revision to existing authority for multipoint wiretaps.
Sec. 910. Authorization of additional appropriations for the United States Park Police.
Sec. 911. Authorization of additional appropriations for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.
Sec. 912. Authorization of additional appropriations for the United States Customs Service.
Sec. 913. Severability.

TITLE X—VICTIMS OF TERRORISM ACT

Sec. 1001. Title.
Sec. 1002. Authority to provide assistance and compensation to victims of terrorism.
Sec. 1003. Funding of compensation and assistance to victims of terrorism, mass violence, and crime.
Sec. 1004. Crime victims fund amendments.

TITLE I—SUBSTANTIVE CRIMINAL LAW ENHANCEMENTS

SEC. 101. INCREASED PENALTY FOR CONSPIRACIES INVOLVING EXPLOSIVES.

Section 844 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(n) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who conspires to commit any offense defined in this chapter shall be subject to the same penalties (other than the penalty of death) as those prescribed for the offense the commission of which was the object of the conspiracy.''.

SEC. 102. ACTS OF TERRORISM TRANSCENDING NATIONAL BOUNDARIES.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—(1) Chapter 113B of title 18, United States Code (relating to torture) is redesignated as chapter 113C.

(2) The chapter analysis of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking ''113B'' the second place it appears and inserting ''113C''.

(b) OFFENSE.—Chapter 113B of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2332a the following new section:

''§ 2332b. Acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries

''(a) PROHIBITED ACTS.—

''(1) Whoever, in a circumstance described in subsection (b), commits an act within the United States that if committed within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States would be in violation of section 113(a), (1), (2), (3), (6), or (7), 114, 1111, 1112, 1201, or 1363 shall be punished as prescribed in subsection (c).

''(2) Whoever threatens, attempts, or conspires to commit an offense under paragraph (1) shall be punished under subsection (c).

''(b) JURISDICTIONAL BASES.—

''(1) This section applies to conduct described in subsection (a) if—

''(A) the mail, or any facility utilized in interstate commerce, is used in furtherance of the commission of the offense;

''(B) the offense obstructs, delays, or affects interstate or foreign commerce in any way or degree, or would have obstructed, delayed, or affected interstate or foreign commerce if the offense had been consummated;

''(C) the victim or intended victim is the United States Government or any official, officer, employee, or agent of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches, or of any department or agency, of the United States;

''(D) the structure, conveyance, or other real or personal property was in whole or in part owned, possessed, or used by, or leased to the United States, or any department or agency thereof;

''(E) the offense is committed in the territorial sea (including the airspace above and the seabed and subsoil below, and artificial islands and fixed structures erected thereon) of the United States; or

''(F) the offense is committed in places within the United States that are in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

''(2) Jurisdiction shall exist over all principals, coconspirators, and accessories after the fact, of an offense under subsection (a) if at least one of the circumstances described in paragraph (1) is applicable to at least one offender.

''(c) PENALTIES.—

''(1) Whoever violates this section shall, in addition to the punishment provided for any other crime charged in the indictment, be punished—

''(A) if death results to any person, by death, or by imprisonment for any term of years or for life;

''(B) for kidnapping, by imprisonment for any term of years or for life;

''(C) for maiming, by imprisonment for not more than 35 years;

''(D) for assault with intent to commit murder or any other felony or with a dangerous weapon or assault resulting in serious bodily injury, by imprisonment for not more than 30 years;

''(E) for destroying or damaging any structure, conveyance, or other real or personal property, by imprisonment for not more than 25 years;

''(F) for attempting or conspiring to commit the offense, for any term of years up to the maximum punishment that would have applied had the offense been completed; and

''(G) for threatening to commit the offense, by imprisonment for not more than 10 years.

''(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall not place on probation any person convicted of a violation of this section.

''(d) LIMITATION ON PROSECUTION.—No indictment for any offense described in this section shall be sought by the United States except after the Attorney General, or the highest ranking subordinate of the Attorney General with responsibility for criminal prosecutions, has made a written certification that, in the judgment of the certifying official—

''(1) such offense, or any activity preparatory to its commission, transcended national boundaries; and

''(2) the offense appears to have been intended to coerce, intimidate, or retaliate against a government or a civilian population, including any segment thereof.

''(e) INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITY.—Violations of this section shall be investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with the authority of the United States Secret Service under section 3056, or with its investigative authority with respect to sections 871 and 879.

''(f) EVIDENCE.—In a prosecution under this section, the United States shall not be required to prove knowledge by any defendant of a jurisdictional base alleged in the indictment.

''(g) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—There is extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction over—

''(1) any offense under subsection (a); and

''(2) conduct that, under section 3, renders any person an accessory after the fact to an offense under subsection (a).

''(h) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

''(1) the term 'commerce' has the meaning given such term in section 1951(b)(3);

''(2) the term 'facility utilized in interstate commerce' includes means of transportation, communication, and transmission;

''(3) the term 'national of the United States' has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22));

''(4) the term 'serious bodily injury' has the meaning given such term in section 1365(g)(3); and

''(5) the term 'territorial sea of the United States' means all waters extending seaward to 12 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States determined in accordance with international law.''.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis for Chapter 113B of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2332a, the following new item:

''2332b. Acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries.''.

(d) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AMENDMENT.—Section 3286 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking ''any offense'' and inserting ''any noncapital offense'';

(2) by striking ''36'' and inserting ''37'';

(3) by striking ''2331'' and inserting ''2332'';

(4) by striking ''2339'' and inserting ''2332a''; and

(5) by inserting ''2332b (acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries),'' after ''(use of weapons of mass destruction),''.

(e) PRESUMPTIVE DETENTION.—Section 3142(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''or section 2332b'' after ''section 924(c)''.

(f) EXPANSION OF PROVISION RELATING TO DESTRUCTION OR INJURY OF PROPERTY WITHIN

SPECIAL MARITIME AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—Section 1363 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking ''any building, structure or vessel, any machinery or building materials and supplies, military or naval stores, munitions of war or any structural aids or appliances for navigation or shipping'' and inserting ''any structure, conveyance, or other real or personal property''.

SEC. 103. CONSPIRACY TO HARM PEOPLE AND PROPERTY OVERSEAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 956 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''§ 956. Conspiracy to kill, kidnap, maim, or injure certain property in a foreign country

''(a)(1) Whoever, within the jurisdiction of the United States, conspires with one or more other persons, regardless of where such other person or persons is located, to commit at any place outside the United States an act that would constitute the offense of murder, kidnapping, or maiming if committed in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, shall, if he or any such other person commits an act within the jurisdiction of the United States to effect any object of the conspiracy, be punished as provided in paragraph (2).

''(2) The punishment for an offense under paragraph (1) is—

''(A) imprisonment for any term of years or for life if the offense is conspiracy to murder or kidnap; and

''(B) imprisonment for not more than 35 years if the offense is conspiracy to maim.

''(b) Whoever, within the jurisdiction of the United States, conspires with one or more persons, regardless of where such other person or persons is located, to injure or destroy specific property situated within a foreign country and belonging to a foreign government or to any political subdivision thereof with which the United States is at peace, or any railroad, canal, bridge, airport, airfield, or other public utility, public conveyance, or public structure, or any religious, educational, or cultural property so situated, shall, if he or any such other person commits an act within the jurisdiction of the United States to effect any object of the conspiracy, be imprisoned not more than 25 years.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis for chapter 45 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 956 and inserting the following:

''956. Conspiracy to kill, kidnap, maim, or injure certain property in a foreign country.''.

SEC. 104. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN TERRORISM CRIMES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 114, by striking ''maim or disfigure'' and inserting ''torture (as defined in section 2340), maim, or disfigure'';

(2) in section 755, by striking ''two years'' and inserting ''five years'';

(3) in section 756, by striking ''one year'' and inserting ''five years'';

(4) in section 878(a), by striking ''by killing, kidnapping, or assaulting a foreign official, official guest, or internationally protected person'';

(5) in section 1113, by striking ''three years or fined'' and inserting ''seven years''; and

(6) in section 2332(c), by striking ''five'' and inserting ''ten''.

(b) PENALTY FOR CARRYING WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVES ON AN AIRCRAFT.—Section 46505 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking ''one'' and inserting ''10''; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking ''5'' and inserting ''15''.

SEC. 105. MANDATORY PENALTY FOR TRANSFERRING AN EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL KNOWING THAT IT WILL BE USED TO COMMIT A CRIME OF VIOLENCE.

Section 844 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(n) Whoever knowingly transfers an explosive material, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that such explosive material will be used to commit a crime of violence (as defined in section 924(c)(3)) or drug trafficking crime (as defined in section 924(c)(2)) shall be imprisoned for not less than 10 years, fined under this title, or both.''.

SEC. 106. PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OF STOLEN EXPLOSIVES.

Section 842(h) of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''(h) It shall be unlawful for any person to receive, possess, transport, ship, conceal, store, barter, sell, dispose of, pledge, or accept as security for a loan, any stolen explosive material that is moving in, part of, constitutes, or has been shipped or transported in, interstate or foreign commerce, either before or after such material was stolen, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the explosive material was stolen.''.

SEC. 107. ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR USE OF EXPLOSIVES OR ARSON CRIMES.

Section 844 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by striking ''five'' and inserting ''10'';

(2) by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:

''(f)(1) Whoever maliciously damages or destroys, or attempts to damage or destroy, by means of fire or an explosive, any building, vehicle, or other personal or real property in whole or in part owned or possessed by, or leased to, the United States, or any department or agency thereof, shall be imprisoned for not less than 5 years and not more than 20 years. The court may order a fine of not more than the greater of $100,000 or the cost of repairing or replacing any property that is damaged or destroyed.

''(2) Whoever engages in conduct prohibited by this subsection, and as a result of such conduct directly or proximately causes personal injury to any person, including any public safety officer performing duties, shall be imprisoned not less than 7 years and not more than 40 years. The court may order a fine of not more than the greater of $200,000 or the cost of repairing or replacing any property that is damaged or destroyed.

''(3) Whoever engages in conduct prohibited by this subsection, and as a result of such conduct directly or proximately causes the death of any person, including any public safety officer performing duties, shall be imprisoned for a term of years or for life, or sentenced to death. The court may order a fine of not more than the greater of $200,000 or the cost of repairing or replacing any property that is damaged or destroyed.''.

(4) in subsection (h)—

(A) in the first sentence by striking ''5 years but not more than 15 years'' and inserting ''10 years''; and

(B) in the second sentence by striking ''10 years but not more than 25 years'' and inserting ''20 years''; and

(5) in subsection (i)—

(A) by striking ''not more than 20 years, fined the greater of a fine under this title or the cost of repairing or replacing any property that is damaged or destroyed,'' and inserting ''not less than 5 years and not more than 20 years, fined the greater of $100,000 or the cost of repairing or replacing any property that is damaged or destroyed'';

(B) by striking ''not more than 40 years, fined the greater of a fine under this title or the cost of repairing or replacing any property that is damaged or destroyed,'' and inserting ''not less than 7 years and not more than 40 years, fined the greater of $200,000 or the cost of repairing or replacing any property that is damaged or destroyed''; and

(C) by striking ''7 years'' and inserting ''10 years''.

SEC. 108. INCREASED PERIODS OF LIMITATION FOR NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT VIOLATIONS.

Section 6531 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (8) as subparagraphs (A) through (H), respectively; and

(2) by amending the matter immediately preceding subparagraph (A), as redesignated, to read as follows: ''No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for any criminal offense under the internal revenue laws unless the indictment is found or the information instituted not later than 3 years after the commission of the offense, except that the period of limitation shall be—

''(1) 5 years for offenses described in section 5861 (relating to firearms and other devices); and

''(2) 6 years—.''.

TITLE II—COMBATING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

SEC. 201. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) international terrorism is among the most serious transnational threats faced by the United States and its allies, far eclipsing the dangers posed by population growth or pollution;

(2) the President should continue to make efforts to counter international terrorism a national security priority;

(3) because the United Nations has been an inadequate forum for the discussion of cooperative, multilateral responses to the threat of international terrorism, the President should undertake immediate efforts to develop effective multilateral responses to international terrorism as a complement to national counterterrorist efforts;

(4) the President should use all necessary means, including covert action and military force, to disrupt, dismantle, and destroy international infrastructure used by international terrorists, including overseas terrorist training facilities and safe havens;

(5) the Congress deplores decisions to ease, evade, or end international sanctions on state sponsors of terrorism, including the recent decision by the United Nations Sanctions Committee to allow airline flights to and from Libya despite Libya's noncompliance with United Nations resolutions; and

(6) the President should continue to undertake efforts to increase the international isolation of state sponsors of international terrorism, including efforts to strengthen international sanctions, and should oppose any future initiatives to ease sanctions on Libya or other state sponsors of terrorism.

SEC. 202. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES THAT AID TERRORIST STATES.

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended by adding immediately after section 620F the following new section:

''SEC. 620G. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES THAT AID TERRORIST STATES.

''(a) PROHIBITION.—No assistance under this Act shall be provided to the government of any country that provides assistance to the government of any other country for which the Secretary of State has made a determination under section 620A''.

''(b) WAIVER.—Assistance prohibited by this section may be furnished to a foreign government described in subsection (a) if the President determines that furnishing such assistance is important to the national interests of the United States and, not later than 15 days before obligating such assistance, furnishes a report to the appropriate committees of Congress including—

''(1) a statement of the determination;

''(2) a detailed explanation of the assistance to be provided;

''(3) the estimated dollar amount of the assistance; and

''(4) an explanation of how the assistance furthers United States national interests.''.

SEC. 203. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES THAT PROVIDE MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO TERRORIST STATES.

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended by adding immediately after section 620G the following new section:

''SEC. 620H. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES THAT PROVIDE MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO TERRORIST STATES.

''(a) PROHIBITION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—No assistance under this Act shall be provided to the government of any country that provides lethal military equipment to a country the government of which the Secretary of State has determined is a terrorist government for the purposes of 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2405(j)), or 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371).

''(2) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibition under this section with respect to a foreign government shall terminate 1 year after that government ceases to provide lethal military equipment. This section applies with respect to lethal military equipment provided under a contract entered into after the date of enactment of this Act.

''(b) WAIVER.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, assistance may be furnished to a foreign government described in subsection (a) if the President determines that furnishing such assistance is important to the national interests of the United States and, not later than 15 days before obligating such assistance, furnishes a report to the appropriate committees of Congress including—

''(1) a statement of the determination;

''(2) a detailed explanation of the assistance to be provided;

''(3) the estimated dollar amount of the assistance; and

''(4) an explanation of how the assistance furthers United States national interests.''.

SEC. 204. OPPOSITION TO ASSISTANCE BY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO TERRORIST STATES.

The International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C. 262c et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 1620 the following new section:

''SEC. 1621. OPPOSITION TO ASSISTANCE BY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO TERRORIST STATES.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the United States executive director of each international financial institution to vote against any loan or other use of the funds of the respective institution to or for a country for which the Secretary of State has made a determination under section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2405(j)) or section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371).

''(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term 'international financial institution' includes—

''(1) the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Development Association, and the International Monetary Fund;

''(2) wherever applicable, the Inter-American Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the African Development Bank, and the African Development Fund; and

''(3) any similar institution established after the date of enactment of this section.''.

SEC. 205. ANTITERRORISM ASSISTANCE.

(a) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT.—Section 573 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2349aa–2) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by striking ''development and implementation of the antiterrorism assistance program under this chapter, including'';

(2) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

''(d)(1) Arms and ammunition may be provided under this chapter only if they are directly related to antiterrorism assistance.

''(2) The value (in terms of original acquisition cost) of all equipment and commodities provided under this chapter in any fiscal year shall not exceed 30 percent of the funds made available to carry out this chapter for that fiscal year.''; and

(3) by striking subsection (f).

(b) ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO PROCURE EXPLOSIVES DETECTION DEVICES AND OTHER COUNTERTERRORISM TECHNOLOGY.—(1) Subject to section 575(b), up to $3,000,000 in any fiscal year may be made available—

(A) to procure explosives detection devices and other counterterrorism technology; and

(B) for joint counterterrorism research and development projects on such technology conducted with NATO and major non-NATO allies under the auspices of the Technical Support Working Group of the Department of State.

(2) As used in this subsection, the term ''major non-NATO allies'' means those countries designated as major non-NATO allies for purposes of section 2350a(i)(3) of title 10, United States Code.

(c) ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (except section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961) up to $1,000,000 in assistance may be provided to a foreign country for counterterrorism efforts in any fiscal year if—

(1) such assistance is provided for the purpose of protecting the property of the United States Government or the life and property of any United States citizen, or furthering the apprehension of any individual involved in any act of terrorism against such property or persons; and

(2) the appropriate committees of Congress are notified not later than 15 days prior to the provision of such assistance.

SEC. 206. JURISDICTION FOR LAWSUITS AGAINST TERRORIST STATES.

(a) EXCEPTION TO FOREIGN SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN CASES.—Section 1605 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting ''; or'' and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(7) not otherwise covered by paragraph (2) in which money damages are sought against a foreign government for personal injury or death that was caused by an act of torture, extrajudicial killing, aircraft sabotage, hostage taking, or the provision of material support or resources (as defined in section 2339A of title 18, United States Code) for a person carrying out such an act, by a foreign state or by any official, employee, or agent of such foreign state while acting within the scope of his or her office, employment, or agency, except that—

''(A) the claimant must first afford the foreign state a reasonable opportunity to arbitrate the claim in accordance with accepted international rules of arbitration; and

''(B) an action under this paragraph shall not be maintained unless the act upon which the claim is based—

''(i) occurred while the individual bringing the claim was a national of the United States (as that term is defined in section 101(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act); and

''(ii) occurred while the foreign state was designated as a state sponsor of terrorism under section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 App. U.S.C. 2405(j)) or section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371).''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(e) For purposes of paragraph (7)—

''(1) the terms 'torture' and 'extrajudicial killing' have the meaning given those terms in section 3 of the Torture Victim Protection Act of 1991 (28 U.S.C. 350 note);

''(2) the term 'hostage taking' has the meaning given such term in Article 1 of the International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages; and

''(3) the term 'aircraft sabotage' has the meaning given such term in Article 1 of the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Civil Aviation.''.

(b) EXCEPTION TO IMMUNITY FROM ATTACHMENT.—

(1) FOREIGN STATE.—Section 1610(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting ''; or''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(7) the judgment relates to a claim for which the foreign state is not immune under section 1605(a)(7), regardless of whether the property is or was involved with the act upon which the claim is based.''.

(2) AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY.—Section 1610(b)(2) of such title is amended—

(A) by striking ''or (5)'' and inserting ''(5), or (7)''; and

(B) by striking ''used for the activity'' and inserting ''involved in the act''.

(c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this title shall apply to any cause of action arising before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 207. REPORT ON SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS.

Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter in the report required by section 140 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989 (22 U.S.C. 2656f), the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate that includes—

(1) a detailed assessment of international terrorist groups including their—

(A) size, leadership, and sources of financial and logistical support;

(B) goals, doctrine, and strategy;

(C) nature, scope, and location of human and technical infrastructure;

(D) level of education and training;

(E) bases of operation and recruitment;

(F) operational capabilities; and

(G) linkages with state and non-state actors such as ethnic groups, religious communities, or criminal organizations;

(2) a detailed assessment of any country that provided support of any type for international terrorism, terrorist groups, or individual terrorists, including countries that knowingly allowed terrorist groups or individuals to transit or reside in their territory, regardless of whether terrorist acts were

committed on their territory by such individuals;

(3) a detailed assessment of individual country efforts to take effective action against countries named in section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2405(j)), including the status of compliance with international sanctions and the status of bilateral economic relations; and

(4) United States Government efforts to implement this title.

SEC. 208. DEFINITION OF ASSISTANCE.

For purposes of this title—

(1) the term ''assistance'' means assistance to or for the benefit of a government of any country that is provided by grant, concessional sale, guaranty, insurance, or by any other means on terms more favorable than generally available in the applicable market, whether in the form of a loan, lease, credit, debt relief, or otherwise, including subsidies for exports to such country and favorable tariff treatment of articles that are the growth, product, or manufacture of such country; and

(2) the term ''assistance'' does not include assistance of the type authorized under chapter 9 of part 1 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (relating to international disaster assistance).

SEC. 209. WAIVER AUTHORITY CONCERNING NOTICE OF DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR VISAS.

Section 212(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(b)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

(2) by striking ''If'' and inserting ''(1) Subject to paragraph (2), if''; and

(3) by inserting at the end the following paragraph:

''(2) With respect to applications for visas, the Secretary of State may waive the application of paragraph (1) in the case of a particular alien or any class or classes of excludable aliens, except in cases of intent to immigrate.''.

SEC. 210. MEMBERSHIP IN A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AS A BASIS FOR EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

Section 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) by striking ''or'' at the end of subclause (I);

(B) by inserting ''or'' at the end of subclause (II); and

(C) by inserting after subclause (II) the following new subclause:

''(III) is a member of a terrorist organization or who actively supports or advocates terrorist activity,''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(iv) TERRORIST ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—As used in this subparagraph, the term 'terrorist organization' means an organization that engages in, or has engaged in, terrorist activity as designated by the Secretary of State, after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury.''.

TITLE III—ALIEN REMOVAL

SEC. 301. ALIEN TERRORIST REMOVAL.

(a) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by adding at the end of the table of contents the following:

''TITLE V—ALIEN TERRORIST REMOVAL PROCEDURES

''501. Definitions.

''502. Applicability.

''503. Removal of alien terrorists.''.

(b) ALIEN TERRORIST REMOVAL.—The Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by adding at the end the following new title:

''TITLE V—ALIEN TERRORIST REMOVAL PROCEDURES

''SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.

''As used in this title—

''(1) the term 'alien terrorist' means any alien described in section 241(a)(4)(B);

''(2) the term 'classified information' has the same meaning as defined in section 1(a) of the Classified Information Procedures Act (18 U.S.C. App. IV);

''(3) the term 'national security' has the same meaning as defined in section 1(b) of the Classified Information Procedures Act (18 U.S.C. App. IV);

''(4) the term 'special court' means the court described in section 503(c); and

''(5) the term 'special removal hearing' means the hearing described in section 503(e).

''SEC. 502. APPLICABILITY.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of this title may be followed in the discretion of the Attorney General whenever the Department of Justice has classified information that an alien described in section 241(a)(4)(B) is subject to deportation because of such section.

''(b) PROCEDURES.—Whenever an official of the Department of Justice files, under section 503(a), an application with the court established under section 503(c) for authorization to seek removal pursuant to this title, the alien's rights regarding removal and expulsion shall be governed solely by the provisions of this title, except as specifically provided.

''SEC. 503. REMOVAL OF ALIEN TERRORISTS.

''(a) APPLICATION FOR USE OF PROCEDURES.—This section shall apply whenever the Attorney General certifies under seal to the special court that—

''(1) the Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General has approved of the proceeding under this section;

''(2) an alien terrorist is physically present in the United States; and

''(3) removal of such alien terrorist by deportation proceedings described in sections 242, 242A, or 242B would pose a risk to the national security of the United States because such proceedings would disclose classified information.

''(b) CUSTODY AND RELEASE PENDING HEARING.—(1) The Attorney General may take into custody any alien with respect to whom a certification has been made under subsection (a), and notwithstanding any other provision of law, may retain such alien in custody in accordance with this subsection.

''(2)(A) An alien with respect to whom a certification has been made under subsection (a) shall be given a release hearing before the special court designated pursuant to subsection (c).

''(B) The judge shall grant the alien release, subject to such terms and conditions prescribed by the court (including the posting of any monetary amount), pending the special removal hearing if—

''(i) the alien is lawfully present in the United States;

''(ii) the alien demonstrates that the alien, if released, is not likely to flee; and

''(iii) the alien demonstrates that release of the alien will not endanger national security or the safety of any person or the community.

''(C) The judge may consider classified information submitted in camera and ex parte in making a determination whether to release an alien pending the special hearing.

''(c) SPECIAL COURT.—(1) The Chief Justice of the United States shall publicly designate not more than 5 judges from up to 5 United States judicial districts to hear and decide cases arising under this section, in a manner consistent with the designation of judges described in section 103(a) of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (50 U.S.C. 1803(a)).

''(2) The Chief Justice may, in the Chief Justice's discretion, designate the same judges under this section as are designated pursuant to section 103(a) of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1803(a)).

''(d) INVOCATION OF SPECIAL COURT PROCEDURE.—(1) When the Attorney General makes the application described in subsection (a), a single judge of the special court shall consider the application in camera and ex parte.

''(2) The judge shall invoke the procedures of subsection (e) if the judge determines that there is probable cause to believe that—

''(A) the alien who is the subject of the application has been correctly identified and is an alien as described in section 241(a)(4)(B); and

''(B) a deportation proceeding described in section 242, 242A, or 242B would pose a risk to the national security of the United States because such proceedings would disclose classified information.

''(e) SPECIAL REMOVAL HEARING.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (5), the special removal hearing authorized by a showing of probable cause described in subsection (d)(2) shall be open to the public.

''(2) The alien shall have a reasonable opportunity to be present at such hearing and to be represented by counsel. Any alien financially unable to obtain counsel shall be entitled to have counsel assigned to represent such alien. Counsel may be appointed as described in section 3006A of title 18, United States Code.

''(3) The alien shall have a reasonable opportunity to introduce evidence on his own behalf, and except as provided in paragraph (5), shall have a reasonable opportunity to cross-examine any witness or request that the judge issue a subpoena for the presence of a named witness.

''(4)(A) An alien subject to removal under this section shall have no right—

''(i) of discovery of information derived from electronic surveillance authorized under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) or otherwise for national security purposes if disclosure would present a risk to the national security; or

''(ii) to seek the suppression of evidence that the alien alleges was unlawfully obtained, except on grounds of credibility or relevance.

''(B) The Government is authorized to use, in the removal proceedings, the fruits of electronic surveillance and unconsented physical searches authorized under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) without regard to subsections 106 (c), (e), (f), (g), and (h) of such Act.

''(C) Section 3504 of title 18, United States Code, shall not apply to procedures under this section if the Attorney General determines that public disclosure would pose a risk to the national security of the United States because it would disclose classified information.

''(5) The judge shall authorize the introduction in camera and ex parte of any evidence for which the Attorney General determines that public disclosure would pose a risk to the national security of the United States because it would disclose classified information. With respect to such evidence, the Attorney General shall submit to the court an unclassified summary of the specific evidence prepared in accordance with paragraph (6).

''(6)(A) The information submitted under paragraph (5)(B) shall contain an unclassified summary of the classified information

that does not pose a risk to national security.

''(B) The judge shall approve the summary within 15 days of submission if the judge finds that it is sufficient to inform the alien of the nature of the evidence that such person is an alien as described in section 241(a), and to provide the alien with substantially the same ability to make his defense as would disclosure of the classified information.

''(C) The Attorney General shall cause to be delivered to the alien a copy of the unclassified summary approved under subparagraph (B).

''(D) If the written unclassified summary is not approved by the court pursuant to subparagraph (B), the Department of Justice shall be afforded 15 days to correct the deficiencies identified by the court and submit a revised unclassified summary.

''(E) If the revised unclassified summary is not approved by the court within 15 days of its submission pursuant to subparagraph (B), the special removal hearing shall be terminated unless the court, within that time, after reviewing the classified information in camera and ex parte, issues written findings that—

''(i) the alien's continued presence in the United States would likely cause—

''(I) serious and irreparable harm to the national security; or

''(II) death or serious bodily injury to any person; and

''(ii) provision of either the classified information or an unclassified summary that meets the standard set forth in subparagraph (B) would likely cause—

''(I) serious and irreparable harm to the national security; or

''(II) death or serious bodily injury to any person; and

''(iii) the unclassified summary prepared by the Justice Department is adequate to allow the alien to prepare a defense.

''(F) If the court issues such findings, the special removal proceeding shall continue, and the Attorney General shall cause to be delivered to the alien within 15 days of the issuance of such findings a copy of the unclassified summary together with a statement that it meets the standard set forth in subparagraph (E)(iii).

''(G)(i) Within 10 days of filing of the appealable order the Department of Justice may take an interlocutory appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit of—

''(I) any determination made by the judge concerning the requirements set forth in subparagraph (B).

''(II) any determination made by the judge concerning the requirements set forth in subparagraph (E).

''(ii) In an interlocutory appeal taken under this paragraph, the entire record, including any proposed order of the judge or summary of evidence, shall be transmitted to the Court of Appeals under seal, and the matter shall be heard ex parte. The Court of Appeals shall consider the appeal as expeditiously as possible, but no later than 30 days after filing of the appeal.

''(f) DETERMINATION OF DEPORTATION.—The judge shall, considering the evidence on the record as a whole (in camera and otherwise), require that the alien be deported if the Attorney General proves, by clear and convincing evidence, that the alien is subject to deportation because such alien is an alien as described in section 241(a)(4)(B). If the judge finds that the Department of Justice has met this burden, the judge shall order the alien removed and, if the alien was released pending the special removal proceeding, order the Attorney General to take the alien into custody.

''(g) APPEALS.—(1) The alien may appeal a final determination under subsection (f) to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, by filing a notice of appeal with such court not later than 30 days after the determination is made. An appeal under this section shall be heard by the Court of Appeals sitting en banc.

''(2) The Attorney General may appeal a determination under subsection (d), (e), or (f) to the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, by filing a notice of appeal with such court not later than 20 days after the determination is made under any one of such subsections.

''(3) If the Department of Justice does not seek review, the alien shall be released from custody, unless such alien may be arrested and taken into custody pursuant to title II as an alien subject to deportation, in which case such alien shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of this Act concerning the deportation of aliens.

''(4) If the application for the order is denied because the judge has not found probable cause to believe that the alien who is the subject of the application has been correctly identified or is an alien as described in paragraph 4(B) of section 241(a), and the Department of Justice seeks review, the alien shall be released from custody unless such alien may be arrested and taken into custody pursuant to title II as an alien subject to deportation, in which case such alien shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of this Act concerning the deportation of aliens simultaneously with the application of this title.

''(5)(A) If the application for the order is denied based on a finding that no probable cause exists to find that adherence to the provisions of title II regarding the deportation of the identified alien would pose a risk of irreparable harm to the national security of the United States, or death or serious bodily injury to any person, the judge shall release the alien from custody subject to the least restrictive condition or combination of conditions of release described in section 3142(b) and (c)(1)(B) (i) through (xiv) of title 18, United States Code, that will reasonably ensure the appearance of the alien at any future proceeding pursuant to this title and will not endanger the safety of any other person or the Community.

''(B) The alien shall remain in custody if the court fails to make a finding under subparagraph (A), until the completion of any appeal authorized by this title. Sections 3145 through 3148 of title 18, United States Code, pertaining to review and appeal of a release or detention order, penalties for failure to appear, penalties for an offense committed while on release, and sanctions for violation of a release condition, shall apply to an alien to whom the previous sentence applies and—

''(i) for purposes of section 3145 of such title, an appeal shall be taken to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and

''(ii) for purposes of section 3146 of such title the alien shall be considered released in connection with a charge of an offense punishable by life imprisonment.

''(6) When requested by the Attorney General, the entire record of the proceeding under this section shall be transmitted to the court of appeals or the Supreme Court under seal. The court of appeals or Supreme Court may consider such appeal in camera.''.

SEC. 302. EXTRADITION OF ALIENS.

(a) SCOPE.—Section 3181 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting ''(a)'' before ''The provisions of this chapter''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

''(b) The provisions of this chapter shall be construed to permit, in the exercise of comity, the surrender of persons, other than citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States, who have committed crimes of violence against nationals of the United States in foreign countries without regard to the existence of any treaty of extradition with such foreign government if the Attorney General certifies, in writing, that—

''(1) evidence has been presented by the foreign government that indicates that had the offenses been committed in the United States, they would constitute crimes of violence as defined under section 16 of this title; and

''(2) the offenses charged are not of a political nature.

''(c) As used in this section, the term 'national of the United States' has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)).''.

(b) FUGITIVES.—Section 3184 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the first sentence by inserting after ''United States and any foreign government,'' the following: ''or in cases arising under section 3181(b),'';

(2) in the first sentence by inserting after ''treaty or convention,'' the following: ''or provided for under section 3181(b),''; and

(3) in the third sentence by inserting after ''treaty or convention,'' the following: ''or under section 3181(b),''.

SEC. 303. CHANGES TO THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT TO FACILITATE REMOVAL OF ALIEN TERRORISTS.

(a) TERRORISM ACTIVITIES.—Section 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

''(B) TERRORISM ACTIVITIES.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who—

''(I) has engaged in a terrorism activity, or

''(II) a consular officer or the Attorney General knows, or has reason to believe, is likely to engage after entry in any terrorism activity (as defined in clause (iii)),

is excludable. An alien who is an officer, official, representative, or spokesman of any terrorist organization designated as a terrorist organization by proclamation by the President after finding such organization to be detrimental to the interest of the United States, or any person who directs, counsels, commands, or induces such organization or its members to engage in terrorism activity, shall be considered, for purposes of this Act, to be engaged in terrorism activity.

''(ii) TERRORISM ACTIVITY DEFINED.—As used in this Act, the term 'terrorism activity' means any activity that is unlawful under the laws of the place where it is committed (or which, if it had been committed in the United States, would be unlawful under the laws of the United States or any State), and that involves any of the following:

''(I) The hijacking or sabotage of any conveyance (including an aircraft, vessel, or vehicle).

''(II) The seizing or detaining, and threatening to kill, injure, or continue to detain, another individual to compel a third person (including a governmental organization) to do or abstain from doing any act as an explicit or implicit condition for the release of the individual seized or detained.

''(III) A violent attack upon an internationally protected person (as defined in section 1116(b)(4) of title 18, United States Code) or upon the liberty of such a person.

''(IV) An assassination.

''(V) The use of any—

''(aa) biological agent, chemical agent, or nuclear weapon or device, or

''(bb) explosive, firearm, or other weapon (other than for mere personal monetary gain),

with intent to endanger, directly, or indirectly, the safety of one or more individuals or to cause substantial damage to property.

''(VI) A threat, attempt, or conspiracy to do any of the foregoing.

''(iii) ENGAGE IN TERRORISM ACTIVITY DEFINED.—As used in this Act, the term 'engage in terrorism activity' means to commit, in an individual capacity or as a member of an organization, an act of terrorism activity, or an act that the actor knows affords material support to any individual, organization, or government that the actor knows plans to commit terrorism activity, including any of the following acts:

''(I) The preparation or planning of terrorism activity.

''(II) The gathering of information on potential targets for terrorism activity.

''(III) The providing of any type of material support, including a safe house, transportation, communications, funds, false documentation or identification, weapons, explosives, or training.

''(IV) The soliciting of funds or other things of value for terrorism activity or for any terrorist organization.

''(V) The solicitation of any individual for membership in a terrorist organization, terrorist government, or to engage in a terrorism activity.

''(iv) TERRORIST ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—As used in this Act, the term 'terrorist organization' means—

''(I) an organization engaged in, or that has a significant subgroup that engages in, terrorism activity, regardless of any legitimate activities conducted by the organization or its subgroups; and

''(II) an organization designated by the Secretary of State under section 2339B of title 18.''.

(b) DEPORTABLE ALIENS.—Section 241(a)(4)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1251(a)(4)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

''(B) TERRORISM ACTIVITIES.—Any alien who is engaged, or at any time after entry engages in, any terrorism activity (as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)) is deportable.''.

(c) BURDEN OF PROOF.—Section 291 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1361) is amended by inserting after ''custody of the Service.'' the following new sentence: ''The limited production authorized by this provision shall not extend to the records of any other agency or department of the Government or to any documents that do not pertain to the respondent's entry.''.

(d) APPREHENSION AND DEPORTATION OF ALIENS.—Section 242(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1252(b)(3)) is amended by inserting immediately after paragraph (4) the following: ''For purposes of paragraph (3), in the case of an alien who is not lawfully admitted for permanent residence and notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, reasonable opportunity shall not include access to classified information, whether or not introduced in evidence against the alien, except that any proceeding conducted under this section which involves the use of classified evidence shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures of section 501. Section 3504 of title 18, United States Code, and 18 U.S.C. 3504 and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) shall not apply in such cases.''.

(e) CRIMINAL ALIEN REMOVAL.—

(1) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Section 106 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1105a(a)(10)) is amended to read as follows:

''(10) Any final order of deportation against an alien who is deportable by reason of having committed a criminal offense covered in section 241(a)(2) (A)(iii), (B), (C), or (D), or any offense covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(ii) for which both predicate offenses are covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(i), shall not be subject to review by any court.''.

(2) FINAL ORDER OF DEPORTATION DEFINED.—Section 101(a) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(47)(A) The term 'order of deportation' means the order of the special inquiry officer, or other such administrative officer to whom the Attorney General has delegated the responsibility for determining whether an alien is deportable, concluding that the alien is deportable or ordering deportation.

''(B) The order described under subparagraph (A) shall become final upon the earlier of—

''(i) a determination by the Board of Immigration Appeals affirming such order; or

''(ii) the expiration of the period in which the alien is permitted to seek review of such order by the Board of Immigration Appeals.''.

(3) ARREST AND CUSTODY.—Section 242(a)(2) of such Act is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking ''(2)(A) The Attorney'' and inserting ''(2) The Attorney'';

(ii) by striking ''an aggravated felony upon'' and all that follows through ''of the same offense)'' and inserting ''any criminal offense covered in section 241(a)(2) (A)(iii), (B), (C), or (D), or any offense covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(ii) for which both predicate offenses are covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(i), upon release of the alien from incarceration, shall deport the alien as expeditiously as possible''; and

(iii) by striking ''but subject to subparagraph (B)''; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (B).

(4) CLASSES OF EXCLUDABLE ALIENS.—Section 212(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(c)) is amended—

(A) by striking ''The first sentence of this'' and inserting ''This''; and

(B) by striking ''has been convicted of one or more aggravated felonies'' and all that follows through the end and inserting ''is deportable by reason of having committed any criminal offense covered in section 241(a)(2) (A)(iii), (B), (C), or (D), or any offense covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(ii) for which both predicate offenses are covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(i).''.

(5) AGGRAVATED FELONY DEFINED.—Section 101(a)(43) of such Act is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (F)—

(i) by inserting '', including forcible rape,'' after ''offense)''; and

(ii) by striking ''5 years'' and inserting ''1 year''; and

(B) in subparagraph (G) by striking ''5 years'' and inserting ''1 year''.

(6) DEPORTATION OF CRIMINAL ALIENS.—Section 242A(a) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1252a) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking ''aggravated felonies (as defined in section 101(a)(43) of this title)'' and inserting ''any criminal offense covered in section 241(a)(2) (A)(iii), (B), (C), or (D), or any offense covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(ii) for which both predicate offenses are covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(i).''; and

(ii) by striking '', where warranted,'';

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking ''aggravated felony'' and all that follows through ''before any scheduled hearings.'' and inserting ''any criminal offense covered in section 241(a)(2) (A)(iii), (B), (C), or (D), or any offense covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(ii) for which both predicate offenses are covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(i).''.

(7) DEADLINES FOR DEPORTING ALIEN.—Section 242(c) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1252(c)) is amended—

(A) by striking ''(c) When a final order'' and inserting ''(c)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), when a final order''; and

(B) by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

''(2) When a final order of deportation under administrative process is made against any alien who is deportable by reason of having committed a criminal offense covered in section 241(a)(2) (A)(iii), (B), (C), or (D) or any offense covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(ii) for which both predicate offenses are covered by section 241(a)(2)(A)(i), the Attorney General shall have 30 days from the date of the order within which to effect the alien's departure from the United States. The Attorney General shall have sole and unreviewable discretion to waive the foregoing provision for aliens who are cooperating with law enforcement authorities or for purposes of national security.''.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act and shall apply to cases pending before, on, or after such date of enactment.

SEC. 304. ACCESS TO CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION FILES THROUGH COURT ORDER.

(a) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.—Section 245A(c)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255a(c)(5)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''(i)'' after ''except the Attorney General''; and

(2) by inserting after ''Title 13'' the following: ''and (ii) may authorize an application to a Federal court of competent jurisdiction for, and a judge of such court may grant, an order authorizing disclosure of information contained in the application of the alien to be used—

''(I) for identification of the alien when there is reason to believe that the alien has been killed or severely incapacitated; or

''(II) for criminal law enforcement purposes against the alien whose application is to be disclosed.''.

(b) APPLICATIONS FOR ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Section 210(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1160(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (5), by inserting '', except as allowed by a court order issued pursuant to paragraph (6) of this subsection'' after ''consent of the alien''; and

(2) in paragraph (6), by inserting the following sentence before ''Anyone who uses'': ''Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Attorney General may authorize an application to a Federal court of competent jurisdiction for, and a judge of such court may grant an order authorizing, disclosure of information contained in the application of the alien to be used for identification of the alien when there is reason to believe that the alien has been killed or severely incapacitated, or for criminal law enforcement purposes against the alien whose application is to be disclosed or to discover information leading to the location or identity of the alien.''.

TITLE IV—CONTROL OF FUNDRAISING FOR TERRORISM ACTIVITIES

SEC. 401. PROHIBITION ON TERRORIST FUNDRAISING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 113B of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''§ 2339B. Fundraising for terrorist organizations

''(a) FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.—

''(1) The Congress finds that—

''(A) terrorism is a serious and deadly problem which threatens the interests of the

United States overseas and within our territory;

''(B) the Nation's security interests are gravely affected by the terrorist attacks carried out overseas against United States Government facilities and officials, and against American citizens present in foreign countries;

''(C) United States foreign policy and economic interests are profoundly affected by terrorist acts overseas directed against foreign governments and their people;

''(D) international cooperation is required for an effective response to terrorism, as demonstrated by the numerous multilateral conventions in force providing universal prosecutive jurisdiction over persons involved in a variety of terrorist acts, including hostage taking, murder of an internationally protected person, and aircraft piracy and sabotage;

''(E) some foreign terrorist organizations, acting through affiliated groups or individuals, raise significant funds within the United States or use the United States as a conduit for the receipt of funds raised in other nations; and

''(F) the provision of funds to organizations that engage in terrorism serves to facilitate their terrorist endeavors, regardless of whether the funds, in whole or in part, are intended or claimed to be used for nonviolent purposes.

''(2) The purpose of this section is to provide the Federal Government the fullest possible basis, consistent with the Constitution, to prevent persons within the United States or subject to the jurisdiction of the United States from providing funds, directly or indirectly, to foreign organizations, including subordinate or affiliated persons, that engage in terrorism activities.

''(b) DESIGNATION.—

''(1) The Secretary of State, after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized to designate under this section any foreign organization based on finding that—

''(A) the organization engages in terrorism activity as defined in section 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)); and

''(B) the organization's terrorism activities threaten the security of United States citizens, national security, foreign policy, or the economy of the United States.

''(2) Not later than 7 days after making a designation under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State shall prepare and transmit to Congress a report containing a list of the designated organizations and a summary of the facts underlying the designation. The designation shall take effect 30 days after the receipt of actual notice under subsection (b)(6), unless otherwise provided by law.

''(3) A designation or redesignation under this subsection shall be in effect for 1 year following its effective date, unless revoked under paragraph (4).

''(4)(A) If the Secretary of State, after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, finds that the conditions that were the basis for any designation issued under this subsection have changed in such a manner as to warrant revocation of such designation, or that the national security, foreign relations, or economic interests of the United States so warrant, the Secretary of State may revoke such designation in whole or in part.

''(B) Not later than 7 calendar days after the Secretary of State finds that an organization no longer engages in, or supports, terrorism activity, the Secretary of State shall prepare and transmit to Congress a supplemental report stating the reasons for the finding.

''(5) Any designation, or revocation of a designation, issued under this subsection shall be published in the Federal Register not later than 7 calendar days after the Secretary of State makes the designation.

''(6) Not later than 7 calendar days after making a designation under this subsection, the Secretary of State shall give the organization actual notice of—

''(A) the designation;

''(B) the consequences of the designation for the organization's ability to raise funds in the United States; and

''(C) the availability of judicial review.

''(7) Any revocation or lapsing of a designation shall not affect any action or proceeding based on any conduct committed prior to the effective date of such revocation or lapsing.

''(8) Classified information may be used in making a designation under this subsection. Such information shall not be disclosed to the public or to any party, but may be disclosed to a court ex parte and in camera.

''(9) No question concerning the validity of the issuance of a designation issued under this subsection may be raised by a defendant in a criminal prosecution as a defense in or as an objection to any trial or hearing if such designation was issued and published in the Federal Register.

''(c) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

''(1) Organizations designated by the Secretary of State as engaging in, or supporting, terrorism activities under this section may seek review of the designation in the District Court for the District of Columbia not later than 30 days after receipt of actual notice under subsection (b)(6).

''(2) In reviewing a designation under this subsection, the court shall receive relevant oral or documentary evidence, unless the court finds that the probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues, or considerations of undue delay, waste of time, or needless presentation of cumulative evidence, or unless its introduction or consideration is prohibited by a common law privilege or by the Constitution or laws of the United States. A party shall be entitled to present its case or defense by oral or documentary evidence, to submit rebuttal evidence, and to conduct such cross-examination as may be required for a full and true disclosure of the facts.

''(3) The judge shall authorize the introduction in camera and ex parte of any item of evidence containing classified information for which the Attorney General determines that public disclosure would pose a risk to the national security of the United States. With respect to such evidence, the Attorney General shall submit to the court either—

''(A) a statement identifying relevant facts that the specific evidence would tend to prove; or

''(B) an unclassified summary of the specific evidence prepared in accordance with paragraph (5).

''(4)(A)(i) The Secretary of State shall have the burden of demonstrating that there are specific and articulable facts giving reason to believe that the organization engages in or supports terrorism activity (as that term is defined in section 212(a)(3)(B)).

''(ii) The organization shall have the burden of proving that its purpose is to engage in religious, charitable, literary, educational, or nonterrorism activities and that it engages in such activities.

''(iii) The Secretary shall have the burden of proving that the control group of the organization has actual knowledge that the organization or its resources are being used for terrorism activities.

''(iv) If any portion of the Secretary's evidence consists of classified information that cannot be revealed to the organization for national security reasons, the Secretary must prove these elements by clear and convincing evidence.

''(B) If the court finds, under the standards stated in subparagraph (A) that the control group of the organization has actual knowledge that the organization or its resources are being used for terrorism activities, the court shall affirm the designation of the Secretary.

''(C)(i) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the organization or its resources have been used for terrorism activities without the knowledge of the control group, but that the control group is now aware of these facts, the court may condition revocation of the designation on the control group's undertaking or completing all steps within its power to prevent the organization or its resources from being used for terrorism activities. Such steps may include—

''(I) maintaining financial records adequate to document the use of the organization's resources; and

''(II) making records available to the Secretary for inspection.

''(ii) If a designation is revoked under subsection (B)(4) and the organization fails to comply with any condition imposed, the designation may be reinstated by the Secretary of State upon a showing that the organization failed to comply with the condition.

''(5)(A) The information submitted under paragraph (3)(B) shall contain an unclassified summary of the classified information that does not pose a risk to national security.

''(B) The judge shall approve the unclassified summary if the judge finds that the summary is sufficient to inform the organization of the activities described in section 212(a)(3)(B) in which the organization is alleged to engage, and to permit the organization to defend against the designation.

''(C) The Attorney General shall cause to be delivered to the organization a copy of the unclassified summary approved under subparagraph (B).

''(6) The court shall decide the case on the basis of the evidence on the record as a whole, in camera or otherwise.

''(d) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.—It shall be unlawful for any person within the United States, or any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States anywhere, to directly or indirectly, raise, receive, or collect on behalf of, or furnish, give, transmit, transfer, or provide funds to or for an organization or person designated by the Secretary of State under subsection (b), or to attempt to do any of the foregoing.

''(e) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—

''(1) Except as authorized by the Secretary of State, after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, by means of directives, regulations, or licenses, any financial institution that becomes aware that it has possession of or control over any funds in which an organization or person designated under subsection (b) has an interest, shall—

''(A) retain possession of or maintain control over such funds; and

''(B) report to the Secretary the existence of such funds in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

''(2) Any financial institution that knowingly fails to report to the Secretary the existence of such funds shall be subject to a civil penalty of $250 per day for each day that it fails to report to the Secretary—

''(A) in the case of funds being possessed or controlled at the time of the designation of the organization or person, within 10 days after the designation; and

''(B) in the case of funds whose possession of or control over arose after the designation of the organization or person, within 10 days

after the financial institution obtained possession of or control over the funds.

''(f) INVESTIGATIONS.—Any investigation emanating from a possible violation of this section shall be conducted by the Attorney General, except that investigations relating to—

''(1) a financial institution's compliance with the requirements of subsection (e); and

''(2) civil penalty proceedings authorized pursuant to subsection (g)(2),

shall be conducted in coordination with the Attorney General by the office within the Department of the Treasury responsible for civil penalty proceedings authorized by this section. Any evidence of a criminal violation of this section arising in the course of an investigation by the Secretary or any other Federal agency shall be referred immediately to the Attorney General for further investigation. The Attorney General shall timely notify the Secretary of any action taken on referrals from the Secretary, and may refer investigations to the Secretary for remedial licensing or civil penalty action.

''(g) PENALTIES.—

''(1) Any person who, with knowledge that the donee is a designated entity, violates subsection (d) shall be fined under this title, or imprisoned for up to ten years, or both.

''(2) Any financial institution that knowingly fails to comply with subsection (e), or by regulations promulgated thereunder, shall be subject to a civil penalty of $50,000 per violation, or twice the amount of money of which the financial institution was required to retain possession or control, whichever is greater.

''(h) INJUNCTION.—

''(1) Whenever it appears to the Secretary or the Attorney General that any person is engaged in, or is about to engage in, any act which constitutes, or would constitute, a violation of this section, the Attorney General may initiate civil action in a district court of the United States to enjoin such violation.

''(2) A proceeding under this subsection is governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, except that, if an indictment has been returned against the respondent, discovery is governed by the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

''(i) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—There is extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction over an offense under this section.

''(j) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT BY THE UNITED STATES.—

''(1) DISCOVERY OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY DEFENDANTS.—A court, upon a sufficient showing, may authorize the United States to delete specified items of classified information from documents to be introduced into evidence or made available to the defendant through discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to substitute an unclassified summary of the information for such classified documents, or to substitute a statement admitting relevant facts that the classified information would tend to prove. The court shall permit the United States to make a request for such authorization in the form of a written statement to be inspected by the court alone. If the court enters an order granting relief following such an ex parte showing, the entire text of the statement of the United States shall be sealed and preserved in the records of the court to be made available to the appellate court in the event of an appeal. If the court enters an order denying relief to the United States under this paragraph, the United States may take an immediate, interlocutory appeal in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3). For purposes of such an appeal, the entire text of the underlying written statement of the United States, together with any transcripts of arguments made ex parte to the court in connection therewith, shall be maintained under seal and delivered to the appellate court.

''(2) INTRODUCTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION; PRECAUTIONS BY COURT.—

''(A) EXHIBITS.—The United States, to prevent unnecessary or inadvertent disclosure of classified information in a civil trial or other proceeding brought by the United States under this section, may petition the court ex parte to admit, in lieu of classified writings, recordings or photographs, one or more of the following:

''(i) copies of those items from which classified information has been deleted;

''(ii) stipulations admitting relevant facts that specific classified information would tend to prove; or

''(iii) an unclassified summary of the specific classified information.

The court shall grant such a motion of the United States if the court finds that the redacted item, stipulation, or unclassified summary will provide the defendant with substantially the same ability to make his defense as would disclosure of the specific classified information.

''(B) TAKING OF TRIAL TESTIMONY.—During the examination of a witness in any civil proceeding brought by the United States under this section, the United States may object to any question or line of inquiry that may require the witness to disclose classified information not previously found to be admissible. Following such an objection, the court shall take suitable action to determine whether the response is admissible and, in doing so, shall take precautions to guard against the compromise of any classified information. Such action may include permitting the United States to provide the court, ex parte, with a proffer of the witness's response to the question or line of inquiry, and requiring the defendant to provide the court with a proffer of the nature of the information the defendant seeks to elicit.

''(C) APPEAL.—If the court enters an order denying relief to the United States under this subsection, the United States may take an immediate interlocutory appeal in accordance with paragraph (3).

''(3) INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL.—

''(A) An interlocutory appeal by the United States shall lie to a court of appeals from a decision or order of a district court—

''(i) authorizing the disclosure of classified information;

''(ii) imposing sanctions for nondisclosure of classified information; or

''(iii) refusing a protective order sought by the United States to prevent the disclosure of classified information.

''(B) An appeal taken pursuant to this paragraph either before or during trial shall be expedited by the court of appeals. Prior to trial, an appeal shall be taken not later than 10 days after the decision or order appealed from, and the trial shall not commence until the appeal is resolved. If an appeal is taken during trial, the trial court shall adjourn the trial until the appeal is resolved. The court of appeals—

''(i) shall hear argument on such appeal not later than 4 days after the adjournment of the trial;

''(ii) may dispense with written briefs other than the supporting materials previously submitted to the trial court;

''(iii) shall render its decision not later than 4 days after argument on appeal; and

''(iv) may dispense with the issuance of a written opinion in rendering its decision.

''(C) An interlocutory appeal and decision under this paragraph shall not affect the right of the defendant, in a subsequent appeal from a final judgment, to claim as error, reversal by the trial court on remand of a ruling appealed from during trial.

''(4) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the United States from seeking protective orders or asserting privileges ordinarily available to the United States to protect against the disclosure of classified information, including the invocation of the military and State secrets privilege.

''(k) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

''(1) the term 'classified information' means any information or material that has been determined by the United States Government pursuant to an Executive order, statute, or regulation, to require protection against unauthorized disclosure for reasons of national security and any restricted data, as defined in paragraph (r) of section 11 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014(y));

''(2)(A) the term 'control group' means the officers or agents charged with directing the affairs of the organization;

''(B) if a single officer or agent is authorized to conduct the affairs of the organization, the knowledge of the officer or agent that the organization or its resources are being used for terrorism activities shall constitute knowledge of the control group;

''(C) if a single officer or agent is a member of a group empowered to conduct the affairs of the organization but cannot conduct the affairs of the organization on his or her own authority, that person's knowledge shall not constitute knowledge by the control group unless that person's knowledge is shared by a sufficient number of members of the group so that the group with knowledge has the authority to conduct the affairs of the organization;

''(3) the term 'financial institution' has the meaning prescribed in section 5312(a)(2) of title 31, United States Code, including any regulations promulgated thereunder;

''(4) the term 'funds' includes coin or currency of the United States or any other country, traveler's checks, personal checks, bank checks, money orders, stocks, bonds, debentures, drafts, letters of credit, any other negotiable instrument, and any electronic representation of any of the foregoing;

''(5) the term 'national security' means the national defense and foreign relations of the United States;

''(6) the term 'person' includes an individual, partnership, association, group, corporation, or other organization;

''(7) the term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Treasury; and

''(8) the term 'United States', when used in a geographical sense, includes all commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the United States.''.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 113B of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

''2339B. Fundraising for terrorist organizations.''.

(c) CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS.—Section 2339B(k) of title 18, United States Code (relating to classified information in civil proceedings brought by the United States), shall also be applicable to civil proceedings brought by the United States under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

SEC. 402. CORRECTION TO MATERIAL SUPPORT PROVISION.

Section 2339A of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''§ 2339A. Providing material support to terrorists

''(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, 'material support or resources' means currency or

other financial securities, financial services, lodging, training, safehouses, false documentation or identification, communications equipment, facilities, weapons, lethal substances, explosives, personnel, transportation, and other physical assets, but does not include humanitarian assistance to persons not directly involved in such violations.

''(b) OFFENSE.—A person who, within the United States, provides material support or resources or conceals or disguises the nature, location, source, or ownership of material support or resources, knowing or intending that they are to be used in preparation for, or in carrying out, a violation of section 32, 37, 351, 844(f) or (i), 956, 1114, 1116, 1203, 1361, 1363, 1751, 2280, 2281, 2332, or 2332a of this title or section 46502 of title 49, or in preparation for or carrying out the concealment or an escape from the commission of any such violation, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.''.

TITLE V—ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Subtitle A—Antiterrorism Assistance

SEC. 501. DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN CONSUMER REPORTS TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) is amended by adding after section 623 the following new section:

''SEC. 624. DISCLOSURES TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR FOREIGN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PURPOSES.

''(a) IDENTITY OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—(1) Notwithstanding section 604 or any other provision of this title, a court or magistrate judge may issue an order ex parte directing a consumer reporting agency to furnish to the Federal Bureau of Investigation the names and addresses of all financial institutions (as that term is defined in section 1101 of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978) at which a consumer maintains or has maintained an account, to the extent that information is in the files of the agency. The court or magistrate judge shall issue the order if the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or the Director's designee, certifies in writing to the court or magistrate judge that—

''(A) such information is necessary for the conduct of an authorized foreign counterintelligence investigation; and

''(B) there are specific and articulable facts giving reason to believe that the consumer—

''(i) is a foreign power (as defined in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978) or a person who is not a United States person (as defined in such section 101) and is an official of a foreign power; or

''(ii) is an agent of a foreign power and is engaging or has engaged in international terrorism (as that term is defined in section 101(c) of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978) or clandestine intelligence activities that involve or may involve a violation of criminal statutes of the United States.

''(2) An order issued under this subsection shall not disclose that it is issued for purposes of a counterintelligence investigation.

''(b) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.—(1) Notwithstanding section 604 or any other provision of this title, a court or magistrate judge shall issue an order ex parte directing a consumer reporting agency to furnish identifying information respecting a consumer, limited to name, address, former addresses, places of employment, or former places of employment, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The court or magistrate judge shall issue the order if the Director or the Director's designee, certifies in writing that—

''(A) such information is necessary to the conduct of an authorized foreign counterintelligence investigation; and

''(B) there is information giving reason to believe that the consumer has been, or is about to be, in contact with a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power (as defined in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978).

''(2) An order issued under this subsection shall not disclose that it is issued for purposes of a counterintelligence investigation.

''(c) COURT ORDER FOR DISCLOSURE OF CONSUMER REPORTS.—(1) Notwithstanding section 604 or any other provision of this title, if requested in writing by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or an authorized designee of the Director, a court may issue an order ex parte directing a consumer reporting agency to furnish a consumer report to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, upon a showing in camera that—

''(A) the consumer report is necessary for the conduct of an authorized foreign counterintelligence investigation; and

''(B) there are specific and articulable facts giving reason to believe that the consumer whose consumer report is sought—

''(i) is an agent of a foreign power; and

''(ii) is engaging or has engaged in international terrorism (as that term is defined in section 101(c) of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978) or clandestine intelligence activities that involve or may involve a violation of criminal statutes of the United States.

''(2) An order issued under this subsection shall not disclose that it is issued for purposes of a counterintelligence investigation.

''(d) CONFIDENTIALITY.—(1) No consumer reporting agency or officer, employee, or agent of a consumer reporting agency shall disclose to any person, other than officers, employees, or agents of a consumer reporting agency necessary to fulfill the requirement to disclose information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation under this section, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sought or obtained the identity of financial institutions or a consumer report respecting any consumer under subsection (a), (b), or (c).

''(2) No consumer reporting agency or officer, employee, or agent of a consumer reporting agency shall include in any consumer report any information that would indicate that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sought or obtained such information or a consumer report.

''(e) PAYMENT OF FEES.—The Federal Bureau of Investigation is authorized, subject to the availability of appropriations, pay to the consumer reporting agency assembling or providing reports or information in accordance with procedures established under this section, a fee for reimbursement for such costs as are reasonably necessary and which have been directly incurred in searching, reproducing, or transporting books, papers, records, or other data required or requested to be produced under this section.

''(f) LIMIT ON DISSEMINATION.—The Federal Bureau of Investigation may not disseminate information obtained pursuant to this section outside of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, except—

''(1) to the Department of Justice, as may be necessary for the approval or conduct of a foreign counterintelligence investigation; or

''(2) where the information concerns a person subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to appropriate investigative authorities within the military department concerned as may be necessary for the conduct of a joint foreign counterintelligence investigation.

''(g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit information from being furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation pursuant to a subpoena or court order, or in connection with a judicial or administrative proceeding to enforce the provisions of this Act. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize or permit the withholding of information from the Congress.

''(h) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—On an annual basis, the Attorney General shall fully inform the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Banking and Financial Services of the House of Representatives, and the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate concerning all requests made pursuant to subsections (a), (b), and (c).

''(i) DAMAGES.—Any agency or department of the United States obtaining or disclosing any consumer reports, records, or information contained therein in violation of this section is liable to the consumer to whom such consumer reports, records, or information relate in an amount equal to the sum of—

''(1) $100, without regard to the volume of consumer reports, records, or information involved;

''(2) any actual damages sustained by the consumer as a result of the disclosure;

''(3) if the violation is found to have been willful or intentional, such punitive damages as a court may allow; and

''(4) in the case of any successful action to enforce liability under this subsection, the costs of the action, together with reasonable attorney fees, as determined by the court.

''(j) DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS.—If a court determines that any agency or department of the United States has violated any provision of this section and the court finds that the circumstances surrounding the violation raise questions of whether or not an officer or employee of the agency or department acted willfully or intentionally with respect to the violation, the agency or department shall promptly initiate a proceeding to determine whether or not disciplinary action is warranted against the officer or employee who was responsible for the violation.

''(k) GOOD-FAITH EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, any consumer reporting agency or agent or employee thereof making disclosure of consumer reports or identifying information pursuant to this subsection in good-faith reliance upon a certification of the Federal Bureau of Investigation pursuant to provisions of this section shall not be liable to any person for such disclosure under this title, the constitution of any State, or any law or regulation of any State or any political subdivision of any State notwithstanding.

''(l) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—In addition to any other remedy contained in this section, injunctive relief shall be available to require compliance with the procedures of this section. In the event of any successful action under this subsection, costs together with reasonable attorney fees, as determined by the court, may be recovered.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a et seq.) is amended by adding after the item relating to section 623 the following new item:

''624. Disclosures to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for foreign counterintelligence purposes.''.

SEC. 502. ACCESS TO RECORDS OF COMMON CARRIERS, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES, PHYSICAL STORAGE FACILITIES, AND VEHICLE RENTAL FACILITIES IN FOREIGN COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERTERRORISM CASES.

Title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 121 the following new chapter:

"CHAPTER 122—ACCESS TO CERTAIN RECORDS

"§ 2720. Access to records of common carriers, public accommodation facilities, physical storage facilities, and vehicle rental facilities in counterintelligence and counterterrorism cases

''(a)(1) A court or magistrate judge may issue an order ex parte directing any common carrier, public accommodation facility, physical storage facility, or vehicle rental facility to furnish any records in its possession to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The court or magistrate judge shall issue the order if the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Director's designee (whose rank shall be no lower than Assistant Special Agent in Charge) certifies in writing that—

''(A) such records are sought for foreign counterintelligence purposes; and

''(B) there are specific and articulable facts giving reason to believe that the person to whom the records pertain is a foreign power or an agent of a foreign power as defined in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 801).

''(2) An order issued under this subsection shall not disclose that it is issued for purposes of a counterintelligence investigation.

''(b) No common carrier, public accommodation facility, physical storage facility, or vehicle rental facility, or any officer, employee, or agent of such common carrier, public accommodation facility, physical storage facility, or vehicle rental facility, shall disclose to any person, other than those officers, agents, or employees of the common carrier, public accommodation facility, physical storage facility, or vehicle rental facility necessary to fulfill the requirement to disclose the information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation under this section.

''(c) As used in this chapter—

''(1) the term 'common carrier' means a locomotive, rail carrier, bus carrying passengers, water common carrier, air common carrier, or private commercial interstate carrier for the delivery of packages and other objects;

''(2) the term 'public accommodation facility' means any inn, hotel, motel, or other establishment that provides lodging to transient guests;

''(3) the term 'physical storage facility' means any business or entity that provides space for the storage of goods or materials, or services related to the storage of goods or materials, to the public or any segment thereof; and

''(4) the term 'vehicle rental facility' means any person or entity that provides vehicles for rent, lease, loan, or other similar use, to the public or any segment thereof.''.

SEC. 503. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM REWARDS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

(a) TERRORISM ABROAD.—Section 36 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2708) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by striking ''$2,000,000'' and inserting ''$10,000,000''; and

(2) in subsection (g), by striking ''$5,000,000'' and inserting ''$10,000,000.

(b) DOMESTIC TERRORISM.—Title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 3072, by striking ''$500,000'' and inserting ''$10,000,000''; and

(2) in section 3075, by striking ''$5,000,000'' and inserting ''$10,000,000''.

(c) GENERAL REWARD AUTHORITY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 203 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding immediately after section 3059A the following section:

"§ 3059B. General reward authority

''(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Attorney General may pay rewards and receive from any department or agency funds for the payment of rewards under this section to any individual who assists the Department of Justice in performing its functions.

''(b) Not later than 30 days after authorizing a reward under this section that exceeds $100,000, the Attorney General shall give notice to the respective chairmen of the Committees on Appropriations and the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

''(c) A determination made by the Attorney General to authorize an award under this section and the amount of any reward authorized shall be final and conclusive, and not subject to judicial review.''.

Subtitle B—Intelligence and Investigation Enhancements

SEC. 511. STUDY AND REPORT ON ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE.

(a) STUDY.—The Attorney General and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall study all applicable laws and guidelines relating to electronic surveillance and the use of pen registers and other trap and trace devices.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit a report to the Congress that includes—

(1) the findings of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a);

(2) recommendations for the use of electronic devices in conducting surveillance of terrorist or other criminal organizations, and for any modifications in the law necessary to enable the Federal Government to fulfill its law enforcement responsibilities within appropriate constitutional parameters; and

(3) a summary of efforts to use current wiretap authority, including detailed examples of situations in which expanded authority would have enabled law enforcement authorities to fulfill their responsibilities.

SEC. 512. AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERCEPTIONS OF COMMUNICATIONS IN CERTAIN TERRORISM RELATED OFFENSES.

Section 2516(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (c)—

(A) by inserting before ''or section 1992 (relating to wrecking trains)'' the following: ''section 2332 (relating to terrorist acts abroad), section 2332a (relating to weapons of mass destruction, section 2332b (relating to acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries), section 2339A (relating to providing material support to terrorists), section 37 (relating to violence at international airports),''; and

(B) by inserting after ''section 175 (relating to biological weapons),'' the following: ''or a felony violation under section 1028 (relating to production of false identification documentation), sections 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, and 1546 (relating to passport and visa offenses),'';

(2) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (o), as so redesignated by section 512(a)(2);

(3) by redesignating paragraph (p), as so redesignated by section 512(a)(2), as paragraph (s); and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (o), as so redesignated by section 512(a)(2), the following new subparagraphs:

''(p) any violation of section 956 or section 960 of title 18, United States Code (relating to certain actions against foreign nations);

''(q) any violation of section 46502 of title 49, United States Code; and''.

SEC. 513. REQUIREMENT TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE.

Section 2703 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(f) REQUIREMENT TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE.—A provider of wire or electronic communication services or a remote computing service, upon the request of a governmental entity, shall take all necessary steps to preserve records and other evidence in its possession pending the issuance of a court order or other process. Such records shall be retained for a period of 90 days, which period shall be extended for an additional 90-day period upon a renewed request by the governmental entity.''.

Subtitle C—Additional Funding for Law Enforcement

SEC. 521. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT TERRORISM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—With funds made available pursuant to subsection (b), the Attorney General shall—

(1) develop digital telephony technology;

(2) support and enhance the technical support center and tactical operations;

(3) create a Federal Bureau of Investigation counterterrorism and counterintelligence fund for costs associated with terrorism cases;

(4) expand and improve the instructional, operational support, and construction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation academy;

(5) construct an FBI laboratory, provide laboratory examination support, and provide for a Command Center;

(6) make funds available to the chief executive officer of each State to carry out the activities described in subsection (d); and

(7) enhance personnel to support counterterrorism activities.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to help meet the increased demands for activities to combat terrorism—

(1) $300,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;

(2) $225,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;

(3) $328,000,000 for fiscal year 1998;

(4) $190,000,000 for fiscal year 1999; and

(5) $183,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available pursuant to subsection (b), in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

(d) STATE GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any funds made available for purposes of subsection (a)(6) may be expended—

(A) by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to expand the combined DNA Identification System (CODIS) to include Federal crimes and crimes committed in the District of Columbia; and

(B) by the Attorney General, in consultation with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to make funds available to the chief executive officer of each State to carry out the activities described in paragraph (2).

(2) GRANT PROGRAM.—

(A) USE OF FUNDS.—The executive officer of each State shall use any funds made available under paragraph (1)(B) in conjunction with units of local government, other States, or combinations thereof, to carry out all or part of a program to establish, develop, update, or upgrade—

(i) computerized identification systems that are compatible and integrated with the databases of the National Crime Information Center of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(ii) ballistics identification programs that are compatible and integrated with the Drugfire Program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(iii) the capability to analyze deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) in a forensic laboratory in ways that are compatible and integrated with the combined DNA Identification System (CODIS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

(iv) automated fingerprint identification systems that are compatible and integrated with the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive funds under this paragraph, a State shall require that each person convicted of a felony of a sexual nature shall provide to appropriate State law enforcement officials, as designated by the chief executive officer of the State, a sample of blood, saliva, or other specimen necessary to conduct a DNA analysis consistent with the standards established for DNA testing by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(C) INTERSTATE COMPACTS.—A State may enter into a compact or compacts with another State or States to carry out this subsection.

(D) ALLOCATION.—(i) Of the total amount appropriated pursuant to this section in a fiscal year—

(I) $500,000 or 0.25 percent, whichever is greater, shall be allocated to each of the participating States; and

(II) of the total funds remaining after the allocation under subclause (I), there shall be allocated to each State an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount of remaining funds described in this subparagraph as the population of such State bears to the population of all States.

(ii) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ''State'' means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands, except that for purposes of the allocation under this subparagraph, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall be considered as one State and that for these purposes, 67 percent of the amounts allocated shall be allocated to American Samoa, and 33 percent to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SEC. 522. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated for the activities of the United States Customs Service, to help meet the increased needs of the United States Customs Service—

(1) $6,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;
(2) $6,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;
(3) $6,000,000 for fiscal year 1998;
(4) $5,000,000 for fiscal year 1999; and
(5) $5,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to subsection (a), in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 523. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated for the activities of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, to help meet the increased needs of the Immigration and Naturalization Service $5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to subsection (a), in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 524. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

(a) ACTIVITIES OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.—With funds made available pursuant to subsection (b), the Attorney General shall—

(1) fund antiviolence crime initiatives;
(2) fund major violators' initiatives; and
(3) enhance or replace infrastructure.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Drug Enforcement Administration, to help meet the increased needs of the Drug Enforcement Administration—

(1) $60,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;
(2) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;
(3) $80,000,000 for fiscal year 1998;
(4) $90,000,000 for fiscal year 1999; and
(5) $100,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 525. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Attorney General shall—

(1) hire additional Assistant United States Attorneys, and

(2) provide for increased security at courthouses and other facilities housing Federal workers.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for the activities of the Department of Justice, to hire additional Assistant United States Attorneys and personnel for the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice and provide increased security to meet the needs resulting from this Act $20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 526. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated for the activities of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, to augment counterterrorism efforts—

(1) $20,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;
(2) $20,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;
(3) $20,000,000 for fiscal year 1998;
(4) $20,000,000 for fiscal year 1999; and
(5) $20,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

(b) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated for the activities of the United States Secret Service, to augment White House security and expand Presidential protection activities—

(1) $62,000,000 for fiscal year 1996;
(2) $25,000,000 for fiscal year 1997;
(3) $25,000,000 for fiscal year 1998;
(4) $25,000,000 for fiscal year 1999; and
(5) $25,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

SEC. 527. FUNDING SOURCE.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funding for authorizations provided in this subtitle may be paid for out of the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund.

SEC. 528. DETERRENT AGAINST TERRORIST ACTIVITY DAMAGING A FEDERAL INTEREST COMPUTER.

The United States Sentencing Commission shall review existing guideline levels as they apply to sections 1030(a)(4) and 1030(a)(5) of title 18, United States Code, and report to Congress on their findings as to their deterrent effect within 60 calendar days. Furthermore, the Commission shall promulgate guideline amendments that will ensure that individuals convicted under sections 1030(a)(4) and 1030(a)(5) of title 18, United States Code, are incarcerated for not less than 6 months.

TITLE VI—CRIMINAL PROCEDURAL IMPROVEMENTS

Subtitle A—Habeas Corpus Reform

SEC. 601. FILING DEADLINES.

Section 2244 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(d)(1) A 1-year period of limitation shall apply to an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court. The limitation period shall run from the latest of—

''(A) the date on which the judgment became final by the conclusion of direct review or the expiration of the time for seeking such review;

''(B) the date on which the impediment to filing an application created by State action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the applicant was prevented from filing by such State action;

''(C) the date on which the constitutional right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if the right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or

''(D) the date on which the factual predicate of the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

''(2) The time during which a properly filed application for State post-conviction or other collateral review with respect to the pertinent judgment or claim shall not be counted toward any period of limitation under this subsection.''.

SEC. 602. APPEAL.

Section 2253 of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''§ 2253. Appeal

''(a) In a habeas corpus proceeding or a proceeding under section 2255 before a district judge, the final order shall be subject to review, on appeal, by the court of appeals for the circuit in which the proceeding is held.

''(b) There shall be no right of appeal from a final order in a proceeding to test the validity of a warrant to remove to another district or place for commitment or trial a person charged with a criminal offense against the United States, or to test the validity of such person's detention pending removal proceedings.

''(c)(1) Unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability, an appeal may not be taken to the court of appeals from—

''(A) the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding in which the detention complained of arises out of process issued by a State court; or

''(B) the final order in a proceeding under section 2255.

''(2) A certificate of appealability may issue under paragraph (1) only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.

''(3) The certificate of appealability under paragraph (1) shall indicate which specific issue or issues satisfy the showing required by paragraph (2).''.

SEC. 603. AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE.

Rule 22 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure is amended to read as follows:

''Rule 22. Habeas corpus and section 2255 proceedings

''(a) APPLICATION FOR THE ORIGINAL WRIT.—An application for a writ of habeas corpus shall be made to the appropriate district court. If application is made to a circuit judge, the application shall be transferred to the appropriate district court. If an application is made to or transferred to the district court and denied, renewal of the application before a circuit judge shall not be permitted. The applicant may, pursuant to section 2253 of title 28, United States Code, appeal to the appropriate court of appeals from the order of the district court denying the writ.

''(b) CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY.—In a habeas corpus proceeding in which the detention complained of arises out of process issued by a State court, an appeal by the applicant for the writ may not proceed unless a district or a circuit judge issues a certificate of appealability pursuant to section 2253(c) of title 28, United States Code. If an appeal is taken by the applicant, the district judge who rendered the judgment shall either issue a certificate of appealability or state the reasons why such a certificate should not issue. The certificate or the statement shall be forwarded to the court of appeals with the notice of appeal and the file of the proceedings in the district court. If the district judge has denied the certificate, the applicant for the writ may then request issuance of the certificate by a circuit judge. If such a request is addressed to the court of appeals, it shall be deemed addressed to the judges thereof and shall be considered by a circuit judge or judges as the court deems appropriate. If no express request for a certificate is filed, the notice of appeal shall be deemed to constitute a request addressed to the judges of the court of appeals. If an appeal is taken by a State or its representative, a certificate of appealability is not required.''.

SEC. 604. SECTION 2254 AMENDMENTS.

Section 2254 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

''(b)(1) An application for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court shall not be granted unless it appears that—

''(A) the applicant has exhausted the remedies available in the courts of the State; or

''(B)(i) there is an absence of available State corrective process; or

''(ii) circumstances exist that render such process ineffective to protect the rights of the applicant.

''(2) An application for a writ of habeas corpus may be denied on the merits, notwithstanding the failure of the applicant to exhaust the remedies available in the courts of the State.

''(3) A State shall not be deemed to have waived the exhaustion requirement or be estopped from reliance upon the requirement unless the State, through counsel, expressly waives the requirement.'';

(2) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), and (f) as subsections (e), (f), and (g), respectively;

(3) by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection:

''(d) An application for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court shall not be granted with respect to any claim that was adjudicated on the merits in State court proceedings unless the adjudication of the claim—

''(1) resulted in a decision that was contrary to, or involved an unreasonable application of, clearly established Federal law, as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States; or

''(2) resulted in a decision that was based on an unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented in the State court proceeding.'';

(4) by amending subsection (e), as redesignated by paragraph (2), to read as follows:

''(e)(1) In a proceeding instituted by an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court, a determination of a factual issue made by a State court shall be presumed to be correct. The applicant shall have the burden of rebutting the presumption of correctness by clear and convincing evidence.

''(2) If the applicant has failed to develop the factual basis of a claim in State court proceedings, the court shall not hold an evidentiary hearing on the claim unless the applicant shows that—

''(A) the claim relies on—

''(i) a new rule of constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable; or

''(ii) a factual predicate that could not have been previously discovered through the exercise of due diligence; and

''(B) the facts underlying the claim would be sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that but for constitutional error, no reasonable factfinder would have found the applicant guilty of the underlying offense.''; and

(5) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

''(h) Except as provided in title 21, United States Code, section 848, in all proceedings brought under this section, and any subsequent proceedings on review, the court may appoint counsel for an applicant who is or becomes financially unable to afford counsel, except as provided by a rule promulgated by the Supreme Court pursuant to statutory authority. Appointment of counsel under this section shall be governed by section 3006A of title 18.

''(i) The ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel during Federal or State collateral post-conviction proceedings shall not be a ground for relief in a proceeding arising under section 2254.''.

SEC. 605. SECTION 2255 AMENDMENTS.

Section 2255 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the second and fifth undesignated paragraphs; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new undesignated paragraphs:

''A 1-year period of limitation shall apply to a motion under this section. The limitation period shall run from the latest of—

''(1) the date on which the judgment of conviction becomes final;

''(2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movant was prevented from making a motion by such governmental action;

''(3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or

''(4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

''Except as provided in title 21, United States Code, section 848, in all proceedings brought under this section, and any subsequent proceedings on review, the court may appoint counsel for a movant who is or becomes financially unable to afford counsel shall be in the discretion of the court, except as provided by a rule promulgated by the Supreme Court pursuant to statutory authority. Appointment of counsel under this section shall be governed by section 3006A of title 18.

''A second or successive motion must be certified as provided in section 2244 by a panel of the appropriate court of appeals to contain—

''(1) newly discovered evidence that, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that no reasonable factfinder would have found the movant guilty of the offense; or

''(2) a new rule of constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable.''.

SEC. 606. LIMITS ON SECOND OR SUCCESSIVE APPLICATIONS.

(a) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2244(a).—Section 2244(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking ''and the petition'' and all that follows through ''by such inquiry.'' and inserting '', except as provided in section 2255.''.

(b) LIMITS ON SECOND OR SUCCESSIVE APPLICATIONS.—Section 2244(b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''(b)(1) A claim presented in a second or successive habeas corpus application under section 2254 that was presented in a prior application shall be dismissed.

''(2) A claim presented in a second or successive habeas corpus application under section 2254 that was not presented in a prior application shall be dismissed unless—

''(A) the applicant shows that the claim relies on a new rule of constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable; or

''(B)(i) the factual predicate for the claim could not have been discovered previously through the exercise of due diligence; and

''(ii) the facts underlying the claim, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that, but for constitutional error, no reasonable factfinder would have found the applicant guilty of the underlying offense.

''(3)(A) Before a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application.

''(B) A motion in the court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider a second or successive application shall be determined by a three-judge panel of the court of appeals.

''(C) The court of appeals may authorize the filing of a second or successive application only if it determines that the application makes a prima facie showing that the application satisfies the requirements of this subsection.

''(D) The court of appeals shall grant or deny the authorization to file a second or successive application not later than 30 days after the filing of the motion.

''(E) The grant or denial of an authorization by a court of appeals to file a second or successive application shall not be appealable and shall not be the subject of a petition for rehearing or for a writ of certiorari.

''(4) A district court shall dismiss any claim presented in a second or successive application that the court of appeals has authorized to be filed unless the applicant shows that the claim satisfies the requirements of this section.''.

SEC. 607. DEATH PENALTY LITIGATION PROCEDURES.

(a) ADDITION OF CHAPTER TO TITLE 28, UNITED STATES CODE.—Title 28, United States

Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 153 the following new chapter:

"CHAPTER 154—SPECIAL HABEAS CORPUS PROCEDURES IN CAPITAL CASES

"Sec.
"2261. Prisoners in State custody subject to capital sentence; appointment of counsel; requirement of rule of court or statute; procedures for appointment.
"2262. Mandatory stay of execution; duration; limits on stays of execution; successive petitions.
"2263. Filing of habeas corpus application; time requirements; tolling rules.
"2264. Scope of Federal review; district court adjudications.
"2265. Application to State unitary review procedure.
"2266. Limitation periods for determining applications and motions.

"§ 2261. Prisoners in State custody subject to capital sentence; appointment of counsel; requirement of rule of court or statute; procedures for appointment

"(a) This chapter shall apply to cases arising under section 2254 brought by prisoners in State custody who are subject to a capital sentence. It shall apply only if the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) are satisfied.

"(b) This chapter is applicable if a State establishes by statute, rule of its court of last resort, or by another agency authorized by State law, a mechanism for the appointment, compensation, and payment of reasonable litigation expenses of competent counsel in State post-conviction proceedings brought by indigent prisoners whose capital convictions and sentences have been upheld on direct appeal to the court of last resort in the State or have otherwise become final for State law purposes. The rule of court or statute must provide standards of competency for the appointment of such counsel.

"(c) Any mechanism for the appointment, compensation, and reimbursement of counsel as provided in subsection (b) must offer counsel to all State prisoners under capital sentence and must provide for the entry of an order by a court of record—

"(1) appointing one or more counsels to represent the prisoner upon a finding that the prisoner is indigent and accepted the offer or is unable competently to decide whether to accept or reject the offer;

"(2) finding, after a hearing if necessary, that the prisoner rejected the offer of counsel and made the decision with an understanding of its legal consequences; or

"(3) denying the appointment of counsel upon a finding that the prisoner is not indigent.

"(d) No counsel appointed pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) to represent a State prisoner under capital sentence shall have previously represented the prisoner at trial or on direct appeal in the case for which the appointment is made unless the prisoner and counsel expressly request continued representation.

"(e) The ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel during State or Federal post-conviction proceedings in a capital case shall not be a ground for relief in a proceeding arising under section 2254. This limitation shall not preclude the appointment of different counsel, on the court's own motion or at the request of the prisoner, at any phase of State or Federal post-conviction proceedings on the basis of the ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel in such proceedings.

"§ 2262. Mandatory stay of execution; duration; limits on stays of execution; successive petitions

"(a) Upon the entry in the appropriate State court of record of an order under section 2261(c), a warrant or order setting an execution date for a State prisoner shall be stayed upon application to any court that would have jurisdiction over any proceedings filed under section 2254. The application shall recite that the State has invoked the post-conviction review procedures of this chapter and that the scheduled execution is subject to stay.

"(b) A stay of execution granted pursuant to subsection (a) shall expire if—

"(1) a State prisoner fails to file a habeas corpus application under section 2254 within the time required in section 2263;

"(2) before a court of competent jurisdiction, in the presence of counsel, unless the prisoner has competently and knowingly waived such counsel, and after having been advised of the consequences, a State prisoner under capital sentence waives the right to pursue habeas corpus review under section 2254; or

"(3) a State prisoner files a habeas corpus petition under section 2254 within the time required by section 2263 and fails to make a substantial showing of the denial of a Federal right or is denied relief in the district court or at any subsequent stage of review.

"(c) If one of the conditions in subsection (b) has occurred, no Federal court thereafter shall have the authority to enter a stay of execution in the case, unless the court of appeals approves the filing of a second or successive application under section 2244(b).

"§ 2263. Filing of habeas corpus application; time requirements; tolling rules

"(a) Any application under this chapter for habeas corpus relief under section 2254 must be filed in the appropriate district court not later than 180 days after final State court affirmance of the conviction and sentence on direct review or the expiration of the time for seeking such review.

"(b) The time requirements established by subsection (a) shall be tolled—

"(1) from the date that a petition for certiorari is filed in the Supreme Court until the date of final disposition of the petition if a State prisoner files the petition to secure review by the Supreme Court of the affirmance of a capital sentence on direct review by the court of last resort of the State or other final State court decision on direct review;

"(2) from the date on which the first petition for post-conviction review or other collateral relief is filed until the final State court disposition of such petition; and

"(3) during an additional period not to exceed 30 days, if—

"(A) a motion for an extension of time is filed in the Federal district court that would have jurisdiction over the case upon the filing of a habeas corpus application under section 2254; and

"(B) a showing of good cause is made for the failure to file the habeas corpus application within the time period established by this section.

"§ 2264. Scope of Federal review; district court adjudications

"(a) Whenever a State prisoner under capital sentence files a petition for habeas corpus relief to which this chapter applies, the district court shall only consider a claim or claims that have been raised and decided on the merits in the State courts, unless the failure to raise the claim properly is—

"(1) the result of State action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States;

"(2) the result of the Supreme Court recognition of a new Federal right that is made retroactively applicable; or

"(3) based on a factual predicate that could not have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence in time to present the claim for State or Federal post-conviction review.

"(b) Following review subject to subsections (a), (d), and (e) of section 2254, the court shall rule on the claims properly before it.

"§ 2265. Application to State unitary review procedure

"(a) For purposes of this section, a 'unitary review' procedure means a State procedure that authorizes a person under sentence of death to raise, in the course of direct review of the judgment, such claims as could be raised on collateral attack. This chapter shall apply, as provided in this section, in relation to a State unitary review procedure if the State establishes by rule of its court of last resort or by statute a mechanism for the appointment, compensation, and payment of reasonable litigation expenses of competent counsel in the unitary review proceedings, including expenses relating to the litigation of collateral claims in the proceedings. The rule of court or statute must provide standards of competency for the appointment of such counsel.

"(b) To qualify under this section, a unitary review procedure must include an offer of counsel following trial for the purpose of representation on unitary review, and entry of an order, as provided in section 2261(c), concerning appointment of counsel or waiver or denial of appointment of counsel for that purpose. No counsel appointed to represent the prisoner in the unitary review proceedings shall have previously represented the prisoner at trial in the case for which the appointment is made unless the prisoner and counsel expressly request continued representation.

"(c) Sections 2262, 2263, 2264, and 2266 shall apply in relation to cases involving a sentence of death from any State having a unitary review procedure that qualifies under this section. References to State 'post-conviction review' and 'direct review' in such sections shall be understood as referring to unitary review under the State procedure. The reference in section 2262(a) to 'an order under section 2261(c)' shall be understood as referring to the post-trial order under subsection (b) concerning representation in the unitary review proceedings, but if a transcript of the trial proceedings is unavailable at the time of the filing of such an order in the appropriate State court, then the start of the 180-day limitation period under section 2263 shall be deferred until a transcript is made available to the prisoner or counsel of the prisoner.

"§ 2266. Limitation periods for determining applications and motions

"(a) The adjudication of any application under section 2254 that is subject to this chapter, and the adjudication of any motion under section 2255 by a person under sentence of death, shall be given priority by the district court and by the court of appeals over all noncapital matters.

"(b)(1)(A) A district court shall render a final determination and enter a final judgment on any application for a writ of habeas corpus brought under this chapter in a capital case not later than 180 days after the date on which the application is filed.

"(B) A district court shall afford the parties at least 120 days in which to complete all actions, including the preparation of all pleadings and briefs, and if necessary, a hearing, prior to the submission of the case for decision.

"(C)(i) A district court may delay for not more than one additional 30-day period beyond the period specified in subparagraph (A), the rendering of a determination of an application for a writ of habeas corpus if the court issues a written order making a finding, and stating the reasons for the finding,

that the ends of justice that would be served by allowing the delay outweigh the best interests of the public and the applicant in a speedy disposition of the application.

''(ii) The factors, among others, that a court shall consider in determining whether a delay in the disposition of an application is warranted are as follows:

''(I) Whether the failure to allow the delay would be likely to result in a miscarriage of justice.

''(II) Whether the case is so unusual or so complex, due to the number of defendants, the nature of the prosecution, or the existence of novel questions of fact or law, that it is unreasonable to expect adequate briefing within the time limitations established by subparagraph (A).

''(III) Whether the failure to allow a delay in a case, that, taken as a whole, is not so unusual or so complex as described in subclause (II), but would otherwise deny the applicant reasonable time to obtain counsel, would unreasonably deny the applicant or the government continuity of counsel, or would deny counsel for the applicant or the government the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.

''(iii) No delay in disposition shall be permissible because of general congestion of the court's calendar.

''(iv) The court shall transmit a copy of any order issued under clause (i) to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for inclusion in the report under paragraph (5).

''(2) The time limitations under paragraph (1) shall apply to—

''(A) an initial application for a writ of habeas corpus;

''(B) any second or successive application for a writ of habeas corpus; and

''(C) any redetermination of an application for a writ of habeas corpus following a remand by the court of appeals or the Supreme Court for further proceedings, in which case the limitation period shall run from the date the remand is ordered.

''(3)(A) The time limitations under this section shall not be construed to entitle an applicant to a stay of execution, to which the applicant would otherwise not be entitled, for the purpose of litigating any application or appeal.

''(B) No amendment to an application for a writ of habeas corpus under this chapter shall be permitted after the filing of the answer to the application, except on the grounds specified in section 2244(b).

''(4)(A) The failure of a court to meet or comply with a time limitation under this section shall not be a ground for granting relief from a judgment of conviction or sentence.

''(B) The State may enforce a time limitation under this section by petitioning for a writ of mandamus to the court of appeals. The court of appeals shall act on the petition for a writ or mandamus not later than 30 days after the filing of the petition.

''(5)(A) The Administrative Office of United States Courts shall submit to Congress an annual report on the compliance by the district courts with the time limitations under this section.

''(B) The report described in subparagraph (A) shall include copies of the orders submitted by the district courts under paragraph (1)(B)(iv).

''(c)(1)(A) A court of appeals shall hear and render a final determination of any appeal of an order granting or denying, in whole or in part, an application brought under this chapter in a capital case not later than 120 days after the date on which the reply brief is filed, or if no reply brief is filed, not later than 120 days after the date on which the answering brief is filed.

''(B)(i) A court of appeals shall decide whether to grant a petition for rehearing or other request for rehearing en banc not later than 30 days after the date on which the petition for rehearing is filed unless a responsive pleading is required, in which case the court shall decide whether to grant the petition not later than 30 days after the date on which the responsive pleading is filed.

''(ii) If a petition for rehearing or rehearing en banc is granted, the court of appeals shall hear and render a final determination of the appeal not later than 120 days after the date on which the order granting rehearing or rehearing en banc is entered.

''(2) The time limitations under paragraph (1) shall apply to—

''(A) an initial application for a writ of habeas corpus;

''(B) any second or successive application for a writ of habeas corpus; and

''(C) any redetermination of an application for a writ of habeas corpus or related appeal following a remand by the court of appeals en banc or the Supreme Court for further proceedings, in which case the limitation period shall run from the date the remand is ordered.

''(3) The time limitations under this section shall not be construed to entitle an applicant to a stay of execution, to which the applicant would otherwise not be entitled, for the purpose of litigating any application or appeal.

''(4)(A) The failure of a court to meet or comply with a time limitation under this section shall not be a ground for granting relief from a judgment of conviction or sentence.

''(B) The State may enforce a time limitation under this section by applying for a writ of mandamus to the Supreme Court.

''(5) The Administrative Office of United States Courts shall submit to Congress an annual report on the compliance by the courts of appeals with the time limitations under this section.''.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The part analysis for part IV of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding after the item relating to chapter 153 the following new item:

''154. Special habeas corpus procedures in capital cases ..... 2261.''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Chapter 154 of title 28, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)) shall apply to cases pending on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 608. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.

Section 408(q) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 848(q)) is amended by amending paragraph (9) to read as follows:

''(9) Upon a finding that investigative, expert, or other services are reasonably necessary for the representation of the defendant, whether in connection with issues relating to guilt or the sentence, the court may authorize the defendant's attorneys to obtain such services on behalf of the defendant and, if so authorized, shall order the payment of fees and expenses therefor under paragraph (10). No ex parte proceeding, communication, or request may be considered pursuant to this section unless a proper showing is made concerning the need for confidentiality. Any such proceeding, communication, or request shall be transcribed and made a part of the record available for appellate review.''.

Subtitle B—Criminal Procedural Improvements

SEC. 621. CLARIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN TERRORISM OFFENSES OVERSEAS.

(a) AIRCRAFT PIRACY.—Section 46502(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking ''and later found in the United States'';

(2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

''(2) The courts of the United States have jurisdiction over the offense in paragraph (1) if—

''(A) a national of the United States was aboard the aircraft;

''(B) an offender is a national of the United States; or

''(C) an offender is afterwards found in the United States.''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'national of the United States' has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)).''.

(b) DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OR AIRCRAFT FACILITIES.—Section 32(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking ''(b) Whoever'' and inserting ''(b)(1) Whoever'';

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D), respectively;

(3) by striking '', if the offender is later found in the United States,''; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

''(2) The courts of the United States have jurisdiction over an offense described in this subsection if—

''(A) a national of the United States was on board, or would have been on board, the aircraft;

''(B) an offender is a national of the United States; or

''(C) an offender is afterwards found in the United States.

''(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'national of the United States' has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)).''.

(c) MURDER OR MANSLAUGHTER OF INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS.—Section 1116 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking '', except that'';

(2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(7) 'National of the United States' has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)).''; and

(3) in subsection (c), by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: ''If the victim of an offense under subsection (a) is an internationally protected person outside the United States, the United States may exercise jurisdiction over the offense if (1) the victim is a representative, officer, employee, or agent of the United States, (2) an offender is a national of the United States, or (3) an offender is afterwards found in the United States.''.

(d) PROTECTION OF INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS.—Section 112 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by inserting ''national of the United States,'' before ''and''; and

(2) in subsection (e), by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: ''If the victim of an offense under subsection (a) is an internationally protected person outside the United States, the United States may exercise jurisdiction over the offense if (1) the victim is a representative, officer, employee, or agent of the United States, (2) an offender is a national of the United States, or (3) an offender is afterwards found in the United States.''.

(e) THREATS AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS.—Section 878 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by inserting ''national of the United States,'' before ''and''; and

(2) in subsection (d), by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: ''If the victim of an offense under subsection (a) is an internationally protected person outside the United States, the United States may exercise jurisdiction over the offense if (1) the victim is a representative, officer, employee, or agent of the United States, (2) an offender is a national of the United States, or (3) an offender is afterwards found in the United States.''.

(f) KIDNAPPING OF INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS.—Section 1201(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: ''If the victim of an offense under subsection (a) is an internationally protected person outside the United States, the United States may exercise jurisdiction over the offense if (1) the victim is a representative, officer, employee, or agent of the United States, (2) an offender is a national of the United States, or (3) an offender is afterwards found in the United States.''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: ''For purposes of this subsection, the term 'national of the United States' has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22).''.

(g) VIOLENCE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS.—Section 37(b)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''(2) the prohibited activity takes place outside the United States, and—

''(A) the offender is later found in the United States; or

''(B) an offender or a victim is a national of the United States (as defined in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22))).''.

(h) NATIONAL OF THE UNITED STATES DEFINED.—Section 178 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the ''and'' at the end of paragraph (3);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (4) and inserting ''; and''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(5) the term 'national of the United States' has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)).''.

SEC. 622. EXPANSION OF TERRITORIAL SEA.

(a) TERRITORIAL SEA EXTENDING TO TWELVE MILES INCLUDED IN SPECIAL MARITIME AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—The Congress declares that all the territorial sea of the United States, as defined by Presidential Proclamation 5928 of December 27, 1988, for purposes of criminal jurisdiction is part of the United States, subject to its sovereignty, and, for purposes of Federal criminal jurisdiction, is within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States wherever that term is used in title 18, United States Code.

(b) ASSIMILATED CRIMES IN EXTENDED TERRITORIAL SEA.—Section 13 of title 18, United States Code (relating to the adoption of State laws for areas within Federal jurisdiction), is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting after ''title,'' the following: ''or on, above, or below any portion of the territorial sea of the United States not within the jurisdiction of any State, Commonwealth, territory, possession, or district''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(c) Whenever any waters of the territorial sea of the United States lie outside the territory of any State, Commonwealth, territory, possession, or district, such waters (including the airspace above and the seabed and subsoil below, and artificial islands and fixed structures erected thereon) shall be deemed for purposes of subsection (a) to lie within the area of that State, Commonwealth, territory, possession, or district it would lie within if the boundaries of such State, Commonwealth, territory, possession, or district were extended seaward to the outer limit of the territorial sea of the United States.''.

SEC. 623. EXPANSION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION STATUTE.

Section 2332a of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting ''threatens,'' before ''attempts'';

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking ''; or'' and inserting the following: ''and the results of such use affect interstate or foreign commerce or, in the case of a threat, attempt, or conspiracy, would have affected interstate or foreign commerce if such use had occurred;'';

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4);

(D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

''(3) against a victim, or intended victim, that is the United States Government, a member of the uniformed services, or any official, officer, employee, or agent of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches, or any department or agency, of the United States; and''; and

(E) in paragraph (4), as redesignated, by inserting before the comma at the end the following: '', or is within the United States and is used in any activity affecting interstate or foreign commerce''.

(2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c);

(3) by adding immediately after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

''(b) USE OUTSIDE UNITED STATES.—Any national of the United States who outside of the United States uses, threatens, attempts, or conspires to use, a weapon of mass destruction, shall be imprisoned for any term of years or for life, and if death results, shall be punished by death or imprisonment for any term of years or for life. The preceding sentence does not apply to a person performing an act that, as performed, is within the scope of the person's official duties as an officer or employee of the United States or as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, or to a person employed by a contractor of the United States for performing an act that, as performed, is authorized under the contract.''; and

(4) by amending subsection (c)(2)(B), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by striking ''poison gas'' and inserting ''any poisonous chemical agent or substance, regardless of form or delivery system, designed for causing widespread death or injury;''.

SEC. 624. ADDITION OF TERRORISM OFFENSES TO THE RICO STATUTE.

Section 1961(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) by inserting after ''Section'' the following: ''32 (relating to the destruction of aircraft), section 37 (relating to violence at international airports), section 115 (relating to influencing, impeding, or retaliating against a Federal official by threatening or injuring a family member), section'';

(B) by inserting after ''section 224 (relating to sports bribery),'' the following: ''section 351 (relating to congressional or Cabinet officer assassination),'';

(C) by inserting after ''section 664 (relating to embezzlement from pension and welfare funds),'' the following: ''section 831 (relating to prohibited transactions involving nuclear materials), section 844 (f) or (i) (relating to destruction by explosives or fire of government property or property affecting interstate or foreign commerce),'';

(D) by inserting after ''sections 891–894 (relating to extortionate credit transactions),'' the following: ''section 956 (relating to conspiracy to kill, kidnap, maim, or injure certain property in a foreign country),'';

(E) by inserting after ''section 1084 (relating to the transmission of gambling information),'' the following: ''section 1111 (relating to murder), section 1114 (relating to murder of United States law enforcement officials), section 1116 (relating to murder of foreign officials, official guests, or internationally protected persons), section 1203 (relating to hostage taking),'';

(F) by inserting after ''section 1344 (relating to financial institution fraud),'' the following: ''section 1361 (relating to willful injury of government property within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction),'';

(G) by inserting after ''section 1513 (relating to retaliating against a witness, victim, or an informant),'' the following: ''section 1751 (relating to Presidential assassination),'';

(H) by inserting after ''section 1958 (relating to use of interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire),'' the following: ''section 2280 (relating to violence against maritime navigation), section 2281 (relating to violence against maritime fixed platforms),''; and

(I) by inserting after ''2321 (relating to trafficking in certain motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts),'' the following: ''section 2332 (relating to terrorist acts abroad against United States nationals), section 2332a (relating to use of weapons of mass destruction), section 2332b (relating to acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries), section 2339A (relating to providing material support to terrorists),'';

(2) by striking ''or'' before ''(E)''; and

(3) by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: '', or (F) section 46502 of title 49, United States Code''.

SEC. 625. ADDITION OF TERRORISM OFFENSES TO THE MONEY LAUNDERING STATUTE.

Section 1956(c)(7) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

''(ii) murder, kidnapping, robbery, extortion, or destruction of property by means of explosive or fire;''; and

(2) in subparagraph (D)—

(A) by inserting after ''an offense under'' the following: ''section 32 (relating to the destruction of aircraft), section 37 (relating to violence at international airports), section 115 (relating to influencing, impeding, or retaliating against a Federal official by threatening or injuring a family member),'';

(B) by inserting after ''section 215 (relating to commissions or gifts for procuring loans),'' the following: ''section 351 (relating to congressional or Cabinet officer assassination),'';

(C) by inserting after ''section 798 (relating to espionage),'' the following: ''section 831 (relating to prohibited transactions involving nuclear materials), section 844 (f) or (i) (relating to destruction by explosives or fire of Government property or property affecting interstate or foreign commerce),'';

(D) by inserting after ''section 875 (relating to interstate communications),'' the following: ''section 956 (relating to conspiracy to kill, kidnap, maim, or injure certain property in a foreign country),'';

(E) by inserting after ''section 1032 (relating to concealment of assets from conservator, receiver, or liquidating agent of financial institution),'' the following: ''section 1111 (relating to murder), section 1114 (relating to murder of United States law enforcement officials), section 1116 (relating to murder of foreign officials, official guests, or internationally protected persons),'';

(F) by inserting after ''section 1203 (relating to hostage taking)'' the following: ''section 1361 (relating to willful injury of Government property), section 1363 (relating to destruction of property within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction),'';

(G) by inserting after ''section 1708 (relating to theft from the mail)'' the following: ''section 1751 (relating to Presidential assassination),'';

(H) by inserting after ''2114 (relating to bank and postal robbery and theft),'' the following: ''section 2280 (relating to violence against maritime navigation), section 2281 (relating to violence against maritime fixed platforms),''; and

(I) by striking ''of this title'' and inserting the following: ''section 2332 (relating to terrorist acts abroad against United States nationals), section 2332a (relating to use of weapons of mass destruction), section 2332b (relating to international terrorist acts transcending national boundaries), 2339A (relating to providing material support to terrorists) of this title, section 46502 of title 49, United States Code,''.

SEC. 626. PROTECTION OF CURRENT OR FORMER OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, OR EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE ASSAULTS, MURDERS, AND THREATS AGAINST FAMILIES OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS.—Section 115(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting '', or threatens to assault, kidnap, or murder, any person who formerly served as a person designated in paragraph (1), or'' after ''assaults, kidnaps, or murders, or attempts to kidnap or murder''.

(b) MURDER OR ATTEMPTS TO MURDER CURRENT OR FORMER FEDERAL OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES.—Section 1114 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''§ 1114. Protection of officers and employees of the United States

''Whoever kills or attempts to kill a current or former officer or employee of the United States or its instrumentalities, or an immediate family member of such officer or employee, or any person assisting such an officer or employee in the performance of official duties, during or on account of the performance of such duties or the provision of such assistance, shall be punished—

''(1) in the case of murder, as provided under section 1111;

''(2) in the case of manslaughter, as provided under section 1112; and

''(3) in the case of attempted murder or manslaughter as provided in section 1113, not more than 20 years.''.

(c) AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY THE MEANING OF THE TERM DEADLY OR DANGEROUS WEAPON IN THE PROHIBITION ON ASSAULT ON FEDERAL OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES.—Section 111(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after ''deadly or dangerous weapon'' the following: ''(including a weapon intended to cause death or danger but that fails to do so by reason of a defective or missing component)''.

SEC. 627. ADDITION OF CONSPIRACY TO TERRORISM OFFENSES.

(a) DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OR AIRCRAFT FACILITIES.—(1) Section 32(a)(7) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''or conspires'' after ''attempts''.

(2) Section 32(b)(D) of title 18, United States Code, as redesignated by section 721(b)(2), is amended by inserting ''or conspires'' after ''attempts''.

(b) VIOLENCE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS.—Section 37(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''or conspires'' after ''attempts''.

(c) INFLUENCING, IMPEDING, OR RETALIATING AGAINST A FEDERAL OFFICIAL BY THREATENING OR INJURING A FAMILY MEMBER.—(1) Section 115(a)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''or conspires'' after ''attempts''.

(2) Section 115(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code, as amended by section 729, is further amended by inserting ''or conspires'' after ''attempts''.

(3) Section 115(b)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking both times it appears ''or attempted kidnapping'' and inserting both times '', attempted kidnapping or conspiracy to kidnap''.

(4)(A) Section 115(b)(3) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking ''or attempted murder'' and inserting '', attempted murder or conspiracy to murder''.

(B) Section 115(b)(3) of title 18, United States Code, is further amended by striking ''and 1113'' and inserting '', 1113, and 1117''.

(d) PROHIBITIONS WITH RESPECT TO BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS.—Section 175(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting '', or conspires to do so,'' after ''any organization to do so,''.

(e) HOSTAGE TAKING.—Section 1203(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''or conspires'' after ''attempts''.

(f) VIOLENCE AGAINST MARITIME NAVIGATION.—Section 2280(a)(1)(H) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''or conspires'' after ''attempts''.

(g) VIOLENCE AGAINST MARITIME FIXED PLATFORMS.—Section 2281(a)(1)(F) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''or conspires'' after ''attempts''.

(h) AIRCRAFT PIRACY.—Section 46502 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting '', conspiring,'' after ''committing'' and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting ''or conspiring to commit'' after ''committing'';

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting ''conspired or'' after ''has placed,''; and

(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting ''conspired or'' after ''has placed,''.

(i) CLARIFICATION OF MARITIME VIOLENCE JURISDICTION.—Section 2280(b)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in clause (ii), by striking ''and the activity is not prohibited as a crime by the State in which the activity takes place''; and

(2) in clause (iii), by striking ''the activity takes place on a ship flying the flag of a foreign country or outside the United States,''.

SEC. 628. CLARIFICATION OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION OVER BOMB THREATS.

Section 844(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking ''(e) Whoever'' and inserting ''(e)(1) Whoever''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(2) Whoever willfully makes any threat, or maliciously conveys false information knowing the same to be false, concerning an attempt or alleged attempt being made, or to be made to violate subsection (f) or (i) of this section or section 81 of this title shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.''.

TITLE VII—MARKING OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES

SEC. 701. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) plastic explosives were used by terrorists in the bombings of Pan Am flight 103 in December 1988 and UTA flight 722 in September 1989;

(2) plastic explosives can be used with little likelihood of detection for acts of unlawful interference with civil aviation, maritime navigation, and other modes of transportation;

(3) the criminal use of plastic explosives places innocent lives in jeopardy, endangers national security, affects domestic tranquility, and gravely affects interstate and foreign commerce;

(4) the marking of plastic explosives for the purpose of detection would contribute significantly to the prevention and punishment of such unlawful acts; and

(5) for the purpose of deterring and detecting such unlawful acts, the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection, Done at Montreal on 1 March 1991, requires each contracting State to adopt appropriate measures to ensure that plastic explosives are duly marked and controlled.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to fully implement the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection, Done at Montreal on 1 March 1991.

SEC. 702. DEFINITIONS.

Section 841 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

''(o) 'Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives' means the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection, Done at Montreal on 1 March 1991.

''(p) 'Detection agent' means any one of the substances specified in this subsection when introduced into a plastic explosive or formulated in such explosive as a part of the manufacturing process in such a manner as to achieve homogeneous distribution in the finished explosive, including—

''(1) Ethylene glycol dinitrate (EGDN), $C_2H_4(NO_3)_2$, molecular weight 152, when the minimum concentration in the finished explosive is 0.2 percent by mass;

''(2) 2,3-Dimethyl-2,3-dinitrobutane (DMNB), $C_6H_{12}(NO_2)_2$, molecular weight 176, when the minimum concentration in the finished explosive is 0.1 percent by mass;

''(3) Para-Mononitrotoluene (p-MNT), $C_7H_7NO_2$, molecular weight 137, when the minimum concentration in the finished explosive is 0.5 percent by mass;

''(4) Ortho-Mononitrotoluene (o-MNT), $C_7H_7NO_2$, molecular weight 137, when the minimum concentration in the finished explosive is 0.5 percent by mass; and

''(5) any other substance in the concentration specified by the Secretary, after consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, which has been added to the table in part 2 of the Technical Annex to the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives.

''(q) 'Plastic explosive' means an explosive material in flexible or elastic sheet form formulated with one or more high explosives which in their pure form have a vapor pressure less than 10^{-4} Pa at a temperature of 25°C., is formulated with a binder material, and is as a mixture malleable or flexible at normal room temperature.''.

SEC. 703. REQUIREMENT OF DETECTION AGENTS FOR PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES.

Section 842 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding after subsection (k) the following new subsections:

''(l) It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture any plastic explosive that does not contain a detection agent.

''(m)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to import or bring into the United States, or export from the United States, any plastic explosive that does not contain a detection agent.

''(2) This subsection does not apply to the importation or bringing into the United States, or the exportation from the United States, of any plastic explosive that was imported, brought into, or manufactured in the United States prior to the date of enactment of title VII of the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act of 1995 by or on behalf of any agency of the United States performing military or police functions (including any military reserve component) or by or on behalf of the National Guard of any State, not later than 15 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives, with respect to the United States.

''(n)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to ship, transport, transfer, receive, or possess any plastic explosive that does not contain a detection agent.

''(2) This subsection does not apply to—

''(A) the shipment, transportation, transfer, receipt, or possession of any plastic explosive that was imported, brought into, or manufactured in the United States prior to the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act of 1995 by any person during a period not exceeding 3 years after the date of enactment of title VII of the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act of 1995; or

''(B) the shipment, transportation, transfer, receipt, or possession of any plastic explosive that was imported, brought into, or manufactured in the United States prior to the date of enactment of title VII of the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act of 1995 by or on behalf of any agency of the United States performing a military or police function (including any military reserve component) or by or on behalf of the National Guard of any State, not later than 15 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives, with respect to the United States.

''(o) It shall be unlawful for any person, other than an agency of the United States (including any military reserve component) or the National Guard of any State, possessing any plastic explosive on the date of enactment of title VII of the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act of 1995, to fail to report to the Secretary within 120 days after such effective date the quantity of such explosives possessed, the manufacturer or importer, any marks of identification on such explosives, and such other information as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe.''.

SEC. 704. CRIMINAL SANCTIONS.

Section 844(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''(a) Any person who violates any of subsections (a) through (i) or (l) through (o) of section 842 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.''.

SEC. 705. EXCEPTIONS.

Section 845 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting ''(l), (m), (n), or (o) of section 842 and subsections'' after ''subsections'';

(2) in paragraph (1), by inserting before the semicolon '', and which pertain to safety''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(c) It is an affirmative defense against any proceeding involving subsections (l) through (o) of section 842 if the proponent proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the plastic explosive—

''(1) consisted of a small amount of plastic explosive intended for and utilized solely in lawful—

''(A) research, development, or testing of new or modified explosive materials;

''(B) training in explosives detection or development or testing of explosives detection equipment; or

''(C) forensic science purposes; or

''(2) was plastic explosive that, within 3 years after the date of enactment of the Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act of 1995, will be or is incorporated in a military device within the territory of the United States and remains an integral part of such military device, or is intended to be, or is incorporated in, and remains an integral part of a military device that is intended to become, or has become, the property of any agency of the United States performing military or police functions (including any military reserve component) or the National Guard of any State, wherever such device is located.

''(3) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'military device' includes, but is not restricted to, shells, bombs, projectiles, mines, missiles, rockets, shaped charges, grenades, perforators, and similar devices lawfully manufactured exclusively for military or police purposes.''.

SEC. 706. INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY.

Section 846 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the last sentence, by inserting in the last sentence before ''subsection'' the phrase ''subsection (m) or (n) of section 842 or;'', and

(2) by adding at the end the following: ''The Attorney General shall exercise authority over violations of subsection (m) or (n) of section 842 only when they are committed by a member of a terrorist or revolutionary group. In any matter involving a terrorist or revolutionary group or individual, as determined by the Attorney General, the Attorney General shall have primary investigative responsibility and the Secretary shall assist the Attorney General as requested.''.

SEC. 707. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, this title and the amendments made by this title shall take effect 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 708. STUDY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR TAGGING OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS, AND STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RENDERING EXPLOSIVE COMPONENTS INERT AND IMPOSING CONTROLS ON PRECURSORS OF EXPLOSIVES.

(a) The Secretary of the Treasury shall conduct a study and make recommendations concerning—

(1) the tagging of explosive materials for purposes of detection and identification;

(2) whether common chemicals used to manufacture explosive materials can be rendered inert and whether it is feasible to require it; and

(3) whether controls can be imposed on certain precursor chemicals used to manufacture explosive materials and whether it is feasible and cost-effective to require it.

In conducting the study, the Secretary shall consult with other Federal, State and local officials with expertise in this area and such other individuals as shall be deemed necessary. Such study shall be completed within twelve months after the enactment of this Act and shall be submitted to the Congress and made available to the public. Such study may include, if appropriate, recommendations for legislation.

(b) There are authorized to be appropriated for the study and recommendations contained in paragraph (a) such sums as may be necessary.

(c) Section 842, of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (k), a new subsection (l) which reads as follows:

''(l)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, import, ship, transport, receive, possess, transfer, or distribute any explosive material that does not contain a tracer element as prescribed by the Secretary pursuant to regulation, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the explosive material does not contain the required tracer element.

''(2) For purposes of this subsection, explosive material does not include smokeless or black powder manufactured for uses set forth in section 845(a) (4) and (5) of this chapter.''.

(d) Section 844, of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after ''(a) through (i)'' the phrase ''and (l)''.

(e) Section 846, of title 18, United States Code, is amended by designating the present section as ''(a)'' and by adding a new subsection (b) reading as follows:

''(b) to facilitate the enforcement of this chapter the Secretary shall, within 6 months after submission of the study required by subsection (a), promulgate regulations for the addition of tracer elements to explosive materials manufactured in or imported into the United States. Tracer elements to be added to explosive materials under provisions of this subsection shall be of such character and in such quantity as the Secretary may authorize or require, and such as will not substantially impair the quality of the explosive materials for their intended lawful use, adversely affect the safety of these explosives, or have a substantially adverse effect on the environment.''.

(f) The penalties provided herein shall not take effect until ninety days after the date of promulgation of the regulations provided for herein.

TITLE VIII—NUCLEAR MATERIALS

SEC. 801. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) nuclear materials, including byproduct materials, can be used to create radioactive dispersal devices that are capable of causing serious bodily injury as well as substantial damage to property and the environment;

(2) the potential use of nuclear materials, including byproduct materials, enhances the threat posed by terrorist activities and thereby has a greater effect on the security interests of the United States;

(3) due to the widespread hazards presented by the threat of nuclear contamination, as well as nuclear bombs, the United States has a strong interest in ensuring that persons who are engaged in the illegal acquisition and use of nuclear materials, including byproduct materials, are prosecuted for their offenses;

(4) the threat that nuclear materials will be obtained and used by terrorist and other criminal organizations has increased substantially since the enactment in 1982 of the legislation that implemented the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, codified at section 831 of title 18, United States Code;

(5) the successful efforts to obtain agreements from other countries to dismantle nuclear weapons have resulted in increased packaging and transportation of nuclear materials, thereby decreasing the security of such materials by increasing the opportunity for unlawful diversion and theft;

(6) the illicit trafficking in the relatively more common, commercially available and usable nuclear and byproduct materials poses a potential to cause significant loss of life and environmental damage;

(7) reported trafficking incidents in the early 1990's suggest that the individuals involved in trafficking these materials from Eurasia and Eastern Europe frequently conducted their black market sales of these materials within the Federal Republic of Germany, the Baltic States, the former Soviet

Union, Central Europe, and to a lesser extent in the Middle European countries;

(8) the international community has become increasingly concerned over the illegal possession of nuclear and nuclear byproduct materials;

(9) the potentially disastrous ramifications of increased access to nuclear and nuclear byproduct materials pose such a significant future threat that the United States must use all lawful methods available to combat the illegal use of such materials;

(10) the United States has an interest in encouraging United States corporations to do business in the countries that comprised the former Soviet Union, and in other developing democracies;

(11) protection of such United States corporations from threats created by the unlawful use of nuclear materials is important to the success of the effort to encourage such business ventures, and to further the foreign relations and commerce of the United States;

(12) the nature of nuclear contamination is such that it may affect the health, environment, and property of United States nationals even if the acts that constitute the illegal activity occur outside the territory of the United States, and are primarily directed toward foreign nationals; and

(13) there is presently no Federal criminal statute that provides adequate protection to United States interests from nonweapons grade, yet hazardous radioactive material, and from the illegal diversion of nuclear materials that are held for other than peaceful purposes.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to provide Federal law enforcement agencies the necessary tools and fullest possible basis allowed under the Constitution to combat the threat of nuclear contamination and proliferation that may result from illegal possession and use of radioactive materials.

SEC. 802. EXPANSION OF SCOPE AND JURISDICTIONAL BASES OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS PROHIBITIONS.

Section 831 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking ''nuclear material'' each place it appears and inserting ''nuclear material or nuclear byproduct material'';

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting ''or the environment'' after ''property''; and

(ii) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

''(B)(i) circumstances exist that are likely to cause the death or serious bodily injury to any person or substantial damage to property or the environment, or such circumstances have been represented to the defendant to exist;''; and

(C) in paragraph (6), by inserting ''or the environment'' after ''property'';

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

''(2) an offender or a victim is a national of the United States or a United States corporation or other legal entity;'';

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking ''at the time of the offense the nuclear material is in use, storage, or transport, for peaceful purposes, and''; and

(ii) by striking ''or'' at the end of the paragraph;

(C) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by striking ''nuclear material for peaceful purposes'' and inserting ''nuclear material or nuclear byproduct material''; and

(ii) by striking the period at the end of the paragraph and inserting ''; or''; and

(D) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(5) the governmental entity under subsection (a)(5) is the United States or the threat under subsection (a)(6) is directed at the United States.''; and

(3) in subsection (f)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''with an isotopic concentration not in excess of 80 percent plutonium 238''; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''(C) uranium'' and inserting ''(C) enriched uranium, defined as uranium'';

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively;

(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

''(2) the term 'nuclear byproduct material' means any material containing any radioactive isotope created through an irradiation process in the operation of a nuclear reactor or accelerator;'';

(D) by striking ''and'' at the end of paragraph (4), as redesignated;

(E) by striking the period at the end of subsection (f)(5), as redesignated, and inserting a semicolon; and

(F) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

''(6) the term 'national of the United States' has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)); and

''(7) the term 'United States corporation or other legal entity' means any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of the United States or any State, Commonwealth, territory, possession, or district of the United States.''.

TITLE IX—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 901. PROHIBITION ON DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS FOR A CRIMINAL PURPOSE.

(a) Section 842 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(l) It shall be unlawful for any person to teach or demonstrate the making of explosive materials, or to distribute by any means information pertaining to, in whole or in part, the manufacture of explosive materials, if the person intends or knows, that such explosive materials or information will be used for, or in furtherance of, an activity that constitutes a Federal criminal offense or a criminal purpose affecting interstate commerce.''.

(b) Section 844 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by designating subsection (a) as subsection (a)(1) and by adding the following new subsection:

''(a)(2) Any person who violates subsection (l) of section 842 of this chapter shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both.''.

SEC. 902. DESIGNATION OF CARTNEY KOCH MCRAVEN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

(a) DESIGNATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal building at 1314 LeMay Boulevard, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, shall be known and designated as the ''Cartney Koch McRaven Child Development Center''.

(2) REPLACEMENT BUILDING.—If, after the date of enactment of this Act, a new Federal building is built at the location described in paragraph (1) to replace the building described in the paragraph, the new Federal building shall be known and designated as the ''Cartney Koch McRaven Child Development Center''.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to a Federal building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the ''Cartney Koch McRaven Child Development Center''.

SEC. 903. FOREIGN AIR TRAVEL SAFETY.

Section 44906 of title 49, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''§ 44906. Foreign air carrier security programs

''The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall continue in effect the requirement of section 129.25 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, that a foreign air carrier must adopt and use a security program approved by the Administrator. The Administrator shall only approve a security program of a foreign air carrier under section 129.25, or any successor regulation, if the Administrator decides the security program provides passengers of the foreign air carrier a level of protection identical to the level those passengers would receive under the security programs of air carriers serving the same airport. The Administrator shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section.''.

SEC. 904. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a Federal, State, or local government agency may not use a voter registration card (or other related document) that evidences registration for an election for Federal office, as evidence to prove United States citizenship.

SEC. 905. COOPERATION OF FERTILIZER RESEARCH CENTERS.

In conducting any portion of the study relating to the regulation and use of fertilizer as a pre-explosive material, the Secretary of the Treasury shall consult with and receive input from non-profit fertilizer research centers and include their opinions and findings in the report required under subsection (c).

SEC. 906. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON CONVICTED PERSONS.

Section 3013(a)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''$50'' and inserting ''not less than $100''; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''$200'' and inserting ''not less than $400''.

SEC. 907. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE UNDER ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT FOR COUNTRIES NOT COOPERATING FULLY WITH UNITED STATES ANTITERRORISM EFFORTS.

Chapter 3 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2771 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''**Sec. 40A. Transactions with Countries Not Fully Cooperating with United States Antiterrorism Efforts.**

''(a) PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS.—No defense article or defense service may be sold or licensed for export under this Act to a foreign country in a fiscal year unless the President determines and certifies to Congress at the beginning of that fiscal year, or at any other time in that fiscal year before such sale or license, that the country is cooperating fully with United States antiterrorism efforts.

''(b) WAIVER.—The President may waive the prohibition set forth in subsection (a) with respect to a specific transaction if the President determines that the transaction is essential to the national security interests of the United States.''.

SEC. 908. AUTHORITY TO REQUEST MILITARY ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO OFFENSES INVOLVING BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

(a) BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.—Section 175 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(c)(1) MILITARY ASSISTANCE.—The Attorney General may request that the Secretary of Defense provide assistance in support of

Department of Justice activities relating to the enforcement of this section in an emergency situation involving biological weapons of mass destruction. Department of Defense resources, including personnel of the Department of Defense, may be used to provide such assistance if—

''(A) the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General determine that an emergency situation involving biological weapons of mass destruction exists; and

''(B) the Secretary of Defense determines that the provision of such assistance will not adversely affect the military preparedness of the United States.

''(2) As used in this section, 'emergency situation involving biological weapons of mass destruction' means a circumstance involving a biological weapon of mass destruction—

''(A) that poses a serious threat to the interests of the United States; and

''(B) in which—

''(i) civilian expertise is not readily available to provide the required assistance to counter the threat posed by the biological weapon of mass destruction involved;

''(ii) Department of Defense special capabilities and expertise are needed to counter the threat posed by the biological weapon of mass destruction involved; and

''(iii) enforcement of the law would be seriously impaired if the Department of Defense assistance were not provided.

''(3) The assistance referred to in paragraph (1) includes the operation of equipment (including equipment made available under section 372 of title 10) to monitor, contain, disable, or dispose of a biological weapon of mass destruction or elements of the weapon.

''(4) The Attorney General and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly issue regulations concerning the types of assistance that may be provided under this subsection. Such regulations shall also describe the actions that Department of Defense personnel may take in circumstances incident to the provision of assistance under this subsection. Such regulations shall not authorize arrest or any assistance in conducting searches and seizures that seek evidence related to violations of this section, except for the immediate protection of human life.

''(5) The Secretary of Defense shall require reimbursement as a condition for providing assistance under this subsection in accordance with section 377 of title 10.

''(6)(A) Except to the extent otherwise provided by the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General may exercise the authority of the Attorney General under this subsection. The Attorney General may delegate the Attorney General's authority under this subsection only to the Associate Attorney General or an Assistant Attorney General and only if the Associate Attorney General or Assistant Attorney General to whom delegated has been designated by the Attorney General to act for, and to exercise the general powers of, the Attorney General.

''(B) Except to the extent otherwise provided by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense may exercise the authority of the Secretary of Defense under this subsection. The Secretary of Defense may delegate the Secretary's authority under this subsection only to an Under Secretary of Defense or an Assistant Secretary of Defense and only if the Under Secretary or Assistant Secretary to whom delegated has been designated by the Secretary to act for, and to exercise the general powers of, the Secretary.''.

(b) CHEMICAL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.—The chapter 113B of title 18, United States Code, that relates to terrorism, is amended by inserting after section 2332a the following:

''§ 2332b. Use of chemical weapons

''(a) OFFENSE.—A person who without lawful authority uses, or attempts or conspires to use, a chemical weapon—

''(1) against a national of the United States while such national is outside of the United States;

''(2) against any person within the United States; or

''(3) against any property that is owned, leased or used by the United States or by any department or agency of the United States, whether the property is within or outside of the United States,

shall be imprisoned for any term of years or for life, and if death results, shall be punished by death or imprisoned for any term of years or for life.

''(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

''(1) the term 'national of the United States' has the meaning given in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22)); and

''(2) the term 'chemical weapon' means any weapon that is designed to cause widespread death or serious bodily injury through the release, dissemination, or impact of toxic or poisonous chemicals or their precursors.

''(c)(1) MILITARY ASSISTANCE.—The Attorney General may request that the Secretary of Defense provide assistance in support of Department of Justice activities relating to the enforcement of this section in an emergency situation involving chemical weapons of mass destruction. Department of Defense resources, including personnel of the Department of Defense, may be used to provide such assistance if—

''(A) the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General determine that an emergency situation involving chemical weapons of mass destruction exists; and

''(B) the Secretary of Defense determines that the provision of such assistance will not adversely affect the military preparedness of the United States.

''(2) As used in this section, 'emergency situation involving chemical weapons of mass destruction' means a circumstance involving a chemical weapon of mass destruction—

''(A) that poses a serious threat to the interests of the United States; and

''(B) in which—

''(i) civilian expertise is not readily available to provide the required assistance to counter the threat posed by the chemical weapon of mass destruction involved;

''(ii) Department of Defense special capabilities and expertise are needed to counter the threat posed by the biological weapon of mass destruction involved; and

''(iii) enforcement of the law would be seriously impaired if the Department of Defense assistance were not provided.

''(3) The assistance referred to in paragraph (1) includes the operation of equipment (including equipment made available under section 372 of title 10) to monitor, contain, disable, or dispose of a chemical weapon of mass destruction or elements of the weapon.

''(4) The Attorney General and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly issue regulations concerning the types of assistance that may be provided under this subsection. Such regulations shall also describe the actions that Department of Defense personnel may take in circumstances incident to the provision of assistance under this subsection. Such regulations shall not authorize arrest or any assistance in conducting searches and seizures that seek evidence related to violations of this section, except for the immediate protection of human life.

''(5) The Secretary of Defense shall require reimbursement as a condition for providing assistance under this subsection in accordance with section 377 of title 10.

''(6)(A) Except to the extent otherwise provided by the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General may exercise the authority of the Attorney General under this subsection. The Attorney General may delegate the Attorney General's authority under this subsection only to the Associate Attorney General or an Assistant Attorney General and only if the Associate Attorney General or Assistant Attorney General to whom delegated has been designated by the Attorney General to act for, and to exercise the general powers of, the Attorney General.

''(B) Except to the extent otherwise provided by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense may exercise the authority of the Secretary of Defense under this subsection. The Secretary of Defense may delegate the Secretary's authority under this subsection only to an Under Secretary of Defense or an Assistant Secretary of Defense and only if the Under Secretary or Assistant Secretary to whom delegated has been designated by the Secretary to act for, and to exercise the general powers of, the Secretary.''.

(c)(1) CIVILIAN EXPERTISE.—The President shall take reasonable measures to reduce civilian law enforcement officials' reliance on Department of Defense resources to counter the threat posed by the use or potential use of biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction within the United States, including—

(A) increasing civilian law enforcement expertise to counter such threat;

(B) improving coordination between civilian law enforcement officials and other civilian sources of expertise, both within and outside the Federal Government, to counter such threat.

(2) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—The President shall submit to the Congress—

(A) ninety days after the date of enactment of this Act, a report describing the respective policy functions and operational roles of Federal agencies in countering the threat posed by the use or potential use of biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction within the United States;

(B) one year after the date of enactment of this Act, a report describing the actions planned to be taken and the attendant cost pertaining to paragraph (1); and

(C) three years after the date of enactment of this Act, a report updating the information provided in the reports submitted pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B), including measures taken pursuant to paragraph (1).

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis for chapter 113B of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2332a the following:

''2332b. Use of chemical weapons.''.

(e) USE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.—Section 2332a(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''without lawful authority'' after ''A person who''.

SEC. 909. REVISION TO EXISTING AUTHORITY FOR MULTIPOINT WIRETAPS.

(a) Section 2518(11)(b)(ii) of title 18 is amended: by deleting ''of a purpose, on the part of that person, to thwart interception by changing facilities.'' and inserting ''that the person had the intent to thwart interception or that the person's actions and conduct would have the effect of thwarting interception from a specified facility.''.

(b) Section 2518(11)(b)(iii) is amended to read:

''(iii) the judge finds that such showing has been adequately made.''.

SEC. 910. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES PARK POLICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury for the activities of the United States Park Police, to help meet the increased needs of the United States Park Police, $1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 911. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury for the activities of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, to help meet the increased needs of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, $4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 912. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury for the activities of the United States Customs Service, to help meet the increased needs of the United States Customs Service, $10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 913. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of the provisions of such to any person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

TITLE X—VICTIMS OF TERRORISM ACT

SEC. 1001. TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Victims of Terrorism Act of 1995''.

SEC. 1002. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF TERRORISM.

The Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 1404A the following new section:

''SEC. 1404B. COMPENSATION AND ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TERRORISM OR MASS VIOLENCE.

''(a) VICTIMS OF ACTS OF TERRORISM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—The Director may make supplemental grants to States to provide compensation and assistance to the residents of such States who, while outside the territorial boundaries of the United States, are victims of a terrorist act or mass violence and are not persons eligible for compensation under title VIII of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986.

''(b) VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM.—The Director may make supplemental grants to States for eligible crime victim compensation and assistance programs to provide emergency relief, including crisis response efforts, assistance, training, and technical assistance, for the benefit of victims of terrorist acts or mass violence occurring within the United States and may provide funding to United States Attorney's Offices for use in coordination with State victims compensation and assistance efforts in providing emergency relief.''.

SEC. 1003. FUNDING OF COMPENSATION AND ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF TERRORISM, MASS VIOLENCE, AND CRIME.

Section 1402(d)(4) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601(d)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

''(4)(A) If the sums available in the Fund are sufficient to fully provide grants to the States pursuant to section 1403(a)(1), the Director may retain any portion of the Fund that was deposited during a fiscal year that was in excess of 110 percent of the total amount deposited in the Fund during the preceding fiscal year as an emergency reserve. Such reserve shall not exceed $50,000,000.

''(B) The emergency reserve may be used for supplemental grants under section 1404B and to supplement the funds available to provide grants to States for compensation and assistance in accordance with sections 1403 and 1404 in years in which supplemental grants are needed.''.

SEC. 1004. CRIME VICTIMS FUND AMENDMENTS.

(a) UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—Section 1402 of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by striking ''subsection'' and inserting ''chapter''; and

(2) by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

''(e) AMOUNTS AWARDED AND UNSPENT.—Any amount awarded as part of a grant under this chapter that remains unspent at the end of a fiscal year in which the grant is made may be expended for the purpose for which the grant is made at any time during the 2 succeeding fiscal years, at the end of which period, any remaining unobligated sums shall be returned to the Fund.''.

(b) BASE AMOUNT.—Section 1404(a)(5) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 10603(a)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

''(5) As used in this subsection, the term 'base amount' means—

''(A) except as provided in subparagraph (B), $500,000; and

''(B) for the territories of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Palau, $200,000.''.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I would like to thank BOB DOLE for his strong leadership. It was an honor to work with him. ARLEN SPECTER for his legal acumen, JOE BIDEN for his statesmanship and DON NICKLES and JAMES INHOFE for their able input. All of these Senators were vital to the passage of this bill.

I would also like to commend the following staffers for their long, hard work:

Democrats: Cynthia Hogan, Ankor Gouel, Chris Putals, Demetra Lambros, Mimi Murphy, Tracy Doherty, and Mike O'Leary.

Republicans: Mike O'Neill and Mike Kennedy. These two men worked, literally, around the clock. Also, Ashley Disque, John Gibbons, Dennis Shea, Richard Hertling, Lee Otis, Eric Mayfield, and Manus Cooney.

All of these people helped make this bill possible. The President called on Congress for swift action, and we delivered.

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, immediately after the Oklahoma City tragedy, President Clinton was right on target when he said that the perpetrators of this vicious crime should face justice that was ''swift, certain, and severe.''

I am pleased to report to the American people and to the President that, with today's passage of the antiterrorism bill, we are one giant step closer to achieving this important goal.

The most critical element of this bill, and the one that bears most directly on the tragic events in Oklahoma City, is the provision reforming the so-called habeas corpus rules.

By imposing filing deadlines on all death row inmates, and by limiting condemned killers convicted in State or Federal court to one Federal habeas petition—one bite of the apple—these landmark reforms will go a long, long way to streamline the lengthy appeals process and bridge the gap between crime and punishment in America.

It is dead wrong that we must wait 8, or 9, or even 10 years before a capital sentence is actually carried out. And, of course, it is terribly unjust to the innocent victims of violent crime and their families.

As I said yesterday, if the Federal Government prosecutes the Oklahoma City case and the death penalty is sought and imposed, the execution of the sentence could take as a little as 1 year once these reforms are enacted into law.

I want to thank President Clinton for his efforts this past week in discrouraging Democratic amendments. No doubt about it, the President's involvement has helped speed up the process here in the Senate. I particularly commend the President for finally coming around to the view that habeas reform is an essential ingredient of any serious anti-terrorism plan.

I want to thank the two managers, Senator HATCH and Senator BIDEN, for their persistence in guiding this legislation through the Senate. On this side of aisle, Senator HATCH has provided the intellectual glue that has kept this effort together. And, of course, I want to thank my two colleagues from Oklahoma, Senator NICKLES and Senator INHOFEE, whose help in this process has also been invaluable.

Finally, I commend the good people of Oklahoma City, who self-sacrifice and resiliency during this very difficult time has been an inspiration for us all. The families of some of the bombing victims travelled all the way to Washington this past Monday to let us know that we must take action now to put an end to the endless delays and appeals that have done so much to weaken public confidence in our system of criminal justice. It is gratifying to see that their efforts have had such a profound impact here in the Senate.

Mr. HATFIELD. Madam President, it has been a difficult process, but we have now reached the conclusion of this worthy debate. I want to commend Majority Leader DOLE and Minority Leader DASCHLE and the managers of this legislation, Chairman HATCH and

Senator BIDEN, the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, for their skill and resolve in moving this important and complex measure through the Senate.

It is proper for the Senate, at the request of the President, to undertake this legislative action to put in place safeguards to ensure, to the extent we can, that terrorism does not occur in the future. It is my hope that this legislation will provide one more avenue toward the national healing that is needed in the aftermath of one of the most senseless and disturbing acts in the history of man.

I have joined with all my colleagues to condemn this act in the harshest terms. However, despite my abhorrence of this horrible crime, I am unable to support this legislation. As many of my colleagues are aware, I am a longtime opponent of capital punishment. This legislation, under section 2332b, on page 7 of the bill, provides for the imposition of the death penalty in the following manner:

(1) Whoever violates this section shall, in addition to the punishment provided for any other crime charged in the indictment, be punished—

(A) if death results to any person, by death, or by life imprisonment for any term of years or for life;

Madam President, I could support this provision if the clause ''by death'' were excluded. Because it has not been deleted, and because the death penalty is so repugnant me, I am unable to support this legislation which has many meritorious provisions.

I would like my colleagues to take note of a recent event in the country of South Africa. I am informed that the highest court in South Africa has struck down the death penalty in that country on the basis that it constitutes cruel and inhumane punishment. In his opinion, Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson said, ''Retribution cannot be accorded the same weight under our constitution as the right to life and dignity.'' He went on to make a point made by death penalty opponents on this floor many times: ''It has not been shown that the death sentence would be materially more effective to deter or prevent murder than the alternative sentence of life imprisonment.''

I believe it is time for this country to follow the lead of the South Africans. I have long held that capital punishment is a barbaric penalty, certainly one that should be abhorrent to a society such as our own.

I have marveled at the strides the South Africans have made over the past decade. It was not too many years ago that the United States put great pressure on the Government of South Africa to improve their horrible human rights record. While this new decision is being met with the expected cries of opposition, it now appears to me that the South Africans are setting an example for us on human rights.

I merely make note of this enlightenment in South Africa as this body continues down the road of support for capital punishment. It is my hope that some day my colleagues will realize this is a failed, primitive and sickening policy. I regret that, on that basis, I am unable to support S. 735.

THE COMPREHENSIVE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Madam President, I am deeply concerned that the Senate has chosen in this legislation to radically alter the ancient writ of habeas corpus an subjiciendum. Four separate Democratic amendments that would have moderated the bill's extreme habeas corpus provisions were rejected today.

It is troubling that the Senate has undertaken to revise the Great Writ of Liberty in a bill designed as a response to the Oklahoma City bombing. Habeas corpus reform has very little to do with terrorism. The Oklahoma City bombing was a Federal crime and will be tried in Federal courts. The controversy over habeas corpus is a result of excess litigation by State court prisoners who believe they were wrongly convicted in State courts. According to the Emergency Committee to Save Habeas Corpus, a group of 100 of the Nation's most distinguished attorneys, scholars, and civic leaders, ''Cutting back the enforcement of constitutional liberties for people unlawfully held in State custody is neither necessary to habeas reform nor relevant to terrorism.''

Article I, section 9 of the U.S. Constitution provides that:

The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it.

The Habeas Corpus Act of 1867 permitted State prisoners convicted in State courts to challenge the constitutionality of their imprisonment in Federal district court. This is a right we have honored in the United States for well over a century.

The legislation before us will require our Federal courts to defer to State court judgments unless a State court's application of Federal law is unreasonable. Our Federal courts will be powerless to correct State court decisions—even if a State court decision is wrong. The bill requires deference by the Federal courts unless a State court's decision is unreasonably wrong. This is a standard that will effectively preclude Federal review.

This Senator understands the need for habeas corpus reform, and I would support legislation to impose reasonable limitations on appeals. But this bill goes far too far. It will in many cases transform the State courts—not the Federal courts established under article III of the U.S. Constitution—into the arbiters of Federal constitutionality.

This legislation will eviscerate the writ of habeas corpus, and that is something this Senator in good conscience must oppose. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a letter from the Emergency Committee to Save Habeas Corpus, and the list of its members, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
TO SAVE HABEAS CORPUS,
Washington, DC, June 1, 1995.

Hon. Daniel Patrick Moynihan,
Russell Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR MOYNIHAN: We understand that the Senate may act next week on the habeas corpus provisions in Senator Dole's terrorism legislation. Among these provisions is a requirement that federal courts must defer to state courts incorrectly applying federal constitutional law, unless it can be said that the state ruling was ''unreasonably'' incorrect. This is a variation of past proposals to strip the federal courts of the power to enforce the Constitution when the state court's interpretation of it, though clearly wrong, had been issued after a ''full and fair'' hearing.

The Emergency Committee was formed in 1991 to fight this extreme proposal. Our membership consists of both supporters and opponents of the death penalty, Republicans and Democrats, united in the belief that the federal habeas corpus process can be dramatically streamlined without jeopardizing its constitutional core. At a time when proposals to curtail civil liberties in the name of national security are being widely viewed with suspicion, we believe it is vital to ensure that habeas corpus—the means by which all civil liberties are enforced—is not substantively diminished.

The habeas corpus reform bill President Clinton proposed in 1993, drafted in close cooperation with the nation's district attorneys and state attorneys general, appropriately recognizes this point. It would codify the long-standing principal of independent federal review of constitutional questions, and specifically reject the ''full and fair'' deference standard.

Independent federal review of state court judgments has existed since the founding of the Republic, whether through writ of error or writ of habeas corpus. It has a proud history of guarding against injustices born of racial prejudice and intolerance, of saving the innocent from imprisonment or execution, and in the process, ensuring the rights of all law-abiding citizens. Independent federal review was endorsed by the committee chaired by Justice Powell on which all subsequent reform proposals have been based, and the Supreme Court itself specifically considered but declined to require deference to the states, in *Wright* v. *West* in 1992.

We must emphasize that this issue of deference to state rulings has absolutely no bearing on the swift processing of terrorism offenses in the federal system. For federal inmates, the pending habeas reform legislation proposes dramatic procedural reforms but appropriately avoids any curtailment of the federal courts' power to decide federal constitutional issues. This same framework of reform will produce equally dramatic results in state cases. Cutting back the enforcement of constitutional liberties for people unlawfully held in state custody is neither necessary to habeas reform nor relevant to terrorism.

We are confident that the worthwhile goal of streamlining the review of criminal cases can be accomplished without diminishing constitutional liberties. Please support the continuation of independent federal review of federal constitutional claims through habeas corpus.

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN CIVILETTI.

EDWARD H. LEVI.
NICHOLAS DEB.
KATZENBACH.
ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON.

STATEMENTS ON PROPOSALS REQUIRING FEDERAL COURTS IN HABEAS CORPUS CASES TO DEFER TO STATE COURTS ON FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Capital cases should be subject to one fair and complete course of collateral review through the state and federal system * * * . Where the death penalty is involved, fairness means a searching and impartial review of the propriety of the sentence—Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., presenting the 1989 report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Federal Habeas Corpus in Capital Cases, chaired by him and appointed by Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

The federal courts should continue to review de novo mixed and pure questions of federal law. Congress should codify this review standard * * *. Senator Dole's bill [containing the ''full and fair'' deference requirement' would rather straightforwardly eliminate federal habeas jurisdiction over most constitutional claims by state inmates—150 former state and federal prosecutors, in a December 7, 1993 letter to Judiciary Committee Chairman Biden and Brooks.

Racial distinctions are evident in every aspect of the process that leads to execution * * *. [W]e feverently and respectfully urge a steadfast review by federal judiciary in state death penalties as absolutely essential to ensure justice—Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, U.S. House Judiciary Committee hearing on capital habeas corpus reform, June 6, 1990.

The State court cannot have the last say when it, though on fair consideration and what procedurally may be deemed fairness, may have misconceived a federal constitutional right—Justice Felix Frankfurter, for the Court, in Brown v. Allen, 344 U.S. 443, 508(1953)

[There is no case in which] a state court's incorrect legal determination has ever been allowed to stand because it was reasonable. We have always held that federal courts, even on habeas, have an independent obligation to say what the law is—Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, concurring in *Wright* v. *West*, 112 S.Ct. 2482(1992), citing 29 Supreme Court cases and ''many others'' to reject the urging of Justices Thomas, Scalia and Rhenquist to adopt a standard of deference to state courts on federal constitutional matters.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE TO SAVE HABEAS CORPUS

CHAIRS

Benjamin Civiletti, Former Attorney General of the United States.
Nicholas DeB. Katzenbach, Former Attorney General of the United States.
Edward H. Levi, Former Attorney General of the United States.
Elliot L. Richardson, Former Attorney General of the United States.

MEMBERS

Floyd Abrams, Attorney.
Robert Abrams, Former Attorney General, New York.
Philip S. Anderson, Attorney.
Dennis W. Archer, Mayor of Detroit; Former Justice, Michigan Supreme Court.
Birch Bayh, Former U.S. Senator, Indiana.
Francis X. Bellotti, Former Attorney General, Massachusetts.
Lindy Boggs, Former Member of Congress, Louisiana.
Hyman Bookbinder, Washington Representative Emeritus, American Jewish Committee.
Albert Brewer, Former Governor of Alabama.
Allen E. Broussard, Former Justice, California Supreme Court.
John Buchanan, Former Member of Congress, Alabama.
Haywood Burns, Dean, City University of New York Law School.
Guido Calabresi, Dean, Yale Law School.
Julius Chambers, Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.
L. Stanley Chauvin, Jr., Former President, American Bar Association.
Dick Clark, Former United States Senator, Iowa.
W.J. Michael Cody, Former Attorney General, Tennessee.
William T. Coleman, Jr., Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation.
Joseph Curran, Attorney General, Maryland.
John J. Curtin, Jr., Former President, American Bar Association.
Lloyd N. Cutler, Former Counsel to the President.
Talbot D'Alemberte, Former President, American Bar Association.
Samuel Dash, Professor, Georgetown Law School; Former Chief Counsel, Senate Watergate Committee; Former District Attorney of Philadelphia.
John A. Dixon, Jr., Former Chief Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court.
John Douglas, Former Assistant Attorney General of the United States.
Father Robert Drinan, Former Member of Congress, Massachusetts.
Thomas Eagleton, Former U.S. Senator, Missouri.
Raymond Ehrlich, Former Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court.
Arthur J. England, Jr., Former Justice, Florida Supreme Court.
Marvin Frankel, Former U.S. District Judge, New York.
John Hope Franklin, Historian.
Donald Fraser, Mayor of Minneapolis; Former Member of Congress, Minnesota.
Stanley H. Fuld, Former Chief Judge, New York Court of Appeals.
Susan Getzendanner, Former U.S. District Judge, Illinois.
Joseph I. Giarrusso, Former Superintendent, New Orleans Police Department.
John J. Gibbons, Former Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.
William A. Grimes, Former Justice, New Hampshire Supreme Court.
Joseph R. Grodin, Former Justice, California Supreme Court.
Gerald Gunther, Professor, Stanford Law School.
William J. Guste, Former Attorney General, Louisiana.
Reverend Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., President Emeritus, University of Notre Dame.
L. Eades Hogue, Former Trial Attorney, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice.
Elizabeth Holtzman, New York City Comptroller; Former Member of Congress, New York.
Shirley Hufstedler, Former Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Former U.S. Secretary of Education.
Richard J. Hughes, Former Governor and Supreme Court Chief Justice, New Jersey (deceased).
Charles J. Hynes, District Attorney for Kings County (Brooklyn), New York.
Thomas Johnson, Former County Attorney, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
Barbara Jordan, former Member of Congress, Texas.
Robert W. Kastenmeier, former Member of Congress, Wisconsin.
William W. Kilgarlin, former Justice, Supreme Court of Texas.
Coretta Scott King, President, Martin Luther King Center.
Lane Kirkland, President, AFL–CIO.
Richard H. Kuh, former Manhattan District Attorney.
Phillip Kurland, Professor, University of Chicago Law School.
Phillip Lacovara, former Deputy Solicitor General of the United States.
Shelby Lanier, Jr., Chairman, National Black Police Association.
William Leech, former Attorney General, Tennessee.
George N. Leighton, former U.S. District Judge, Illinois.
Arthur Liman, former Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Iran/Contra Committee.
Hans Linde, former Justice, Oregon Supreme Court.
Robert MacCrate, former President, American Bar Association.
Charles McC. Mathias, former U.S. Senator, Maryland.
Darrell McGraw, Attorney General, West Virginia.
Robert S. McNamara, former U.S. Secretary of Defense; former President, World Bank.
Jim Mattox, former Attorney General and Member of Congress, Texas.
Harry McPherson, former Counsel to the President.
Walter F. Mondale, former U.S. Vice President; former U.S. Senator and Attorney General, Minnesota.
James Neal, former Chief Watergate Special Prosecutor; former United States Attorney.
William G. Paul, General Counsel, Phillips Petroleum Company.
John H. Pickering, Attorney.
Jack Pope, former Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court.
Edward E. Pringle, former Chief Justice, Colorado Supreme Court.
Thomas Railsback, former Member of Congress, Illinois.
Joseph Rauh, Attorney (deceased).
Robert Raven, former President, American Bar Association.
Cruz Reynoso, former Justice, California Supreme Court.
Leroy C. Richie, Vice President, General Counsel, Chrysler Corporation.
Peter W. Rodino, Jr., former Chairman, U.S. House Judiciary Committee.
Stephen Sachs, former Attorney General and former United States Attorney, Maryland.
Carl Sagan, Astronomer.
Whitney North Seymour, Jr., former United States Attorney, New York.
James Shannon, former Attorney General, Massachusetts.
Robert L. Shevin, former Attorney General, Florida.
Seymour Simon, former Justice, Illinois Supreme Court.
Chesterfield Smith, former President, American Bar Association.
Nicholas Spaeth, former Attorney General, North Dakota.
Robert Spire, former Attorney General, Nebraska (deceased).
Geoffrey Stone, Dean, University of Chicago Law School.
Alan Sundberg, former Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court.
Leonard v.B. Sutton, former Chief Justice, Colorado Supreme Court.
Telford Taylor, Professor, Columbia Law School; former Prosecutor, Nuremburg War Crimes Tribunal.
James Tierney, former Attorney General, Maine.
Joseph D. Tydings, former U.S. Senator and United States Attorney, Maryland.

Harold R. Tyler, Jr., former U.S. District Judge, New York; former Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

Cyrus Vance, former U.S. Secretry of State.

James Vollers, former Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Andrew Young, former Ambassador to the United Nations, former Mayor, Atlanta, Georgia.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

H. Scott Wallace, 1625 K Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Mr. GRASSLEY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa is recognized.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business briefly for the purpose of introducing a bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The remarks of Mr. GRASSLEY pertaining to the introduction of S. 888 are located in today's RECORD under ''Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.'')

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VETO OF THE RESCISSIONS BILL

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, I commend President Clinton for his veto of the rescissions bill this afternoon. Once again, the President has made clear his strong commitment to education and to the students and working families of the Nation.

By vetoing this bill, the President has said ''no'' to the elimination of violence and drug prevention programs for 20 million students in 90 percent of our schools.

He has said ''no'' to the elimination of school reform grants to 2,000 schools in 47 States.

He has said ''no'' to the drastic cuts in reading and math assistance for 135,000 pupils.

He has said ''no'' to the elimination of community service support for 15,000 young men and women ready, willing, and able to serve their communities and earn money for their education.

He has said ''no'' to the elimination of opportunities for thousands of young high school students to participate in school-to-work programs.

He has said ''no'' to ending the promising start we have made on putting modern technology in schools.

He has said ''no'' to deep cuts like this to pay for tax cuts for the rich.

The battle has now been squarely joined against drastic anti-education Republican budget proposals that would mean the largest education cuts in the Nation's history.

These Republican budgets are indefensible—they would cut 33 percent of the Federal investment in education by the year 2002, and slash over $30 billion in Federal aid to college students.

Every student, every parent, every American understands that education is the indispensable foundation of a better life for themselves and their children. Deep Republican cuts in education are a betrayal of the hopes and dreams of families for their children. They undermine the Nation's future strength. Our schools, colleges, and students deserve a helping Federal hand—not the back of Republican hands.

This veto is right, and I am confident it will be sustained by the Congress.

ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON BOSNIA

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, it is indeed ironic that the Clinton administration—whose policy on Bosnia needs to be checked hourly—is on the attack against those in Congress like myself who have consistently argued for a policy that candidate Clinton advocated. Maybe administration officials are tired of attacking each other in the press and have decided to take their frustration out on the Congress.

The administration's arguments against withdrawing the U.N. protection forces and lifting the arms embargo are neither based on fact nor on American experience.

First we have a statement from the Secretary of Defense today that withdrawing U.N. forces would lead to a humanitarian disaster. I do not know if the Pentagon has been keeping up with the news over the last few months, but the situation in Bosnia is and has been a humanitarian disaster for the last couple of years, despite the presence of 22,000 U.N. troops. The U.N. mission in Bosnia has failed. Bandages like the quick reaction force will not change that fact.

Secretary Perry also told the Armed Services Committee today that the casualty rate in Bosnia dramatically dropped, which he attributed to the presence of U.N. forces. As the recent hostage taking has painfully demonstrated, the U.N. forces cannot even protect themselves let alone the Bosnians. And I say this understanding the bravery of each of the individuals who are there. They are in a very, very difficult situation. They cannot protect themselves. They are placed there by their governments.

Furthermore, the heaviest Bosnian casualties were in areas where U.N. forces were either not deployed or deployed too late—in northern and eastern Bosnia.

So it seems to me that the real reason casualties dropped is because the Bosnians, over time, have acquired more weapons and have been able to better defend themselves. That is why the casualty rate has gone down.

The second argument made by the administration is that the lifting of the arms embargo would Americanize the war and make the United States responsible for events in Bosnia.

Let us not fool ourselves—America is responsible now. We already have a responsibility. America is responsible because it has not been a leader, rather it has meekly followed the Europeans' failed approach.

As for the accusation that lifting the arms embargo would ''Americanize'' the conflict, it seems to me that the United States has plenty of experience from Central America to Afghanistan in providing military assistance without being drawn into a quagmire with American troops on the ground. The real recipe for getting bogged down is to send United States ground troops into Bosnia without a mission, which is why the resolution I intend to submit would authorize, with strict conditions, the use of United States ground forces for the clearly stated purpose of withdrawing U.N. protection forces from Bosnia—not for peacekeeping, not for reconfiguration, not for strengthening, or any other proposed deployments supported by the Clinton administration.

Furthermore, Bosnian officials have repeated time and time again that they do not want United States ground troops. Just a couple days ago, in response to news that a European quick reaction force would be created, Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic said ''Please untie our hands, arm the Bosnians. We do not want your boys to die for us''—British boys, French boys, or American boys.

Finally, when those of us who advocate lifting the arms embargo—and I am talking about Republicans and Democrats; this has never been a partisan issue on this floor, it has been supported by many Democrats and a great number of Republicans—point out that other countries would also participate in arming the Bosnians, we are told this would allow Iran to arm the Bosnians. The fact is the arms embargo has guaranteed that Iran is a key supplier of arms to Bosnia and administration officials have actually used that fact to argue that there is no need to lift the arms embargo.

What other choices do the Bosnians have? They are going to find weapons where they can find weapons.

From statements made by State Department officials to the press, one gets the impression that Iran is the Clinton administration's preferred provider of weapons to the Bosnians. If the administration has a problem with Iran arming Bosnia, it should be prepared to do something about it.

We can do something about it. It would not take very long.

If the arms embargo is lifted, America would not be the only country to provide assistance. Countries like Turkey, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Pakistan would offer financial and military assistance. In addition, former Warsaw Pact countries would be free to sell their vast arsenal of Soviet-style weapons that have been designated for export pursuant to the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty. Since the Bosnians presently use Soviet-style equipment, acquiring former Soviet bloc equipment would minimize the amount of training they would require. Furthermore, any training, whether by United States military advisers or other country military advisers, could

be conducted outside of Bosnia—in Croatia or Slovenia, for example.

Madam President, administration officials should quit fighting amongst themselves and begin real consultations with the Congress, consultations based on the facts and not on wild accusations or unrealistic scenarios. It is time to take sides—with the victims of this aggression. It is also high time for America to exercise leadership and end its participation in this international failure.

VETO OF RESCISSIONS BILL

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, I will just say that on the rescissions veto by the President today, it is highly regrettable President Clinton chose a bill cutting spending for the first veto. The $16.4 billion rescissions bill would have provided for $9 billion—$9 billion, a lot of money in real savings—an important downpayment in getting our country's financial house in order.

The President made a serious mistake in judgment in vetoing this measure. It would have provided funding to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for disaster relief, to Oklahoma for reconstruction, and debt relief for Jordan to support the peace process, money for California.

Speaker GINGRICH and I have previously said we met the administration more than halfway. The President asked for Jordan debt relief, we met his request. The President asked for FEMA funds for disaster relief in 40 States, and we met his request. The President threatened to veto if striker replacement language was included in the bill, we took it out. We left AIDS funding, breast cancer screening, childhood immunization, Head Start, and other programs untouched, and still we came up with $9 billion in net real savings.

We, in the Congress, held up our end of the bargain, but President Clinton missed a valuable opportunity—a golden opportunity—to join us cutting spending.

Now, with three-quarters of the fiscal year almost gone, we are losing the opportunity to enact real savings this year. In the face of the budget deficit that mortgages our children's future, we in the Congress will proceed to pass a budget that puts us on the path to balance by the year 2002. We owe it to our children, and we owe it to our grandchildren.

For the sake of generations to come, it is time for the President to stop being an obstacle in the road and join us in our responsibility to secure our Nation's economic future.

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION AND DEREGULATION ACT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 45, S. 652, the telecommunications bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNETT). The bill will be stated by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 652) to provide for a pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I rise to begin Senate floor consideration of S. 652—the comprehensive communications bill which the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation overwhelmingly approved late last month on a vote of 17 to 2—The Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995.

The future of America's economy and society is inextricably linked to the universe of telecomunications and computer technology. Telecommunications and computer technology is a potent force for progress and freedom, more powerful than Gutenberg's invention of the printing press five centuries ago, or Bell's telephone and Marconi's radio in the last century.

This force has helped us reach today's historic turning point in America.

The telecommunications and computer technology of 21st-Century America will be hair-thin strands of glass and fiber below; the magical crackling of stratospheric spectrum above; and the orbit of satellites 23,000 miles beyond. With personal computers interconnected, telephones untethered, televisions and radios reinvented, and other devices yet to be invented bringing digitized information to life, the telecommunications and computer technology unleashed by S. 652 will forever change our economy and society.

At stake is our ability to compete and win in an international information marketplace estimated to be over $3 trillion by the close of the decade. The information industry already constitutes one-seventh of our economy, and is growing.

As chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, the core of my agenda is to promote creativity in telecommunications and computer technology by rolling back the cost and reach of government. Costly big-government laws designed for another era restrain telecommunications and computer technology from realizing its full potential. My top priority this year is to modernize and liberalize communications law through passage of the bill before us today, S. 652: Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995.

A. THE ADVENT OF TELECOMMUNICATONS REGULATIONS

Most telecommunications policy and regulation in America is based upon the New Deal era Communications Act of 1934. The 1934 Act incorporated the premise that telephone services were a natural monopoly, whereby only a single firm could provide better services at a lower cost than a number of competing suppliers. Tight government control over spectrum based services was justified on a scarcity theory. Neither theory for big government regulation holds true today, if it ever did.

The 1934 Act was intended to ensure that AT&T and other monopoly telephone companies did not abuse their monopoly power. However, regulatory protection from competition also ensured that AT&T would remain a government-sanctioned monopoly. In exchange for this government-sanctioned monopoly, AT&T was to provide universal service. AT&T retained its government-sanctioned monopoly until antitrust enforcement broke up the Bell System and transferred the monopoly over local services to the Bell Operating Companies.

The Communications Act has become the cornerstone of communications law in the United States. The 1934 Act established the Federal Communications Commission, and granted it regulatory power over communications by wire, radio, telephone, and cable within the United States. The Act also charged the Federal Communications Commission with the responsibility of maintaining, for all the people of the United States, a rapid, efficient, Nationwide and worldwide wire and radio communications service with adequate facilities and reasonable charges.

Prior to 1934, communications regulation had come under the jurisdiction of three separate Federal agencies. Radio stations were licensed and regulated by the Federal Radio Commission; the Interstate Commerce Commission had jurisdiction over telephone, telegraph, and wireless common carriers; and the Postmaster General had certain jurisdiction over the companies that provided these services. As the number of communications providers in the United States grew, Congress determined that a commission with unified jurisdiction would serve the American people more effectively.

The 1934 Communications Act combined the powers that the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Radio Commission then exercised over communications under a single, independent Federal agency.

The Communications Act of 1934 was based, in part, on the Interstate Commerce Act of 1888. For example, the requirement for approval of construction or extension of lines for railroads was taken directly from the ICC Act. Prior to 1934, wire communications were regulated by the same set of laws that regulated the railroads. Radio communications were regulated under the 1927 Federal Radio Act. In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created to oversee both the wireline communications and radio communications.

The telecommunications industry today is a dynamic and innovative industry, with new technology being introduced on daily basis. The telecommunications industry, however, is regulated under a set of laws that are antiquated and never designed to handle the challenges of today's industry.

Telecommunications laws and regulations are not able to adequately take into account the advent of telecommunications competition, and, indeed, have slowed the introduction of competition into many segments of the industry. These laws did not contemplate the development of fiber optics, the microchip, digital compression, and the explosion of wireless services. It is time to revise and amend the 1934 act to fit the new and future competitive telecommunications industry.

B. THE MODIFICATION OF FINAL JUDGMENT

Since 1984, the Bell operating companies have been restricted from entering various lines of businesses as a result of the consent decree entered in the antitrust case, United States versus Western Electric.

The consent decree, commonly referred to as the modification of final judgment, or the MFJ, places the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and Judge Harold Greene as the administrator of the decree, and establishes a procedure by which the Bell operating companies can obtain waivers from the decree's restrictions.

Recent years have seen a proliferation of legislative and judicial action to change the provisions of the original consent decree that divested American Telephone and Telegraph of its local exchange service and created the regional Bell operating companies. Currently prohibited from providing long distance service, manufacturing telecommunications equipment, and, up until July 1991, providing information services, the Bell operating companies and others have long advocated open entry into these new lines of business, contending that such action would invigorate the telecommunications marketplace.

In opposition, certain consumer organizations, electronic publishers, long distance carriers, the Justice Department, and other industry groups over the past few years have opposed entry on the grounds that the courts should administer an antitrust consent decree and that so long as the Bell operating companies face little or no competition in their core business of providing local telephone service, they should not be permitted to enter competitive lines of business.

During the past 10 years a number of waivers have been granted, but the process has slowed in recent years. More fundamentally, the judicial process is necessarily limited; the district courts constitutional role is simply to apply the law and administer the decree, and not make informed policy decisions about how communications law and the communications and computer industry should develop.

Moreover, given the vulnerability of the telephone industry to selective, cherry-picking competition, it is likely that the limited nature of today's competition will have a significant effect on the industry's revenues in general, and on local telephone rates in particular.

Consequently, although the consent decree served a useful purpose initially, it no longer serves the public interest at this dynamic time in the evaluation of the communications and information industry. In place of a process that subjects the communications industry to the terms of a consent decree entered 12 years ago and administered by a single district court, the Congress will reassert its proper policy role and administer a new Federal policy designed to promote competition, innovation, and protect consumers.

Prior to the implementation of the MFJ in 1984, as noted previously, AT&T was the monopoly telecommunications provider in the United States. AT&T's Long Lines Department provided long distance telephone service to virtually everyone in the country. AT&T maintained owership of the 22 Bell operating companies, which provided local telephone service on a monopoly basis to approximately 85 percent of the population.

In addition, AT&T owned Western Electric, which manufactured almost all the equipment needed for the operation of the telephone network. AT&T also owned Bell Telephone Laboratories, Bell Labs, which conducted the most extensive research involving high technologies and telecommunications of any industrial research center in the world.

The roots of the MFJ go back over 100 years. In 1882, Bell Telephone, the predecessor of AT&T, designated Western Electric Co. as the exclusive manufacturer of its patented telecommunications equipment. During the early 1900's Bell Telephone maintained a majority interest in Western Electric; by 1925 it had 100 percent owership of the company.

By that same year, Bell Telephone established Bell Telephone Laboratories to conduct its research and development. The Bell system's rapid expansion triggered interest from the Department of Justice and the Interstate Commerce Commission—which then had jurisdiction over interstate telephone service—for possible antitrust violations.

Following other antitrust action, in 1974, the Department of Justice filed an antitrust suit against AT&T. The suit claimed that AT&T misused its Bell system monopoly of the local exchange network to restrict competition in the manufacturing of telecommunications equipment, and in the market for interchange service through refusal to provide competitors with interconnection to the local networks and, therefore, access to end customers. After years of litigation, the case was settled in 1982 with entry of a modification of final judgment by Judge Harold Greene, which was negotiated by AT&T and the Justice Department.

The debate about the proper role of the Bell operating companies in the communications industry has often overshadowed the larger question of which government bodies should be establishing national telecommunications policy. Courts make rulings, as they should, solely on the narrow questions confronting them. Consequently, courts do not and cannot ensure that broader concerns about sound economic goals are fully considered.

As a result of these concerns, which have been fueled by a period of globalization and intense international competition in the telecommunications industry, I believe, and the committee believes that we in Congress as the expert in the oversight of the telecommunications industry, should have authority to manage these issues in order to develop telecommunications and information policy in a coordinated manner.

At this juncture in the evolution of the communications industry the Congress should be the locus of authority on questions involving telecommunications competition, deregulation and consumer protection. We have the ability to see a more complete spectrum of issues, as compared to the narrow view of discrete issues which a court and the Department to Justice necessarily takes in the context of litigation. Moreover, we can consider broad policy goals in establishing and administering telecommunications policy.

C. REGULATORY LAG

While America is still the world's leader in information technology, we are no longer in the position of being unchallenged. Historically we were an economic and technological Gulliver standing astride a world of competitive Lilliputians. But that's just not true any longer. America—especially we in the American legislative and regulatory system—must respond and respond now.

At a minimum, government should try to avoid doing harm. Unfortunately, government and regulators have a rather sorry history of slowing the introduction of new technologies and competition. The examples of this regulatory lag are numerous and all too common. Regulatory lag means we don't get investment stimulus that competition and new entry spur and, more importantly, the public is denied new service and product options.

1. Competition in customer premises equipment:

Competition and open entry first came to telecommunications with respect to customer premises equipment (CPE). This competition, however, was initially resisted by the FCC. For many years, AT&T prohibited customers or anyone else from connecting any equipment to its telephone network or to telephones themselves that AT&T did not supply. Bell tariffs forbade all foreign attachments—meaning equipment

not provided by Bell itself. Unfortunately, regulators endorsed this anticompetitive practice for almost 70 years.

Through prodding from the Federal courts, the commission eventually allowed devices deemed not injurious to the telephone network to be connected to the network. This was only after the courts conferred on subscribers the right to use their telephones in a way that had private benefits without being publicly detrimental

It took the Commission more than a decade to extend the new law to include equipment that was connected electronically, not just physically, to the network. The Commission limited restrictions on interconnection to protecting the network from harm. The details of equipment interconnection were not fully implemented until the commission adopted part 68 of its rules in 1975, nearly 20 years after the original court determination so that carriers themselves would be free to compete on equal terms in the open market.

2. Competition in long distance services:

The commission was equally slow in authorizing interexchange—or long distance—competition. In the 1940s, long distance service was provided exclusively over wires, and the same basic economics that seemed to preclude competition in local service applied equally to long distance service. The development of microwave and satellite technologies radically changed that picture, making competition both practical and inevitable. The first few, faltering steps in the direction of a competitive marketplace, were taken by the commission in 1959 but it wasn't until 1980 that the commission formally adopted an open entry policy for all interstate services.

Competition in the interexchange market developed slowly as the commission gradually and incrementally responded to changes in market pressures, technology, and consumer demand for new and varied long distance services. Microwave relay technology, developed by Bell Laboratories during World War II, prompted the beginning of IXC competition by offering a viable, less expensive alternative to AT&Ts existing wireline facilities for transmitting long distance communications.

The commission first permitted entry of non-AT&T services for provision of private services. In 1959, the FCC, finding a need for private services and foreseeing no risk of harm to established services, authorized certain private companies to provide microwave services and to establish private microwave networks for their own internal use. Although described as a narrow, limited decision, the Above 890 decision prompted a flood of applications from private organizations seeking authorization to establish private microwave long-distance networks. It also brought pressure for entry into other fields.

MCI applied to the FCC for authority to provide private, non-switched communications service between St. Louis and Chicago. This service still did not involve interconnection with AT&T's public network. In 1969, the commission approved MCI's limited point-to-point system, saying it was designed to meet the interoffice and interplant communications needs of small businesses. Again, however, the decision was narrow.

The commission was concerned about permitting unregulated carriers to engage in creamskimming, and it generally still adhered strongly to the philosophy that the public network should remain a regulated monopoly. Nonetheless, it prompted a deluge of applications seeking authorization of similar microwave facilities, reflecting a public demand for competitive alternatives.

A few years later, the commission formalized a policy of allowing entry of new carriers into the private line, or Specialized Common Carrier (SCC), field to provide alternatives to certain interstate transmission services traditionally offered only by the telephone company. The commission did not, however, define the scope of services it was opening up to competition, a matter that would prove troublesome as pressures for increased competition rose.

Although each time emphasizing the limited nature of its decision, the commission had, over the course of 2 decades, continued to approve the entry of new providers of telephone services, albiet at times reluctantly and with prodding by the courts, and only in provision of private line services.

When it came to permitting direct competition with AT&Ts public switched long distance service, the Commission's reluctance hardened. MCI had eventually obtained approval for its private line offerings, but when it later proposed new switched service in direct competition with AT&T's MTS services, the FCC refused approval.

In doing so, the Commission reiterated that its Specialized Common Carrier decision was meant to allow entry only into private line service and not into direct competition with the public network. The Court of Appeals, however, reversed the commission's failure to approve MCI's proposed offering, rejecting the commission's argument that its Specialized Common Carrier decision authorized only private line services.

After Execunet I, the commission still refused to order AT&T to interconnect with MCI. The Court of Appeals, in Execunet II, then explicitly mandated interconnect, emphasizing that Specialized Common Carrier was a broad decision to permit competition in the long distance market and that such competition necessarily required AT&T to provide physical interconnection to the public network.

The Execunet decisions opened virtually all interstate IXC markets to competition. In response to this new judicially imposed reality, the FCC lowered entry barriers, eliminated rules prohibiting sharing of heavy use, bulk rate circuits, and directed AT&T to permit the resale and sharing of these circuits by competitors.

During this same era, the commission approved interstate packet-switched communications network offerings that introduced value-added networks which resold data processing functions through basic private line circuits, and unlimited resale and shared use of private line services and facilities. Tariff restrictions against the resale and shared use of public switched long distance services were removed in 1980. Since this time, the FCC has strongly supported the growth of competition.

The resulting competition has had well documented public benefits of great scale and scope.

3. Enhanced Services:

The MFJ Consent Decree's information services restriction required the Bell Companies to seek waivers for the provision of voice answering services, electronic mail, videotext, electronic versions of Yellow Pages directories, E911 emergency service, and directory assistance services provided to customers of nonassociated independent telephone companies.

The restriction on the provision of voice mail services was lifted in the late 1980's. In the first 2 years of RBOC participation, the voice mail equipment market grew threefold and prices declined dramatically. Between 1988 (when the RBOCs were permitted entry) and 1989, the market for voice mail services grew by 40 percent, with total revenues rising from $452 million to $635 million.

Prices have also fallen. For example, telephone companies today charges as little as $5 per month for its residential voice messaging service. Similar services in 1987 cost 2 to 10 times more. Output has risen. The U.S. market for voice mail and voice response equipment increased from $300 million in 1988 to over $900 million in 1989. The number of voice message mailboxes increased from 5.3 million in 1987 to 7.7 million in 1988 to 11.6 million in 1989.

4. Spectrum Allocation:

The introduction of both FM radio and television was significantly delayed by years of FCC equivocation over which bands would be assigned to which uses. Equally egregious delays preceded the introduction of cellular telephone service.

FM Radio. FM radio technology was invented in 1933, but did not receive widespread use until the 1960s. Lack of FCC support contributed to FM's lack of popularity. One glaring example occurred in 1945. By 1945, 500,000 FM receivers had been built, but were all rendered useless when the FCC decided to

move FM channels to a different spectrum band. FM languished for so long that the inventor of FM eventually committed suicide in despair.

TV. The modern television was developed in the 1930s and exhibited by RCA in 1939, but the FCC took 2 more years to adopt initial standards. It was then discovered that channel allocation was inadequate, and the FCC froze all applications for TV licenses for 4 years, until 1952. In the year after the freeze alone, the number of stations tripled. It took another 10 years before regulations for UHF/VHF frequencies were finalized.

Cellular. In 1947 Bell Labs developed the concept of cellular communications and by 1962, AT&T had developed an experimental cellular system. It took another 15 years for regulation to catch up with the new technology; in 1977 the FCC finally granted Illinois Bell's application to construct a developmental celluar system in Chicago. The FCC took 8 years to finalize the boundaries of cellular service areas. The delay cost the cellular industry an estimated $86 billion.

5. Out of Region Competition by Bell Companies:

The Department of Justice, with the concurrence of Judge Greene, originally held that the MFJ consent decree forbade the RBOCs from providing services outside their own regions. The D.C. Circuit however overruled them both and found that the BOCs are not restricted to providing service only within their home territories; they are free to offer intraLATA services anywhere in the country. The RBOCs now compete heavily against one another in cellular service. The provision of other local services, however, is impeded by the interexchange restriction, which the Department and the decree court have so far refused to lift even outside the service areas of the individual RBOCs.

6. Bell Company Manufacturing:

In June 1991, outages in 5 states and the District of Columbia forced Bell Atlantic and other Bell companies to work closely with a switch manufacturer to determine the cause of the outages and prevent their recurrence. The Department of Justice told Bell Atlantic that, notwithstanding the emergency, Bell Atlantic could not work with the manufacturer without a waiver of the decree's manufacturing restriction. On July 9, 1991, Judge Greene ordered a hearing with Bell Atlantic, the Department of Justice, AT&T, and MCI and granted the waiver on July 10, 1991.

7. Cable Networks:

The FCC—at the behest of broadcasters—crippled and almost killed cable television, by means of a number of regulatory restrictions such anti-siphoning rules. The commission's stated justification for restricting cable was that it did not want to jeopardize the basic structure of over-the-air television.

8. Video Dialtone:

By defining video dialtone service as common carriage, not broadcast, the FCC has successfully preempted a raft of State cable regulation and franchise fees. It has also subjected these services to a raft of regulations. Telephone companies have been invited to provide a basic platform that delivers video programming and basic adjunct services to end users, under Federal, common-carrier tariff.

Video dialtone providers must offer sufficient capacity to serve multiple video programmers; they must make provision for increased programmer demand for transmission services over time; and they must offer their basic platform services on a nondiscriminatory basis. The dial tone moniker is misleading; the video connections are strictly between the telco central office and customers. But the number of programs offered from a video dialtone server can be expanded indefinitely. The commission has attempted to maintain strict separation between the provision of video dialtone conduit, and provision of the programming itself. Video dialtone as defined by the commission is plainly more like telephone carriage than like cable or broadcasting.

9. Direct Broadcast Satellite:

When the FCC first considered licensing Direct Broadcast Satellite service (DBS) in the early 1980s, the National Associate of Broadcasters raised the specter of siphoning. DBS would result in the loss of service to minorities, rural areas, and special audiences by siphoning programming, fragmenting audiences, and reducing advertising support. It would rob free local television service of advertising revenues. UHF stations would be especially threatened. The cable television industry joined in the assault on DBS by denying access to programming. The service has only recently become available.

10. Computer and Software:

AT&T—which invented the transistor and in the 1960s and 1970s developed some of the most powerful computers—was barred for years (by the 1956 antitrust consent decree) from competing in the computer market against IBM. The upshot was that IBM completely dominated computing for many years. AT&T had also developed the Unix operating system around which the Internet was built—it couldn't commercialize that aggressively either. Now Microsoft is being accused of monopolizing the industry with the MS–DOS and Windows alternatives.

11. Delay in RBOCC Information and Inter-LATA Services Relief:

In 1987, the Justice Department recommended the removal of the information services restriction on the RBOCs. This was not opposed by AT&T. In September of 1987, Judge Greene permitted the RBOCs to enter non-telecommunications businesses without obtaining a waiver, but did not lift the information services ban.

On April 3, 1990, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia remanded Judge Greene's decision to continue the ban on RBOC information services. Eventually, on July 25, 1991, Judge Greene relented and permitted RBOCs to provide information services. RBOCs were finally granted the right to provide information services more than 4 years after the Justice Department recommended that the restriction be removed.

There have been numerous examples of egregious delays in granting even non-controversial decree waivers. For example, Bell Atlantic sought a waiver in 1985 to allow it to serve Cecil County, Maryland as part of its Philadelphia cellular system. Bell Atlantic submitted another waiver to provide cellular service to 3 New Jersey counties through its Philadelphia-Wilmington system on October 24, 1986.

These waivers were necessary to the provision of uninterrupted cellular service between Washington and New York. Judge Greene finally granted the second waiver on February 2, 1989, almost two-and-a-half years after it was filed and the Cecil County waiver was not approved until 1991, nearly 5 years after it was first sought.

RBOCs have filed more than 200 MFJ waivers that Judge Greene has ruled on. These waiver requests first go to the Department of Justice, and then move to Judge Greene. Unfortunately, the waiver process is also very time consuming. The average age of an RBOC waiver request pending before the Department of Justice is about 2½ years old.

Once the Justice Department passes the waiver on to Judge Greene, it takes approximately 2 years before Judge Greene rules on it. This has made the average waiver process more than 4½ years to work its way through the system.

D. THE NEW COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

The competitive landscape is changing, and, if Congress does not act to overhaul the telecommunications legal landscape, consumers will once again be denied benefits of competition and new technology. Wireless services have exploded since the Bell System breakup. Wireless counted less than 100,000 customers at that time.

Today, there are more than 25 million cellular subscribers. Additionally, companies just spent more than $7.7 billion for the major trading area PCS licenses. There is obviously a market for more wireless communications. Cable has more than doubled its subscriber base since the MFJ.

For local telephone services, States such as New York, Illinois, and California, have been leading the way in opening the local market to competition. Competitive access providers did not even exist at the time of the MFJ. Today, CAP's are in 72 cities, and have built 133 competing networks. Rapid changes in technology have broken down the natural monopoly Congress based the 1934 act on. Competition is still slow to fully develop in some areas, and in some markets.

History teaches us that, under existing law, the FCC and the courts have not been able to respond to market and technology changes in an expeditious manner. This delay prevents the consumer from gaining the benefits of competition, such as lower rates, better services, and deployment of new and better technologies.

The courts, FCC and Justice Department have been micro-managing the growth of competition in the telecommunications industry. That is why the committee believes it is incumbent upon Congress to exercise its rightful authority in this area, and pass legislation that will open the entire telecommunications industry to full competition. Without legislation, it may be years, or decades, before America sees the benefits of a truly open and competitive telecommunications industry.

Meanwhile our foreign competitors are moving ahead aggressively. In Great Britain, cable-telco competition is growing rapidly. The major cable players in the UK are, in fact, American telco and cable companies. Prices for telephony provided over cable lines are 10 to 15 percent lower than that provided over British Telecoms network. Here in the United States by contrast, the combination of the 1984 cable-telco prohibition and entry barriers into the local telephone market prevent such competition from developing.

In Japan the government is providing interest free loans to cover 30 percent of the investment for Japan's broadband optical fiber network. Also planned are favorable tax measures for optical fiber and related investments. Meanwhile in the United States when American companies say they'll invest their own money in new networks, the government at both the Federal and State level visits endless regulatory hassle on the proponents.

E. IMPORTANCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO ECONOMIC GROWTH

At the heart our actions in the 104th Congress is private sector economic growth and private sector jobs through less Government regulation. To achieve our goal, we need increased capital investment.

Telecommunications is an especially important sector to spur investment because it provides a big multiplier effect. The Japanese Government has estimated that for each dollar—or yen—invested in telecommunications, you get 3 dollars' worth of economic growth—a real telecom kicker.

America's edge has always been our grasp of technology. Today, telecommunications and computers are at the cutting edge. Americans today have the broadest choice and best prices for these information economy products and services in the world.

For instance, 98 percent of American homes have television and radio, 94 percent a telephone. Close to 80 percent have a VCR, while 65 percent subscribe to cable TV—96 percent have the option. We are rapidly approaching 40 percent of homes with PC's and 36 percent with video games. Multimedia and CD–ROM sales are flourishing.

The Internet and computer on-line services are reaching millions of Americans. DBS has been successfully launched with 150 channels of digital video and audio programming services. A vibrant new wireless communications industry is growing with cellular—25 million subscribers—and paging—20 million users—soon to be joined by Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio, Global Satellite Systems, and Personal Communications Services.

First. Digitization and industry convergence meet—Regulatory apartheid:

Telecommunications policy in America, under the 1934 Communications Act, has long been based on the now faulty premise that information transmitted over wires could be easily distinguished from information transmitted over the air. Different regulatory regimes were erected around these different information media.

This scheme might best be described as ''regulatory apartheid''—each technology had its own native homeland. These once neat separations and distinctions between the media no longer make sense.

The explanation for the rapid convergence of previously distinct media lies with digitization. Digitization allows all media to become tanslatable into each other. As Congress' Office of Technology Assessment stated in a recent study: ''A movie, phone call, letter, or magazine article may be sent digitally via phone line, coaxial cable, fiber-optic cable, microwave, satellite, the broadcast air, or a physical storage medium such as tape or disk.''

The same technological phenomenon to sweep the computer industry during the 1980's is now sweeping the telecommunications industry—we can learn valuable lessons from the experience in the computer industry.

Second. Computers and phones:

By the early 1980's, AT&T and IBM were two of the largest and more powerful companies in the world. On January 8, 1982, the Federal Government chose two different destinies for the mammoth companies. The Government agreed to dismiss its case against IBM; by contrast, AT&T would be divested, freed from all antitrust quarantines and so permitted to enter the computer business.

At the time, Intel was already over a decade old. Apple was growing fast. And IBM had just introduced a brand-new machine, based on an Intel microprocessor. Big Blue's new machine—its personal computer—was small and beige. Three weeks after the break-up of AT&T was complete, in January 1984, Steve Jobs stepped out on the podium at the annual stockholders' meeting of Apple Computer and unveiled the new Macintosh.

The impact of unfettered competition has devastated IBM. The only thriving parts of its hardware business today are at the bottom end, where Big Blue's small beige machines have been open, standardized, and widely copied from the day they were introduced. Between 1985 and 1992, IBM shed 100,000 employees. IBM's stock, worth $176 a share in 1987, collapsed to $52 by year's end 1992. In 1992, the New York Times would announce ''The End of I.B.M.'s Overshadowing Role.'' ''IBM's problems,'' the Times noted, ''are due to its failure to realize that its core business, mainframe computers, had been supplanted by cheap, networked PC's and faster networked workstations.'' In a desperate scramble for survival, IBM is breaking itself into autonomous units and spinning off some of its more successful divisions. IBM itself is only one of many first-tier vendors of PC's today, with a market share of 8 percent.

The impact on the computer industry, however, has been intense competition spawning rapid technological advancement. A $5,000 PC in 1990—featuring Intel's 80486 running at 25 MHz—had the processing power of a $250,000 minicomputer in the mid-1980's, and a million-dollar mainframe of the 1970's. Five years later, that same $5,000 PC is two generations out of date—with a third new generation on the horizon. Systems with nearly twice the processing power of that 1990 system—using Intel's 486DX2–66 chip—are available for under $1,500, and Intel runs advertisements encouraging owners of these chips to upgrade to newer ones. Systems with more than twice the processing power of that system—featuring Intel's 120 MHz Pentium chip—are now available, most for under $5,000. Intel is currently promising faster and faster iterations of its Pentium chips—running at 133 and 150 MHz—before it releases commercial versions of its next-generation P6, which promises to move the price-performance curve astonishingly farther out than today. The computer industry is still firmly in the grip of Moore's Law, which holds that the number of transistors that can be placed on a microchip—a rough estimator of the power of the chip—doubles every 18 months.

The upshot is that consumers can purchase systems with four times the power of the 1980's mainframes at one-fiftieth of the price. Put another way, systems today have over 200 times the value of systems in 1984. By contrast, long-distance calls today represent only twice the value of long-distance calls in 1984. Had price-performance gains of the same magnitude occurred in the long-distance market since 1984, the results would have been equally stunning. For example, in 1984, a 10 minute call at day rates between New York and Los Angeles cost a little less than $5, today it costs $2.50. Had competition and technological advances developed in the long distance market as it did in the computer market, that same call would cost less than 3 cents. Alternatively, a 10 minute call from New York to Japan—cost roughly $17 in 1984 and $14 today. Had long-distance

service advanced as rapidly as the personal computer industry, that call would cost less than 9 cents.

Third. Lessons learned:

Yet as the United States stands at this critical crossroads—the dawn of a new era in high technology, entertainment, information and telecommunications—America continues to operate under an antiquated regulatory regime. Our current regulatory scheme in America simply does not take many dramatic technological changes into account.

Progress is being stymied by a morass of regulatory barriers which balkanize the telecommunications industry into protective enclaves. We need to devise a new national policy framework—a new regulatory paradigm for telecommunications—which accommodates and accelerates technological change and innovation.

The very same digitization phenomenon supports the prospect of competition by telephone companies and against telephone companies, by cable companies and against cable companies, by long distance companies and against long distance companies. Incumbents on opposite sides of the traditional regulatory apartheid scheme have quite different views about which kind of competition should come first.

If Congress cannot come to grips with digitization and convergence, the private sector cannot be expected to wait. Indeed, the multifaceted deals and alliances of the last several years indicates that industry is not waiting.

Look at a short list of some of these deals:

US West/Time Warner. The world's largest entertainment company, and second ranking cable company, teaming up with the RBOC for the western United States.

AT&T/McCaw. The biggest long distance and equipment maker joining with the biggest cellular carrier. That came on the heels of AT&T acquiring one of the biggest computer companies—NCR.

Sprint/Cable Alliance. The third largest long distance company—and only company with local, long distance and wireless capability—joining cable's TCI, Comcast, Cox, and Continental to form an alliance to provide a nationwide wireless communications service—and the prospect for joining Sprint's broadband long distance lines with cable's high capacity local facilities.

Microsoft. There has been an almost endless series of strategic alliances being struck between Microsoft, the world's largest computer software company, and companies in numerous information and telecommunications businesses for the purpose of delivering interactive services.

HDTV Grand Alliance. The companies teaming up to bring HDTV to America include AT&T—the largest telecom equipment maker—General Instrument—the largest cable TV equipment maker—and Phillips—the world's largest TV set maker.

In addition, layered on top of these and many other deals and alliances is the globalization phenomenon—a breakdown of geographic barriers: all the RBOC's have foreign investments; British Telecom and MCI in partnership; Sprint planning the same with France Telecom and Deutsche Telecom; AT&T also working with Singapore Telecom, Cable & Wireless's Hong Kong Telephone, and the Netherlands Telecom.

We can no longer keep trying to fit everything into the old traditional regulatory boxes—unless we want to incur unacceptable economic costs, competitiveness losses, and deny American consumers access to the latest products and services.

Since becoming chairman of the committee I have been actively working with leaders in the telecommunications and information industry to reform this outmoded and antiquated, regulatory apartheid system in order to make exciting new information, telecommunications and entertainment services available for America.

It is time for American policymakers to meet this new challenge much the way an earlier generation responded when the Russians launched Sputnik. The response must be rooted in the American tradition of free enterprise, de-regulation, competition, and open markets—to let technology follow or create new markets, rather than Government micromanaging and stunting developments in telecommunications and information technology.

By reforming U.S. telecommunications policy we in Congress have an unparalleled opportunity to unleash a digital, multimedia technology revolution in America. By freeing American technological know-how, we can provide Americans with immediate access to and manipulation of a bounty of entertainment, informational, educational, and health care applications and services.

Passing S. 652, The Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995, will have profound implications for America's economic and social welfare well into the 21st Century.

Fourth. Universal service:

An additional, but often overlooked, reason for immediately moving forward with S. 652 and telecommunications regulatory reform concerns the problems affecting the centerpiece of American communications policy—maintaining universal voice telephone service at reasonable and affordable prices.

The explicit subsidies—those of known magnitude and direction—can and should be maintained. These are the ''Universal Service Fund,'' the ''Link-Up America'' program, and others the FCC made part of the overall access charge system.

The implicit—or hidden—subsidies are much more at risk. The present scheme cannot be maintained when new technology is changing so rapidly and customers are provided with an ever-increasing buffet of choices. This implicit subsidy scheme must be reformed and fixed. We cannot afford to wait any longer to start that reform process.

F. WHAT S. 652 DOES: CHIEF REFORM FEATURES

First. Universal telephone service:

The need to preserve widely available and reasonably priced telephone service is one of the fundamental concerns addressed in The Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995. The legislation as reported requires all telecommunications carriers to contribute to the support of universal service. Only telecommunications carriers designated by the FCC or a State as ''essential telecommunications carriers'' are eligible to receive support payments.

The bill directs the FCC to institute and refer to a Federal-State joint board a proceeding to recommend rules to implement universal service and to establish a minimum definition of universal service. A State may add to the definition for its local needs.

Second. Local telephone competition:

The Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995 reforms the regulatory process to allow competition for local telephone service by cable companies, long distance companies, electric companies, and other entities.

Upon enactment the legislation preempts all State and local barriers to competing with the telephone companies. In addition it requires local exchange carriers [LEC's] having market power to negotiate, in good faith, interconnection agreements for access to unbundled network features and functions at reasonable and nondiscriminatory rates. This would allow other parties to provide competitive local telephone service through interconnection with the LEC's facilities. The bill establishes minimum standards relating to types of interconnection that a LEC with market power must agree to provide if requested, including: unbundled access to network functions and services, unbundled access to facilities and information, necessary for transmission, routing, and interoperability of both carriers' networks, interconnection at any technologically feasible point, access to poles, ducts, conduits and rights-of-way, telephone number portability, and local dialing parity.

As an assurance that the parties negotiate in good faith, either party may ask the State to arbitrate any differences, and the State must review and approve any interconnection agreement.

The bill requires that a Bell company use a separate subsidiary to provide certain information services, equipment manufacturing, in-region interLATA services authorized by the FCC, and alarm monitoring. In addition a Bell company may not market a subsidiary's service until the Bell company is authorized by the FCC to provide in-region interLATA services.

S. 652 also ensures that regulations applicable to the telecommunications industry remain current and necessary in light of changes in the industry. First, the legislation permits the FCC to forbear from regulating carriers when forbearance is in the public interest. This will allow the FCC to reduce the regulatory burdens on a carrier when competition develops, or when the FCC determines that relaxed regulation is in the public interest. Second, the bill requires a Federal-State joint board to periodically review the universal service policies. Third, the FCC, with respect to its regulations under the 1934 act, and a Federal-State joint board with respect to State regulations, are required in odd-numbered years beginning in 1997 to review all regulations issued under the act or State laws applicable to telecommunications services. The FCC and joint board are to determine whether any such regulation is no longer in the public interest as a result of competition.

The bill modifies the foreign ownership restrictions of section 310 of the 1934 act, if the FCC determines that the applicable foreign government provides equivalent market opportunities to U.S. citizens and entities.

The bill also requires that equipment manufacturers and telecommunications service providers ensure that telecommunications equipment and services are accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities, if readily achievable, a standard found in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Third. Long distance relief for the Bell companies:

The Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995 establishes a process under which the regional Bell companies may apply to the FCC to enter the long distance or interLATA market. Since the 1984 breakup of AT&T, the Bell companies have been prohibited from providing services between geographical areas known as LATAs, [Local Access and Transport Areas]. The legislation reasserts congressional authority over Bell company provision of long distance and restores the FCC authority to set communications policy over these issues. The Attorney General has a consulting role.

The reported bill requires Bell local companies and other LEC's having market power to open and unbundle their local networks, to increase the likelihood that competition will develop for local telephone service. It also sets forth a competitive checklist of unbundling and interconnection requirements.

If a Bell company satisfies the competitive checklist, the FCC is authorized to permit the Bell company to provide interLATA services originating in areas where it provides wireline local telephone service, if the FCC also finds that Bell company provision of such interLATA service is in the public interest. Out-of-region interLATA services may be provided by Bell companies upon enactment.

S. 652 allows the Bell companies to provide interLATA services in connection with the provision of certain other services immediately, with safeguards to ensure that the Bell companies do not use this authority to provide otherwise prohibited interLATA services. For example the reported bill requires a Bell company to lease facilities from existing long distance companies if it uses interLATA service in the provision of wireless services and certain information services.

Finally, the bill requires a Bell company providing in-region interLATA service authorized by the FCC to use a separate subsidiary for such services.

Fourth. Manufacturing authority for the Bell companies:

The judicial consent decree that governed the breakup of AT&T in 1984, the MFJ, also prohibited the Bell companies from manufacturing telephones and telephone equipment. The AT&T breakup itself, the globalization of the communications equipment market, the concentration of equipment suppliers, the increasing foreign penetration of the U.S. market, and the continued dispersal of equipment consumption have greatly diminished any potential market power of the Bell companies over the equipment market.

The bill permits a Bell company to engage in manufacturing of telecommunications equipment once the FCC authorizes the Bell company to provide interLATA services. A Bell company can engage in equipment research and design activities upon enactment.

In conducting its manufacturing activities, a Bell company must comply with the following safeguards:

A separate manufacturing affiliate.

Requirements for establishing standards and certifying equipment.

Protections for small telephone companies—a Bell manufacturing affiliate must make its equipment available to other telephone companies without discrimination or self-preference as to price delivery, terms, or conditions.

Fifth. Cable competition, video dialtone and direct-to-home satellite services:

The bill permits telephone companies to compete against local cable companies upon enactment, although until 1 year after enactment the FCC would be required to approve Bell company plans to construct facilities for common carrier video dialtone operations. The bill also removes at enactment all State or local barriers to cable companies providing telecommunications services, without additional franchise requirements.

The reported bill does not require telephone companies to obtain a local franchise for video services as long as they employ a video dialtone system that is operated on a common carrier basis, that is, open to all programmers. If a telephone company provides service over a cable system—that is, a system not open to all programmers—the telephone company will be treated as a cable operator under title VI of the 1934 act.

Whether a telephone company uses a video dialtone network or a cable system, it must comply with the same must-carry requirements for local broadcast stations that currently apply to cable companies. A separate subsidiary is not required for a Bell company carrying or providing video programming over a common carrier platform if the company provides nondiscriminatory access and does not cross-subsidize its video operations.

The bill maintains rate regulation for the basic tier of programming where the cable operator does not face effective competition—defined as the provision of video services by a local telephone company or 15 percent penetration by another multichannel video provider. The bill minimizes regulation of expanded tier services.

Specifically the bill eliminates the ability of a single subscriber to initiate at the FCC a rate complaint proceeding concerning expanded tier services. In addition, the FCC may only find rates for expanded tier service unreasonable, and subject to regulation, if the rates substantially exceed the national average rates for comparable cable programming services.

States may impose sales taxes on direct-to-home satellite services that provide services to subscribers in the State. The right of State and local authorities to impose other taxes on direct-to-home satellite services is limited by the bill.

Sixth. Entry by registered utilities into telecommunications:

Under current law, gas and electric utility holding companies that are not registered may provide telecommunication services to consumers. There does not appear to be sufficient justification to continue to preclude registered utility holding companies from providing this same competition.

The bill provides that affiliates of registered public utility holding companies may engage in the provision of telecommunications services, notwithstanding the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. The affiliate engaged in providing telecommunications must keep separate books and records, and the States are authorized to require independent audits on an annual basis.

Seventh. Alarm services:

The bill prohibits a Bell company from providing alarm monitoring services. Beginning 3 years after enactment, a Bell company may provide such services if it has received authorization from the FCC to provide in-region interLATA service. The bill requires the FCC to establish rules governing Bell company provision of alarm monitoring services. A Bell company that was in the alarm service business as of December 31, 1994 is allowed to continue providing that service, as long as certain conditions are met.

Eighth: Spectrum flexibility and regulatory reform for broadcasters:

If the FCC permits a broadcast television licensee to provide advanced television services, the bill requires the FCC to adopt rules to permit such broadcasters flexibility to use the advanced television spectrum for ancillary and supplementary services, if the licensee provides to the public at least one free advanced television program service. The FCC is authorized to collect an annual fee from the broadcaster if the broadcaster offers ancillary or supplementary services for a fee to subscribers.

A single broadcast licensee is permitted to reach 35 percent of the national audience, up from the current 25 percent. Moreover, the FCC is required to review all of its ownership rules biennially. Broadcast license terms are lengthened for television licenses from 5 to 10 years and for radio licenses from 7 to 10 years. Finally, new broadcast license renewal procedures are established.

Ninth. Obscenity and other wrongful uses of telecommunications:

The decency provisions in the reported bill modernize the protections in the 1934 act against obscene, lewd, indecent, and harassing use of a telephone. The decency provisions increase the penalties for obscene, harassing, and wrongful utilization of telecommunications facilities, protect families from uninvited cable programming which is unsuitable for children, and give cable operators authority to refuse to transmit programs or portions of programs on public or leased access channels which contain obscenity, indecency, or nudity.

The bill provides defenses to companies that merely provide transmission services, navigational tools for the Internet, or intermediate storage for customers moving material from one location to another. It also allows an on-line service to defend itself in court by showing a good-faith effort to lock out adult material and to provide warnings about adult material before it is downloaded.

G. THE DEREGULATORY NATURE OF S. 652

Ronald Reagan once joked—in the midst of a debate over the budget—that the only reason Our Lord was able to create the World in 6 days was that he didn't have to contend with the embedded base.

I have been wrestling with the communications issues since I came to Congress. We all have. This has become the congressional equivalent of Chairman Mao's famous ''Long March.''

Nothing in the field is easy. We are dealing with basic services—telephone, TV, and cable TV—that touch virtually every American family. We are dealing with massive investment—more than half a trillion dollars. We are dealing with industries which provide almost two million American jobs. We are dealing with high-tech enterprises that are critical to the future of the American economy, and our global competitiveness.

The stakes are high for everyone. And it is the sheer number of issues and concerns that accounts for the complexity of any legislation.

First. A major step forward:

But let me talk briefly about some of the major steps forward which are envisioned in this bill.

When the former head of the National Telecommunications & Information Administration testified before the Senate, he commented that, ''Everything in the world is compared to what.''

Well, virtually all of the bills which the Senate or the House has dealt with over the past generation took the concept of regulated monopoly as a given.

Whether we are talking about Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin's bill, H.R. 1315 in the House in the 1970's; or Senator PACKWOOD's effort back in 1981—S. 898: All of these bills assumed that monopoly, like the poor, would always be with us.

Second. A paradigm shift:

My bill changes that. Instead of conceding that concern, this bill:

Removes virtually all legal barriers to competition in all communications markets—local exchange, long distance, wireless, cable, and manufacturing.

It establishes a process that will require continuing justification for rules and regulations each 2 years. Every 2 years, in other words, all the rules and regulations will be on the table. If they don't make sense, there is a process established to terminate them.

It restores full responsibility to Congress and the FCC for regulating communications. Under the bill that the House passed last spring, for example, you would have still had a substantial, continuing involvement in communications policy on the part of the Justice Department and the Federal courts. This bill brings the troops home.

Third. Genuinely deregulatory:

I understand the concerns that some of my colleagues have raised. Senator MCCAIN has raised the question of whether this bill is deregulatory enough. Senator PACKWOOD has asked if we could not speed up the transition to full, unregulated competition. These are valid concerns.

But let me highlight some of the deregulatory steps which this bill makes possible now.

First, it will make it possible for the FCC immediately to forebear from economically regulating each and every competitive long-distance operator. The Federal courts have ruled that the FCC cannot deregulate. This bill solves that problem and makes deregulation legal and desirable.

Second, this bill envisions removing a whole chunk of unnecessary cable television price controls now. We leave the power to control basic service charges, until local video markets are more competitive. But the authority to regulate the nonbasic services, the expanded tiers, is peeled back. That represents a major step toward deregulation and more reliance on competitive markets.

Third, this bill contains a competitive checklist for determining Bell Co. entry into currently prohibited markets like long distance and manufacturing. After Bell companies satisfy all the requirements, the FCC must, in effect, certify compliance by making a public interest determination.

This is not—contrary to some allegations—more regulation. At least one of the Bell companies—NYNEX—can probably fulfill all the checklist's requirements very soon, because State regulators have already required that company to make the most of the necessary changes in the way it does business. The bill also explicitly says that the competitive checklist cannot be expanded.

So, if you read all the provisions in the bill in context, you will see that there simply is no broad grant of discretion to the Federal or State regulators here. We have essentially spelled out the recipe for competition, and it is incumbent on them to follow it.

Fourth.—Future orientation:

Let me mention another critical aspect of this bill, it is future oriented.

Too many of the earlier measures were focused on the status quo. What they basically did was rearrange existing markets and services. The 1984 and 1992 Cable Television Acts, for instance, did not take steps to encourage competition, it kept in place all the restrictions on telephone company and broadcast competition. Moreover, the 1984 Cable Act also maintained exclusive franchising for cable television.

This bill essentially seeks to change that focus. We assumed that cable television might become an effective competitor to local phone companies, for instance, so we sought to get rid of any regulations that would block that. We also assumed that local phone companies might be effective cable competitors, so we tried to get rid of restrictions on that kind of competition.

In the case of broadcasting, we recognized that this important industry is going to need much more flexibility to compete effectively in tomorrow's multichannel world. So, we will allow broadcasters to offer more than just pictures and sound as well as multiple channels of pictures and sound, if they so choose. Under this bill, they will have the flexibility they need to compete in evolving markets.

Fifth. Safeguarding core values:

This bill is aggressively deregulatory. It seeks to achieve genuine, long-term reductions in the level and intensity of Federal, State and local governmental involvement in telecommunications.

But this bill is also responsibly deregulatory. When it comes to maintaining universal access to telecommunications services, for instance, it does that, It establishes a process that will make sure that rural and

small-town America doesn't get left in the lurch.

This bill also maintains significant Federal oversight. Telecommunications, remember, isn't like trucking, or railroads, or airline transportation. The services we are talking about here are marketed and consumed directly by the public.

This bill seeks to advance core values. I know that the Exon Amendment—which places limits on obscene and indecent computer communications—has sparked controversy. All that amendment actually does is apply to computer communications the same guidelines and limitations which already apply to telephone communications.

Sixth. Further responsibility:

This bill also recognizes the fact that deregulation is always a gradual, transitional process—and that Congress has the responsibility to stay involved.

All of us know that good legislation is only one facet of the overall deregulatory process. Other requirements are careful scrutiny of budgets, of appointments to the FCC and other agencies, and effective Congressional oversight. No one should try to fool themselves into believing that we can get away on the cheap. We can't.

If we are serious about deregulating this marketplace and—more importantly—expanding the range of competitive choices available to the American public, Congress is going to have to stay a central player.

Seventh. Summary of affirmative aspects:

Let me summarize, then, what I see as very positive, affirmative aspects of this bill:

First, it dispenses with the old government-sanctioned monopoly model and replaces it with a process of open access which will lead to more competition across-the-board, in every part of the communications business. It flattens all regulatory barriers to market entry in all telecommunications markets. The more open access takes hold, the less other government intervention is needed to protect competition. Open access is the principle establishing a fair method to move local phone monopolies and the oligopolistic long distance industry into full competition with one another. Completion of the steps on the pro-competitive checklist will give both the long distance firms and the local telephone companies confidence that neither side is gaming the system.

Second, it eliminates a number of unnecessary rules and regulations now—by giving the FCC the discretion to forebear from regulating competitive communications services, by removing unneeded, high-tier, cable price controls.

Third, it establishes a process for continuing attic-to-basement review of all regulations on a 2 year cycle.

Fourth, it seeks to create an environment that is more conducive to more new services and more competitors—by allowing broadcasters and cable operators, for instance, greater competitive flexibility, and giving local and long distance phone companies more chances to compete as well.

Fifth, it terminates the involvement of the Justice Department and the Federal courts in the making of national telecommunications policy.

Sixth, the bill emphasizes effective competition while also safeguarding core values, such as universal service access and limitations on indecency; and,

Finally, it maintains the responsibility of Congress to continue to work through the budget, oversight, and confirmation processes to move this critical sector toward full competition and deregulation.

H. BENEFITS OF S. 652

In General. Competition and deregulation in telecommunications as a result of the Pressler Bill means:

Lower prices for local, cellular, and long distance phone service, and lower cable television prices, too.

More and less costly business and consumer electronics to make U.S. business more competitive and American citizens better informed.

Expanded customer options, as business is spurred to bring new technology to the marketplace faster. In addition to more choices for long distance, cellular, broadcast, and other services where competition already exists, competition and choice in local phone and cable services will be introduced.

High technology jobs with a future for more Americans, economic growth, and continued U.S. leadership in this critical field. The President's Council of Economic Advisors estimates that deregulating telecommunications laws will create 1.4 million new jobs in the services sector of the economy alone by the year 2003. In a Bell Company funded study, WEFA concluded that telecommunications deregulation would cause the U.S. economy to grow 0.5 percent faster on average over the next 10 years, creating 3.4 million new jobs by the year 2005, and generating a cumulative increase of $1.8 trillion in real GDP. Finally, George Gilder has estimated $2 trillion in additional economic activity with the Pressler Bill.

More exports of high-value products, and greater success on the part of U.S.-based telecommunications equipment $10.25 billion, and services $3.3 billion, companies as well as computer equipment $29.2 billion, companies as they leverage their domestic gains to make more sales overseas.

In Media. Competition and deregulation in electronic media including broadcasting, cable, and satellite services means:

More Networks and Channels. In the early 1970s, there were three national TV networks and virtually no cable systems. Today, there are 6 national TV networks, plus 10,000 cable TV systems serving 65 percent of American homes—96% have the cable option—with DBS now offering digital service to millions more. The average American family now has access to some 30 video channel choices. Much more is on the way if the Pressler Bill is enacted into law.

More News and Public Affairs. Cable deregulation—spurred by satellite communications deregulation—made more news and public affairs programming available. CNN, C–SPAN, and ESPN are prime examples. Local all news channels and local C–SPAN-oriented programming is on its way if deregulation occurs.

More Jobs. Relaxing broadcast rules and regulations—spurred by the growth of cable TV—made it possible for some 300 new TV and 2,000 new radio outlets to emerge. This created 10,000 new jobs in broadcasting.

Small town and rural America parity. Satellites and cable TV service means small town and rural Americans command nearly the same media choices only big city residents once enjoyed. This democratization has spurred public awareness of national and international events—as well as encouraged fuller participation in the political process.

Political shift. Satellites, cable, talk radio, and C–SPAN, which were a specific result of deregulation and competition in communications, were prime ingredients to last year's landmark national political shift. Further decentralization of media control through deregulation will accelerate this democratization phenomenon.

In telephone service. Competition and deregulation in the telephone business means:

Lower prices. Deregulation of phone equipment resulting in faster deployment of advanced equipment has made it possible to reduce local phone rates by $4 billion since 1987. More long distance competition has meant nearly $20 billion in price cuts since 1987. Virtually all Americans now have far more choices in phone equipment and long distance service—and with the Pressler Bill will see choices in local phone services.

New options. Sixty million American families now have cordless phones. Twenty-five million now have cellular phones. Fifty million have answering machines. Twenty million have pagers. Deregulation has allowed technology to evolve to meet the demands of an increasingly mobile society.

Special benefits. Cellular phones have helped millions of American women feel safer and more secure. They have made it possible to drive safely under even the most severe weather conditions, because now help can be called.

Computer services. Competition and deregulation in telecommunications will speed the deployment of the so-called information superhighway. Currently, 40 percent of American homes have a personal computer. Computers are ubiquitous for American business. There is one school computer for every nine students. Competition and deregulation will mean new communications

facilities that will magnify the power of these computers.

International competitiveness. Telecommunications is a prime leverage technology. Competition and deregulation expands business access to this new technology. That makes American business more competitive globally. Deregulation also spurs U.S. production and export of high value-added products like computers, advanced telephone switches, mobile radios, and fiber optics. Each dollar invested in telecommunications results in $3 of economic growth.

For agriculture. For agriculture, competition and deregulation in communications means:

Efficiency. Farms today are the most technology-intensive small businesses. American farmers will be able to harness computer, communications, and satellite technology to stay the world's most efficient lowest cost food producers.

Integration with the national community. Communications advances help integrate the farm community with Americans nationwide. Farm families will have the same news, public affairs, and entertainment choices nearly any American does.

Distance learning/telemedicine. Schools in small town and rural areas will be able to offer the same schooling options as those in the suburbs and major cities. Telemedicine systems will improve the quality of health care available in small town and rural America, especially for the home bound elderly in our society.

More jobs. Deregulation means more modern communications systems as costs drop for small town and rural areas which, in turn, help these areas attract and retain businesses and jobs. Communications deregulation in Nebraska meant thousands of new jobs for the State. Deregulation in North Dakota did the same—one of the country's biggest travel agencies now operate out of Linder and employs several hundred local people.

For Government. For Government agencies, competition and deregulation in telecommunications means:

Better service. With voice mail, smart phone services—for example, to renew your library book, press 1, facsimile, and electronic mail, Federal, State and local agencies will be able to provide the public better service.

Reduced cost. Technology through deregulation and competition also helps Government curb costs. Taxpayers thus get better service without having to pay more. The right-sizing of Government agencies is made possible.

Responsiveness. Using all the latest communications technologies, Government offices will be able to greatly expand their constituent services, including here on Capitol Hill.

For business. For business, competition and deregulation in telecommunications means:

No geographical disadvantage. The ability to locate businesses away from center cities, and to allow many workers, especially working mothers, to telecommute thus reducing urban traffic congestion, pollution problems, and easing child care problems.

Expanding markets. Fax, 800-numbers, United Parcel, and Federal Express have made it possible for even the smallest companies today to compete on a state-wide, regional, national, and even international scale.

Working smarter. Satellite networks, computerized point-of-sale terminals—cash registers—and computerized inventory systems often linked directly to suppliers make it possible for U.S. retailers and other businesses to stay very competitive without being overstocked or understocked. Technology which will be made more available through deregulation has also allowed stores to operate in once remote areas. Wal-Mart has become America largest retailer, despite its largely rural origins, chiefly because the company was able to harness the best in contemporary communications.

For educators. For educators, competition and deregulation in telecommunications means:

Greater parity. Students in small town and rural America, and in inner cities, will be able to access the same information and instructional resources only wealthy suburban districts have. Advanced math, science, and foreign language courses that many schools could not offer previously are available through telecommunications. This reduces the pressures to close or consolidate small town and rural schools and other institutions, which helps communities maintain their unique local character.

Lower costs. Competition lowers the cost of telecommunications equipment and services. This makes it possible for schools to adopt communications techniques without needing to expand budgets and local taxes.

For law enforcement. For law enforcement, competition and deregulation in telecommunications means:

Efficiencies. Communications equipment prices will continue to fall. Police will be able to afford to buy on board computers, advanced radiocommunications, and other high-tech systems. This magnifies the effectiveness of law enforcement budgets.

Better coordination. Advanced communications and computer systems will result in far better coordination among Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. Nationwide criminal records, drunk driving, stolen car, and other checks can be undertaken quickly and cheaply. This means law breakers will face a higher risk of apprehension, which means a stronger deterrent against crime.

Personal security. Advanced computer and communications technology place home security systems within reach of more and more American families. Easier access to cellular phones will help Americans stay safer and feel more secure. At the same time, these telecommunications and information technologies help police, fire department and emergency medical services drastically reduce response times. In the case of emergency medical services far better on-the-spot service will be provided.

For South Dakota and other small city and rural areas:

The bill is designed to rapidly accelerate private sector development of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition.

Recent series of television commercials have shown people sending faxes from the beach, having meetings via computer with people in a foreign country, using their computer to search for theater tickets and a host of other services that soon will be available. My bill would make those services available even sooner by removing restrictive regulations.

A person living in Brandon could work at a job in Minneapolis or Chicago, students in Lemmon would be able to take classes from teachers in Omaha, and doctors in Freeman could consult with specialists at the Mayo Clinic. Telecommunications can bring new economic growth, education, health care and other opportunities to South Dakota.

Competition in the information and communications industries means more choices for people in South Dakota. It will also mean lower costs and a greater array of services and technologies. For instance, competing for customers will compel companies to offer more advanced services like caller ID or local connections to on-line services such as Prodigy and America On-Line.

It hasn't been that long since Ma Bell was everyone's source for local phone service, long-distance service, and phone equipment. Now there are over 400 long-distance companies and people can buy phone equipment at any department or discount store. Under my bill, eventually people would be able to choose from more than one local phone service or cable television operator.

This new competition also should lead to economic development opportunities in South Dakota. People will be able to locate businesses in towns like Groton and Humboldt and serve customers in Hong Kong or New York City. We are entering an exciting era. I want to spur growth and bring new opportunities to South Dakota and everywhere in America.

J. CONCLUSION

S. 652 is legislation providing for the most comprehensive deregulation in the history of the telecommunications industry.

Enacting this bill means ending regulatory apartheid. Under the Communications Act of 1934 and the Federal judiciary's Modification of Final Judgment, sectors of the communications industry are forcibly separated and

segregated. This created Government-imposed and sanctioned monopoly models for the telecommunications sector.

S. 652 tears down all the segregation barriers to competition and ends the monopoly model for telecommunications. It opens up unprecedented new freedom for access, affordability, flexibility, and creativity in telecommunications and information products and services.

Passing S. 652 will hasten the arrival of a powerful network of two-way broadband communications links for homes, schools, and small and large businesses. For my home State of South Dakota, and other States away from the big population centers, this reform bill will make the Internet and other computer communications more easily accessible and affordable.

Local phone companies, long-distance phone companies, cable TV systems, broadcasters, wireless and satellite communications entities, and electric utility companies all will gain freedom to compete with one another in the communications business.

S. 652 is not only a deregulation bill, it is a procompetitive bill. There is an important distinction. The 1984 Cable Act; for instance, deregulated rates for the cable industry but explicitly kept intact the barriers keeping telephone, electric companies, broadcasters, and others from competing for cable TV service. Keeping the monopoly model in place while lifting the lid on prices led directly to a backlash and reregulation in the Cable Act of 1992.

This reform law will open the door for billions of dollars of new investment and growth. The United States is the world leader in telecommunications products, software, and services. Still, we labor under self-defeating limits on our ability to grow at home and compete abroad. Most foreign countries retaliate for the strict U.S. limits on foreign investment. This keeps us out of markets where we would have the natural competitive advantage and leaves them open to our competitors. Telecommunications innovation and productivity is flourishing in such countries as the United Kingdom, which has eliminated many barriers to foreign investment. The new legislation will lift limits on foreign investment in U.S. common carrier enterprises on a fair, reciprocal basis.

To maintain our world leadership position we need new legislation. S. 652 will improve international competitiveness markedly by expanding exports. In 1994, according to the Department of Commerce, telecommunications services—local exchange, long distance, international, cellular and mobile radio, satellite, and data communications—accounted for $3.3 billion in exports. Telecommunications equipment—switching and transmission equipment; telephones; facsimile machines; radio and TV broadcasting equipment, fixed and mobile radio systems; cellular radio telephones; radio transmitters, transceivers and receivers; fiber optics equipment; satellite communications systems; closed-circuit and cable TV equipment—accounted for $10.25 billion in exports. Finally, computer equipment accounted for $29.2 billion in exports. With this new legislation, telecommunications and computer equipment and services will be America's No. 1 export sector.

S. 652 will spur economic growth, create new jobs, and substantially increase productivity. As noted earlier, each dollar invested in telecommunications results in 3 dollars' worth of economic growth. The Clinton/Gore administration estimates that with telecommunications deregulation the telecommunications and information sector of the economy would double its share of the GDP by 2003 and employment would rise from 3.6 million today to 5 million by 2003. The WEFA Group, in a Bell Company funded study, stated that with telecommunications deregulation 3.4 million jobs would be created in the next 10 years. In addition, the GDP would be approximately $300 billion higher, and consumers would save approximately $550 billion. Finally, George Gilder recently testified before the Senate Commerce Committee that if telecommunications deregulation like that contemplated in S. 652 does not take place, America will lose up to $2 trillion in new economic activity in the 1990s.

S. 652 will also assist in delivering better quality of life through more efficient provision of educational, health care and other social services. Distance learning and telemedicine applications are especially important in rural and small city areas of America. With the advent of digital wireless technologies the cost of providing service will be lowered tenfold thus closing the gap between the costs of serving urban and rural areas.

If we in Congress do our job right, by passing this legislation, we have the potential to be America's new high-tech pioneers—an opportunity to explore the new American frontier of high-tech telecommunications and computers that will be unleashed through bold free enterprise, de-regulatory, procompetitive, open entry policies. By taking a balanced approach which doesn't favor any industry segment over any other, we will First, stimulate economic growth, jobs, and capital investment; second, help American competitiveness; third, minimize transitional inequities and dislocations; and fourth, actually do something very good for universal service goals.

Mr. President, on March 28, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation voted 17 to 2 to report S. 652, the Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995.

Telecommunications policy usually rates attention on the business pages, not as a front-page story. Still, for the average American family, legislation to reform regulations of our telephone, cable, and broadcasting industries is surely one of the most important matters the 104th Congress will consider.

OPEN, DELIBERATE PROCESS

Mr. President, this reform legislation was years in the making. It is the handiwork of numerous Senators from both parties, who have shared a common recognition that our laws are outdated and anticompetitive.

The recent hearing process which informed the Commerce Committee and led to development of S. 652 began in February 1994. During 1994 and 1995 the Commerce Committee held 14 days of hearings on telecommunications reform. The committee heard testimony from 109 witnesses during this process. The overwhelming message we received was that Americans want urgent action to open up our Nation's telecommunications markets.

At the beginning of the 104th Congress, on January 31 of this year, I circulated a discussion draft of a telecommunications deregulation bill which reflected ideas from all the Republican members of the Commerce Committee. I invited the comments of ranking Democratic member HOLLINGS and other Democratic members. In just 2 weeks time, Senator HOLLINGS presented a comprehensive response. He has been a tremendous ally in this effort, as have many of my colleagues on the committee.

Senator HOLLINGS and I and Democratic and Republican members of the committee, together with the majority and minority leaders, then engaged in an open, deliberate, productive process of discussion and negotiation.

Mr. President, it is accurate to say that staff from both parties have worked night after night, weekend after weekend, with scarcely any respite, since before Christmas on this bill.

Mr. President, just as it won overwhelming bipartisan support in committee, S. 652 deserves passage by a strong bipartisan vote here on the floor of the Senate.

When I travel around my State of South Dakota and see the craving for distance learning, for telemedicine, for better access to the Internet and the other networks taking shape to improve our productivity and quality of life, it helps me understand the need for this legislation, the need to work and fight for this reform.

Mr. President, the obstacles for progress in telecommunications are not technical. They are political. We have it in our power to tear those obstacles down. S. 652 does a substantial part of the job of tearing them all down.

RESTORING CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

S. 652 returns responsibility for communications policy to Congress after years of micromanagement by the courts. This bill will terminate judicial control of telecommunications policy, in particular, Federal Judge Harold

Greene's ''Modification of Final Judgment'' regime which has governed the telephone business since the breakup of AT&T in 1984.

When the courts control policy, they are restricted to narrow considerations. Congress, on the other hand, takes into account a whole range of economic and social implications in establishing a national policy framework. S. 652 provides such an approach to telecommunications reform.

Piecemeal policymaking by the courts severely delays productive economic activity. The average waiver process before the Department of Justice and the court takes an average of 4½ to 5 years to complete. Such delays cause uncertainty in markets and significantly reduce investment in telecommunications, an increasingly vital sector of our economy.

PROFOUNDLY PRO-CONSUMER

Our electronic media are in a creative tumult known as the digital revolution. New technology is erasing old distinctions between cable TV, telephone service, broadcasting, audio and video recording, and interactive personal computers. In many instances, the only thing standing in the way of consumers and businesses enjoying cheaper and more flexible telecommunications services are outdated laws and regulations.

Mr. President, S. 652 is profoundly proconsumer. The bill breaks up monopolies—that's proconsumer. The bill sweeps away burdensome regulations. This will lower consumer costs—that's proconsumer.

The bill opens up world investment markets for the U.S. telecommunications business. The impact will be more jobs, new services, lower costs—that's proconsumer.

Mr. President, American consumers and businesses want to enjoy the full benefits of the digital revolution. They want more communicating power, more services, more openings, and lower prices. They want wide-open competition.

It is possible for Americans to have all of these. The obstacles in their way are not technical. We have the most powerful economy, the most advanced technological base in the world. The obstacles are political.

The information industry already constitutes one-seventh of the U.S. economy. Worldwide, the information marketplace is projected to exceed $3 trillion by the close of the decade. Today's Federal laws prevent different media from competing in one another's markets, although they have the technical ability to do so.

The regional Bell operating companies are protected with monopoly status in the local residential phone service markets. But they are barred from manufacturing phone equipment, offering long-distance service, or competing in a cable video market. Cable companies, though technically capable, are forbidden to offer competing phone service.

The status quo preserves monopolies and keeps American consumers from access to an array of products and service options. The existing system of law, regulation, and court decrees, holds back the American telecommunications industry from its full potential to compete in world markets.

S. 652 would change all this. It would bring about the most fundamental overhaul of communications policy in more than 60 years. It will break up the monopolies and increase competition. S. 652 immediately lifts regulations barring local telephone companies' entry into cable service and cable's entry into the local phone business.

It allows electric utilities to offer service in both the phone and cable markets, and provides fair, effective, and rapid means to make certain that local Bell companies abandon all vestiges of monopoly. Then it allows those companies into the long-distance and phone equipment manufacturing markets.

This bill ends decades of protectionism in the telephone investment markets. This will help assure access to capital to build the Nation's next generation informational networking.

On a reciprocal basis, it will give Americans more freedom to profit by making major investments in the telecommunications projects of growing markets abroad. For households and business in my home State of South Dakota and all around the Nation, S. 652 means lower prices for local, cellular, and long-distance phone service and lower cable television prices, too. The new competition also will spur companies to bring new technology and services to the marketplace faster.

Phone customers would be assured the same number of digits and the same listing in directory assistance and the white pages, whether they choose the local Bell company or a new competitor. What is more, phone numbers will be portable. A customer will keep the same number even if he or she moves among phone companies to get better prices.

S. 652 promotes competition in cable markets while protecting consumers from surges in rates. The outcome, I fully expect for consumers, perhaps as soon as a year from enactment of the bill, is plentiful competition and low rates without Federal controls.

Freeing business from overregulation is creative and it is proconsumer. There was heavy skepticism 15 years ago about deregulating natural gas prices, but look at the results. I remember I was in the House of Representatives in those days and everybody said if we deregulate natural gas, prices are going to soar. They did not. They went down. Natural gas prices are lower than ever.

Now consider how dramatic the difference in proconsumer advances have been between an unregulated part of the information sector—personal computers—compared with the heavily-regulated telephone sector.

The personal computer success story is especially important in my State of South Dakota. Because a firm that was a tiny start-up in South Dakota a few years ago, Gateway 2000, is now a major player in personal computer markets. It is one of the quality leaders in home computing products.

Computer industry entrepreneurs were free to gamble on the personal computer. No Federal or State regulator told them what they could and could not build, what specifications they had to meet, what markets to target. Market competition was fierce. Technological progress was breathtaking.

By 1990, the upstart personal computer industry was selling for $5,000 a computer with as much processing power as a $250,000 minicomputer of the mid-1980's, more than that of a million-dollar mainframe of the 1970's. Now personal computers with more than twice the processing power are available for $1,500.

The upshot, in terms of price and power, is that today's computer systems have over 200 times the value of systems in 1994. Even with the historic breakup of the AT&T long-distance monopoly, the telephone business has remained heavily regulated, and consumers have gained value. In 1984, a 10-minute call from New York to Los Angeles cost $5. Today it cost $2.50. It should cost less, and will cost less.

If competition and technological advances have developed in the long-distance market, as they had in the computer market over the same period, that same phone call would cost less than 3 cents today, rather than $2.50. Three cents.

The regulatory status quo needs shaking up. That is what S. 652 would do. It would do less for big existing companies than for the businesses and services that are still waiting to be created, and many of those will be small businesses. Most important, it would help bring about an explosion of new job opportunities and services for the American people.

Let me take just a moment to describe in detail the key reforms in S. 652. First, universal telephone service, the need to preserve widely available and reasonably priced services is a fundamental concern addressed in S. 652. The bill preserves universal service, improves it, and makes it cost less.

It requires all telecommunications carriers to contribute to the support of universal service. Only telecommunication carriers designated by the FCC or a State as ''essential telecommunication carriers'' are eligible to receive support payments. The bill directs the FCC to institute and refer to a Federal-State joint board, a proceeding to recommend rules to implement universal service and to establish a minimum definition of universal service. A State may add to the definition for its local needs.

Mr. President, to smaller cities and rural communities and others who depend upon universal service nothing is

changed. They continue to enjoy affordable access to phone service as before. The most important impact of S. 652 is structural and management reform in universal service that will save the American taxpayers $3 billion over the next 5 years. I think that is important to say. The universal service of this will cost less in these years.

For local telephone competition, S. 652 gives a green light to local telephone competition. The bill breaks up the old monopoly system for local phone service. All Federal barriers to competition will be removed, and all State and local barriers will be preempted. Cable companies, long-distance companies, electric companies and other entities will gain a chance to offer lower prices and better service for local phone service.

Upon enactment, the legislation preempts all State and local barriers to competing with the telephone companies. In addition, it requires local exchange carriers having market powers to negotiate, in good faith, interconnection agreements for access to unbundled network features and functions that reasonable and nondiscriminatory rates.

This allows other parties to provide competitive service through interconnection with the LEC's facilities. The bill establishes minimum standards relating to types of interconnection that an LEC with market power must agree to provide if requested, including the following: Unbundled access to network functions and services; unbundled access to facilities and information; necessary for transmission, routing, and interoperability of both carriers' networks; interconnection at any technological feasible point; access of polls, ducts, conduits, and rights of way; telephone number portability; and local dialing parity.

As an assurance that the parties negotiate in good faith, either party may ask the State to arbitrate any differences, and the State must review and approve any interconnection agreement.

There is long distance and manufacturing relief for the Bell companies. The Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995 establishes a process under which the regional Bell companies may apply to the FCC to enter the long-distance market. Since the 1984 breakup of AT&T, the Bell companies have been prohibited from providing long-distance service. S. 652 reasserts congressional authority over Bell company provision of long distance and restores the FCC authority to set communication policy over those issues. The Attorney General has a consulting role.

The bill requires Bell local companies and other LEC's with marketing power to open and unbundle their local networks to increase the likelihood that competition will develop for local telephone service.

It sets forth a competitive checklist of unbundling and interconnection requirements. If a Bell company satisfies the checklist, the FCC is authorized to permit the Bell company to long-distance service if this is found to be in the public interest.

Once a Bell company has met the checklist requirements, it also will be allowed to enter the markets for manufacturing phone equipment.

In conducting its manufacturing activities, a Bell company must comply with the following safeguards:

A separate manufacturing affiliate;

Requirements for establishing standards and certifying equipment;

Protections for small telephone companies. A Bell manufacturing affiliate must make its equipment available to other telephone companies without discrimination or self-preference as to price delivery, terms, or conditions.

This bill also opens international investment markets.

S. 652 lifts limits on foreign ownership of U.S. common carriers. The bill establishes a reciprocity formula whereby a foreign national or foreign-owned company would be able to invest more than the current 25 percent limit in a U.S. telephone company if American citizens or firms enjoyed comparable opportunities. This would allow increased investment in and by the U.S. telecommunications industry, which enjoys worldwide comparative advantage.

Finally, in the area of cable competition, the bill permits telephone companies to compete against local cable companies upon enactment, although until 1 year after enactment the FCC would be required to approve Bell company plans to construct facilities for common carrier ''video dialtone'' operations. The bill also removes at enactment all State or local barriers to cable companies providing telecommunications services, without additional franchise requirements.

The bill maintains rate regulation for the basic tier of programming where the cable operator does not face ''effective competition,'' defined as the provision of video services by a local telephone company or 15 percent penetration by another multichannel video provider. The bill minimizes regulation of expanded tier services. Specifically the bill eliminates the ability of a single subscriber to initiate at the FCC a rate complaint proceeding concerning expanded tier services. In addition, the FCC may only find rates for expanded tier service unreasonable, and subject to regulation, if the rates substantially exceed the national average rates for comparable cable programming services.

In the area of spectrum flexibility and regulatory reform for broadcasters, if the FCC permits a broadcast television licensee to provide advanced television services, the bill requires the FCC to adopt rules to permit such broadcasters flexibility to use the advanced television spectrum for ancillary and supplementary services, if the licensee provides to the public at least one free advanced television program service. The FCC is authorized to collect an annual fee from the broadcaster if the broadcaster offers ancillary or supplementary services for a fee to subscribers.

A single broadcast licensee is permitted to reach 35 percent of the national audience, up from the current 25 percent. Moreover, the FCC is required to review all of its ownership rules biennially. Broadcast license terms are lengthened for television licenses from 5 to 10 years and for radio licenses from 7 to 10 years. Finally, new broadcast license renewal procedures are established.

Entry by registered utilities into telecommunications is allowed.

Under current law, gas and electric utility holding companies that are not registered may provide telecommunication services to consumers. There does not appear to be sufficient justification to continue to preclude registered utility holding companies from providing this same competition. The bill provides that affiliates of registered public utility holding companies may engage in the provision of telecommunications services, notwithstanding the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. The affiliate engaged in providing telecommunications must keep separate books and records, and the States are authorized to require independent audits on an annual basis.

ALARM SERVICES

Beginning 3 years after enactment, a Bell company may provide such services if it has received authorization from the FCC to provide in-region interLATA service. The bill requires the FCC to establish rules governing Bell company provision of alarm monitoring services. A Bell company that was in the alarm service business as of December 31, 1994 is allowed to continue providing that service, as long as certain conditions are met.

Finally, continuous review and reduction of regulation.

The bill also ensures that regulations applicable to the telecommunications industry remain current and necessary in light of changes in the industry. First, the legislation permits the FCC to forbear from regulating carriers when forbearance is in the public interest. This will allow the FCC to reduce the regulatory burdens on a carrier when competition develops, or when the FCC determines that relaxed regulation is in the public interest.

Second, the bill requires a Federal-State Joint Board to periodically review the universal service policies.

Third, the FCC, with respect to its regulations under the 1934 act, and a Federal-State Joint Board with respect to State regulations, are required in odd-numbered years beginning in 1997 to review all regulations issued under the act or State laws applicable to telecommunications services. The FCC and Joint Board are to determine whether any such regulation is no longer in the

public interest as a result of competition.

In short, Mr. President, this bill promotes deregulation as far as it logically should go. It provides a kind of ''sunset'' process for all regulations which the bill does not abolish immediately.

I welcome the coming debate and vote on S. 652. I urge my colleagues to reassert congressional responsibility for telecommunications policy.

Let me say, in summary and in conclusion, Mr. President, what we are trying to do here is to get everyone into everyone else's business. The economic apartheid that has been a part of telecommunications since the act of 1934 should be brought to an end.

I believe the passage of this bill would be like the Oklahoma land rush, the going off of the gun, because presently a lot of investment in the United States is paralyzed because we do not have a roadmap for the next 5, 10, or 15 years until we get into the wireless age.

What is happening is that many of our companies are investing in Europe or abroad because they are prohibited from manufacturing or doing something here. As a result, American jobs are being lost.

This particular bill, if we can pass it, will provide a roadmap which businessmen and investors will be able to invest in and make an explosion of new devices, an explosion of new jobs, and will help our country a great deal.

I think it will help consumers by lowering prices and providing more devices, and it will also help labor by providing more jobs of the type that we need in our country.

I wish to pay tribute again to Senator HOLLINGS and his staff and all the Senators on the committee who have worked so hard—and Senators in this Chamber. I have spoken to all 100 Senators at some point on this bill and it has been a long time getting it up. I hope we can proceed through today and tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, as the communications bill, S. 652, comes up for consideration, my first urge is one of gratitude. I want to thank the majority leader and minority leader for their leadership in calling up this bill and, of course, I particularly want to thank the chairman of our committee who has been outstanding in working all day long in getting this bill to the floor.

Senator LOTT on the majority side and Senator INOUYE, who was the chairman of our Communications Subcommittee, now the ranking member, have been working around the clock. Of course, particular thanks goes, again, for our staff members. I thank the chairman's staff—Paddy Link, Katie King, and Donald McLellan. On my staff particular gratitude must go to Kevin Curtin, John Windhausen, and Kevin Joseph for all their efforts.

We do not extend such thanks casually. This effort started in the fall of 1993, and every Friday morning we would meet with the Bell companies, the regional Bell operating companies. Every Tuesday morning the staffs would meet again with the competing interests of long distance and all the other industry interests. We have continued those meetings right up to this afternoon. We have been working, meeting, reconciling, trying our deadlevel best to bring a complicated measure up to the modern age of telecommunications.

To this Senator, they have all done an outstanding job. So it is not a casual ''thanks,'' but it is one that is very genuine and sincere. We thank them all for their cooperation and understanding.

As this bill is called up, it is good to note and emphasize that the Commerce Committee reported it by a vote of 17 to 2 on March 23. It is a product of months and months of consideration and discussion by the committee and by Senators all involved. In the last Congress, Senators INOUYE, Danforth, and I sponsored S. 1822, which was approved at that time by the Commerce Committee by a vote 18 to 2.

The committee held 31 hours of testimony, 11 days of hearings, and heard from 86-plus witnesses. In this Congress, the committee on S. 652 has held 3 days of hearings on telecommunications reform, heard from a number of witnesses representing a broad variety of interests.

S. 652 achieves a very, very important objective. Most important of all the objectives was the requirement of universal telephone service that would be available and affordable and continued to be outstanding. We have the finest communications services in the world.

This Senator went through the experience of airline deregulation. And truth is truth, and facts are facts. Do not come and tell me how airline deregulation is working. All of the airlines have just about gone broke. And I can tell you from paying just to go from Charleston to Washington and Washington to Charleston and back, it is just an inordinate 600 and some odd dollars. What has happened is 85 percent of America is subsidizing some 15 percent for the long haul. They talk about market forces, market forces. We had a good arrangement on the regulated airline service, and we have come full circle now with regulating foreign airlines and KLM taking over Northwest, British Air coming in on USAir, and all the rest being saved while we proudly stand up as politicians blowing hot and hard how wonderful airline deregulation is working. That is hooey.

I wanted to make sure that we did not fall in and mess up in this particular one with the wonderful telecommunications service that we have had. This bill promotes competition in the telecommunications market and restores regulatory authority over the industry to the Federal Communications Commission. That administrative entity has also been outstanding in their rendering of decisions and moving forward as best they could with the technological developments. But the competition of the communications and regular telephonic service and long distance evolved into a heck of a monopoly that we could not deregulate. I was on the teams that worked all during the 1970's and the early 1980's. Finally, the Department of Justice had to bust it up. We found out that they were so strong politically and financially that they could cancel out any and everybody. Senator DOLE on the majority side, this Senator on the minority side, all during the 1980's tried to get it back to the FCC, and we were blocked. This Senate passed the manufacturing bill to allow the Bell companies to get into manufacturing, passed by a vote of 74, bipartisan, and it was blocked over on the House side.

So the difficulty has really been in trying to get it from Judge Greene back into the administrative body where the people's decisions and policies are made by the Congress, administered by the Federal Communications Commission, but blocked by the industry itself time and time again.

Let me also mention Judge Greene who has done an outstanding job. I want to make note that it was just announced that Judge Greene will enter senior status this August. I just could not give him enough kudos in the way he has handled this, almost a one-man administrative responsibility for over 10 years now in his deliberate approach to the needs of the public by maintaining at the same time universal service.

The basic thrust of this bill is clear. Competition is the best regulator of the marketplace. But until that competition exists, until the markets are opened, monopoly-provided services must not be able to exploit the monopoly power to the consumers' disadvantage. Competitors are ready and willing to enter the new markets as soon as they are opened. Competition is spurred by S. 652's provisions, specifying criteria for entry into the various markets.

For example, on a broad scale, cable companies will provide telephone service; telephone companies will offer video services, as pointed out by our distinguished chairman; and telephone companies will, in addition, provide to the consumers the continued universal service; the consumers will be able to purchase local telephone service from several competitors; electric utility companies will offer telecommunications services; the regional Bell operating companies will engage in manufacturing activities. All of these participants will foster competition with each other and create jobs along the way. Of course, long distance will enter the local exchange, and as the local exchange is opened, the regional Bell operating companies will enter into long

distance. So we are really moving very expeditiously into the competitive market.

We should not attempt to micromanage the marketplace. Rather, we must set the rules in a way that neutralizes any party's inherent market power so that robust and fair competition can ensue. This is Congress' responsibility.

So this bill transfers jurisdiction over the modified final judgment from the courts to the Federal Communications Commission. Judge Greene, as I mentioned, has been overseeing that modified final judgment in an outstanding fashion. He was doing yeoman's work in attempting to ensure that monopolies do not abuse that market power. Now it is time for the Congress to reassert its responsibilities in this area.

Let me address some of the specific areas of importance. The need to protect advanced universal service is one fundamental concern of the committee in reporting S. 652. Universal service must be guaranteed, the world's best telephone system must continue to grow and develop, and we must ensure the widest availability of telephone service. Under this bill, all telecommunications carriers must contribute to their universal service fund. A Federal-State joint board will define universal service. This definition will evolve. It is a flexible requirement—a requirement, I should say rather, of flexibility so that the definition will evolve over time as technologies change so that consumers have access to the best possible services.

Special provisions in the legislation address universal service in rural areas to guarantee that harm to universal service is avoided there. One of the most contentious issues in this whole discussion has been when the regional Bell operating companies should be allowed to enter the long distance market.

Under section VII(C) of the modified final judgment consented to buy all the RBOC's and attested to in the hearings that we have had on this bill, as a group the test has been whether the RBOC's seeking entry into long distance could have a substantial possibility of impeding competition in that long distance market which it seeks to enter.

Last year, S. 1822 contained a requirement that the Department of Justice utilize this test in considering any application for the regional Bell operating companies' entry into long distance. In addition, the FCC was to utilize a public interest test for considering any such application. This was an approach to which the regional Bell operating companies agreed during the last Congress. This year, earlier draft provisions, however, set a date certain for entry by the RBOC's into the long distance market.

So after all the hearings and much discussion and negotiation, we determined that this self-defeating approach of a calendar ruling there would be no consideration of the competitive circumstances in the marketplace.

So S. 652 specifies that the FCC may approve any application to provide long distance if it finds, one, that the RBOC has fully implemented the unbundling features specified in the competitive checklist in the new section 255 of the Federal Communications Act of 1934; two, the RBOC will provide long distance using a separate subsidiary; and, three, application is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Mr. President, when I mentioned that section 255 is a new section under the Communications Act, I should say of 1934. It is good to point out that we have used the original Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for the simple reason that over the 60 plus years we now have a complex body of law, special rulings, interpretations of legal expressions and requirements by the courts. We are now tasked with the job of trying to bring competition to a regulatory structure based on a monopoly and open up the marketplace.

I remember in an earlier debate we had this year it was brought out that 60,000 lawyers are registered to practice before the District of Columbia bar, 59,000 of whom are probably members of the federal communications bar. That is why you will see every effort to change every little word and analyze every phrase. So we have really had a difficult task trying to break up the monopoly of the local telephone companies and to open the market so competition could ensue and yet it is the monopoly that has provided us with the universal service we all enjoy. We do not want to penalize or jeopardize in any sense the regional Bell operating companies that have been doing an outstanding job because there is no shortcut there. If you penalize them and put them into an uncompetitive position, then, of course, your rates are bound to go up.

So S. 652 is a balanced bill. The public interest test is fundamental to my support for the legislation. In making this public interest evaluation, the FCC is instructed to consult with the Department of Justice which may furnish the Federal Communications Commission with advice on the application using whatever standard it finds appropriate, including antitrust analysis under the Clayton and Sherman Acts and also section VIII(C) under the Modified Final Judgment.

Mr. President, this is great leap from the actual and demonstrable competition test originally proposed in S. 1822 from the last Congress. While I would prefer a more active Department of Justice role, and an explicit reference in the statute to the section VIII(C) test, I support the provisions of S. 652 because the FCC will have the benefit of the Department of Justice views prior to making any decision. The Department of Justice may well decide to base its decision on whether there is a substantial possibility that the regional Bell operating company will impede competition through use of its monopoly power or any other standard under the antitrust law. The report accompanying this bill makes it clear.

I might emphasize at this particular point the leadership that already this year has been given by the antitrust division, by the Department of Justice and the outstanding director, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Anne Bingaman. She has obtained what we as politicians have been trying over 4 years to get together, and that is about a month ago on national TV there appeared the regional Bell operating company, Ameritech, the long distance company AT&T, the Department of Justice and the Consumer Federation of America, all four entities important to the entire process agreeing on the steps of unbundling, dialing parity, access, interconnection, all of these things all ironed out that in the technological world of communications we have debated back and forth over these many years. They have gotten together. They are going into Grand Rapids and Chicago, and, of course, the RBOC is getting into long distance.

And so while we politicians on the floor of the Senate will be debating in the next few days, no doubt it should be mentioned that the Department of Justice, under the leadership of Ms. Anne Bingaman, has already gotten the parties together. I am convinced that their consent decree now before Judge Greene will be affirmed.

S. 652 requires that an RBOC must provide long distance using a subsidiary separate from itself to avoid any cross-subsidization between local and long-distance rates. These and other safeguards in the bill should prevent against RBOC abuses in the long-distance market.

The committee-approved bill also includes some deregulation rates for cable television. The Democratic proposal at the beginning of the year did not suggest any such deregulation because from 1986 to 1992 cable rates had risen three times faster than the rate of inflation, so that the Congress back in 1992 overwhelmingly imposed rate regulation and new service standards on the cable operators.

We passed the 1992 Cable Act largely in response to the complaints from consumers that rates had soared beyond reason and service was poor. The bill actually became law with the bipartisan vote to override President Bush's veto.

Now, since the 1992 act was adopted, the cable industry has experienced significant growth. Subscribership is up, stock values in cable companies have risen dramatically, and debt financing by the cable industry rose in 1994 by almost $4 billion over the 1993 levels. But the Consumer Federation of America estimates that $3 billion has been saved for American consumers through the rate regulation that has been put into

place. Yet some in the industry maintain that cable regulation produces uncertainty in financial markets and that cable operators will need to be able to respond to new competitors through additional revenues.

S. 652, therefore, changes the standard of regulation for the upper tiers of cable programming. It makes no changes in the regulation of the basic tier. Under the bill, a rate for the upper tier cannot be found to be unreasonable unless it substantially exceeds the national average rate for comparable cable programming.

This standard will allow cable operators greater regulatory flexibility for the upper tiers. The bill retains the FCC's authority to regulate excessive rates charged to the upper tiers.

In addition, the bill changes the definition of effective competition in the 1992 act to allow cable rates to be deregulated as soon as the telephone company begins to offer competing cable services in the franchise area. Once consumers have a choice among entities offering cable service, the need for regulation no longer exists.

S. 652 increases the ability of any entity including television networks to own more broadcast stations. Today, the FCC rules allow an entity to own broadcast stations that reach no more than 25 percent of the Nation's population. This limit was imposed out of concern that broadcast stations would be owned by a few individuals, and that concentration would not be beneficial to our local communities or yield the benefits that result from the expression of diverse points of view. S. 652 would increase that level to 35 percent.

Any modification in the national ownership cap is important because of localism concerns. Local television stations provide vitally important services in our communities. Because local programming informs our citizens about natural disasters, brings news of local events, and provides other community-building benefits, we cannot afford to undermine this valuable local resource.

Earlier drafts of the legislation would have eliminated many of the FCC regulatory limits on the broadcast industry. By contrast, S. 1822, as approved by the Commerce Committee last year, required the FCC to conduct a proceeding to review the desirability of changing these rules. I think the bill with 35 percent permeation is an acceptable compromise between those positions.

In addition, the bill repeals a prohibition on cable broadcast crossownership. S. 652 makes no change in the other broadcast ownership rules such as the duopoly rule or the one-in-the-marketplace rule. Rather, the FCC is instructed to review these rules every 2 years, and they can change it upon review.

This comprehensive bill strikes a balance between competition and regulation. New markets will be open, competitors will begin to offer services, consumers will be better served by having choices among providers and services.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill. I myself would have gone further in several areas covered by the legislation, but I have seen that any one sector of the telecommunications industry can stop this bill and checkmate the others, as I have stated before. Telecommunications reform is too important to let this opportunity go by.

Finally, Mr. President, it should be emphasized that here is one industry that suffered from deregulation. You cannot approach this problem in S. 652 as we bring it into the technological age without thinking back to 1912 when David Sarnoff was a clerk in Wanamaker's store and the sinking of the Titanic was occurring. They raced him up to the roof of Wanamaker's. He set up his wireless, made radio contact with the sinking ship and contacted rescue vessels, directing not only some of the rescue effort but the names of survivors, working almost 72 hours around the clock.

Everyone then got a wireless. There was not any regulation. And by 1924, when Herbert Hoover was the Secretary of Commerce, all of those wireless operators came rushing to the Secretary of Commerce and said, ''For heaven's sake, we have nothing but jamming.'' The radio broadcasters, who have a tremendous interest in this S. 652, went begging to be regulated. So they were in the act of 1927 and brought into that age then with the 1934 act.

So those who are now talking about getting rid of the Government and, incidentally, by the way, we can save money by getting rid of the FCC, ought to stop, look and listen. They have to have a sense of history. We can get rid of total deregulation, jamming each other and all that sort of thing, but, after all, the public airways belong to the public, on the one hand, and they need a modicum of administration, on the other hand, for this finest, finest of communications systems in the entire world.

Let us not talk about the FCC costing money. They are the entity this year that already by auction has brought in $7 billion to the Federal Government. If you can find any other bureau, commission, administration, department of Government or otherwise that has reaped 7 billion bucks, I would like to find it.

We have the money to administer all of these things and bring it into a deregulatory, competitive position, but it has to be done in an orderly fashion, and everyone connected and working on this understands that. So let us not start talking about getting rid of the FCC and act like you are doing something sensible.

I thank my colleagues and yield the floor.

Mr. GORTON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, it may well be that the two distinguished southern managers of this bill, the Senators from South Dakota and South Carolina, may never have imagined that this day would come. This is probably the first occasion on which a thorough philosophical change in direction in communications law has been debated on the floor of the U.S. Senate since the Communications Act of 1934, some 61 years ago.

In 1934, of course, communications was via old-fashioned dial or operator-assisted telephone through radio stations and through Western Union telegrams. The technological situation of the time called for monopoly communications systems and the necessity of regulation of those systems in the public interest to see that prices were not too high.

Today, of course, technology is so totally and completely different that an entirely different regime is needed. Perhaps the greatest difficulty in bringing this day on which we start this debate to pass has been the fact that in each long set of hearings in the Senate Commerce Committee over a year or more, each tentative set of conclusions on the part of these two Senators, and others, by the time those conclusions had been reached, the technology has gone beyond those conclusions.

So there seems to be a broad agreement across both parties and many political philosophies that there should be a large degree of deregulation as a part of any bill, based on the proposition that we cannot tell how much the technology will change in the next 6 months, much less the next 10 years, and that we should accommodate it without constantly trying to regulate it through some form of statutory language. That is the philosophy of this bill, a philosophy of competition rather than of regulated monopoly.

It has been a difficult process and it is likely to be a difficult process for the next 3 or 4 days.

So rather than repeat anything that the two leaders in this debate have said, I would simply like to say from the perspective of this Senator, as a member of the Commerce Committee, there have been three guiding principles in dealing with the many conflicts among groups who would like to provide communication services, and those three guiding principles are, of course, deregulation, competition and the interests of the consumers, the users of these various services.

Mr. President, there are a number of areas covered by this bill in which those three interests lead to the same conclusion: Deregulation will promote competition, competition will promote the consumer interest.

Those parts of the bill probably will not be the subject of much discussion during the course of this debate. They have been worked out. But the three considerations are at least slightly different and move in slightly different

directions. Because of the nature of the communications industry, which still includes huge regulated monopolies, a total and complete deregulation at least carries with it the risk not of competition but of an unregulated monopoly substituting itself for a regulated monopoly. So there must be a degree of caution in the speed and the completeness of any kind of deregulation.

Almost always, it seems to me, Mr. President, that competition is in the consumer interest, though ironically many of the so-called organized consumer groups have little faith in competition and in the free market and believe in various forms of state socialism and want in many respects more regulation. I believe, Mr. President, that those so-called consumer representatives rarely represent the actual consumer interest.

So as we go through this debate over particular proposed amendments during the course of the next week, it seems to me we all have to attempt to judge them on the basis of those three principles: Are they deregulatory in nature in a constructive fashion that is consistent with the march of new technologies? Do they promote competition? And are they in the consumer interest?

Mr. President, there is only one other major point that I want to make at this time, and that is that of all of the proposals with which I have had to deal in my career in the Senate, this is perhaps the most important for the future of our economy. Perhaps as much as 20 percent of our economy is connected with communications in some respect or another. And, of course, the lobbying, the attempt to influence all of us on the part of people who are in the communications business or wish to be in the communications business is fierce, is overwhelming in nature. At the same time, the actual consumers of these goods, our constituents, who are not in the business, are almost totally silent.

I have hardly gotten a handful of telephone calls or letters from ordinary citizens about this bill. It is too big. It is too complicated. It is about the future. It is very difficult to come up with an intelligent opinion off the top of one's head on some of the particular controversial areas in it. And so it is up to us to weigh the consumer interest as we work our way through this legislation, along with those features that will lead to competition, generally speaking, through deregulation.

My observation is that the large companies and groups which are already in the communications business do sincerely favor competition. But, generally speaking, they would like to create a competitive atmosphere in which they are at least even, and perhaps have a little bit of an advantage. And so the mythical even playing field is something to which all give lip-service but each defines in a different fashion.

Now, the new companies, the entrepreneurs, those who are just beginning in the field, or wish to get in the field, simply want it opened up. They want to be able to compete, where today they cannot. Few of them are large enough to demand some kind of special privileges or another. And we need to encourage both.

We need to encourage the continued investment in this new technology on the part of those companies that have been in the business literally forever. We cannot lose their expertise and that tremendous investment. We need to see to it that those large companies are able to compete against one another in the consumer interest. At the same time, we also need to see to it that the niche companies, the new companies, the people with bright new ideas, are able to get into this business and if they are tremendously successful, become large companies as well.

So, Mr. President, we search for deregulation, we search for competition, and we search for the consumer interests. I think we all do so sincerely, determined that we need to make major changes, and perhaps with a degree of humility, that we do not know what is going to happen tomorrow, and we wish to craft an outline which will allow tomorrow to take place without our having crushed it by unanticipated consequences to the actions we take here.

I want to close by congratulating both of my colleagues, the Senator from South Dakota and also the Senator from South Carolina, who has spent a major part of his career in this field and who now has, I think, the enviable task of attempting to manage this legislation wisely and successfully to a conclusion that will benefit all of the American people.

Mr. DOLE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. DOLE. First, I thank and congratulate the chairman and the ranking member of the committee, Senator PRESSLER and Senator HOLLINGS. We have been promising week after week that this bill was coming to the floor. I do not believe it now that it is on the floor and pending. I have every expectation, with their management skills, that we can probably finish this bill by Friday noon. If that is the case, we probably would not have any votes on Monday—if that is an incentive for anybody. We might have debate on some other bill but no votes on Monday. So if we can consider those incentive programs as we go along, it will be helpful. But it is a very important piece of legislation. It is probably the most important bill we have considered all year, no doubt about it. It will create jobs, opportunity, all of the things we have talked about. I have listened to both managers' opening statements.

Mr. President, some may consider S. 652 to be the end of a long, long, process. And no doubt about it, telecommunications deregulation legislation has been an idea debated around here for nearly a decade. In fact, I first introduced telecommunications deregulation legislation in 1986.

But rather than seeing this bill as an end to the process, I see it as a beginning: A beginning of a new era of leadership for the telecommunications industry and for America.

And one person who deserves a good deal of credit for making this new era a reality is Senator PRESSLER. As all Members know, this is a tough, complex, and often contentious issue. And Senator PRESSLER and Senator HOLLINGS have done an outstanding job at bringing the competing interests together—or as close together as possible.

Senator HOLLINGS was the chairman and came very close last year to getting a bill. This year, under the chairmanship of Senator PRESSLER, we are on the floor with the bill. We have not passed it yet, but my understanding is that there is a lot of bipartisan support. It is not a partisan measure, a Democrat or Republican partisan fight. So we ought to be able to complete it quickly, because they have done an outstanding job of bringing the competing interests as close together as possible.

Mr. President, leadership in telecommunications, whether it was inventing the telegraph or the microchip, has been an American tradition. And we will continue that tradition with passage of this bill.

As I have said before, telecom reform will be the real jobs stimulus package of this decade.

Building the necessary infrastructure will require thousands of private sector jobs. And that is just the beginning. Millions more will be created because information will become more accessible. Jobs that will make America more efficient, more productive, and ultimately more powerful.

Looking back on Congress' track record, a casual observer would think that we have a grudge against the communications industry. Fortunately, this image is changing and Republicans are glad to see that traditional ''pro-regulators'' are finally coming around to our competitive way of thinking.

We must develop a flexible policy that will accommodate the explosion of new technology. That policy, of course, is promoting competition. It is irresponsible to think we can do anything more.

No one knows the benefits of free and open competition better than the computer and semi-conductor industries. Just take a look at a few of the players in the U.S. communications industry.

Last year, the computer industry earned revenues close to $360 billion. Two things are amazing about that figure. First, it is twice the telephone industry's revenues. And second, revenues from the personal computer industry, which for all intents and purposes was non-existent in 1980, account for almost half of that figure. In other words, revenues in personal computers

have grown as much in 14 years as the entire telephone industry did in 100.

It is not too difficult to figure out that the computer industry benefitted from fierce competition and minimal government regulation. Phone companies did not.

Cable TV also exploded after it was de-regulated in 1984. At that time, its revenues were $7.8 billion and it employed 67,381 persons. Fast-forward to 1992. Revenues tripled and employment numbers jumped to 108,280. While these numbers are also good, I would suggest that the cable TV industry would have done much better if it had faced competition. More importantly, I would also suggest that there would not have been the abuses which prompted Congress to enact re-regulation in 1992.

My point is simple: competition, not regulation, has the best record for creating new jobs, spurring new innovation, and creating new wealth.

Mr. President, America is at the cross roads, and Congress must make a choice. A touch choice, as we all know. But I believe that if we ask the right question, we will get the right Answer. As I see it, we must ask ourselves, ''who will decide the communications industry's future.''

I say we allow the real technical experts to decide. And I am not talking about government bureaucrats. Instead, we should look to the experts in the field, the entrepreneurs, the engineers, and the innovators. It seems to me that they will do a far better job for our country if big government leaves them alone.

I, for one, cannot allow government to become the biggest player in the telecommunications industry. Too much is at stake. It is nonsense to gamble away millions of new jobs. It is nonsense to gamble away America's ability to compete, and win, around the world. And it is nonsense to gamble away the spoils that the information age will bring.

To get there, I have worked with the committee to develop a comprehensive deregulatory amendment that touches all sectors of the communications industry. It is my understanding that the managers are not quite ready to accept it now.

I have a list describing each provision that I will insert in the RECORD at the end of my remarks, but for now, I will just highlight a few of the provisions.

First, deregulate small cable TV systems. This has bipartisan support. Although views differ on deregulating the entire cable TV industry, most of us can agree that rural and small systems need rate relief in order to survive. This provision gets it done.

Second, force the Federal Communications Commission to eliminate outdated regulations, and do so in a timely manner. Currently, there is no guarantee that the Commission will ever act on requests that it forbear on regulations. Under this amendment, the Commission must respond within 90-days—60 more can be added if the issue requires additional scrutiny. Most importantly, it must provide a written determination to justify its actions.

Third, eliminate the number of TV stations that any one entity can own. Currently, the limit is capped at 12. This amendment removes that cap. I want to point out, however, that this amendment does not, I repeat, does not increase the percentage of national viewership beyond the 35 percent that is included in the chairman's mark.

The amendment also eliminates the number of radio stations one can own, unless the Commission finds that issuing or transferring a license will harm competition.

The measure also privatizes or eliminates a number of FCC functions. The Commission deserves credit for making these suggestions that comprise this provision. In other words they came from the FCC.

I could go on at length, but I believe I have given my colleagues a flavor of what this amendment is about. I know the managers and members of their staffs are well acquainted with it.

This amendment does represent the hard work of many Members, obviously Members on both sides of the aisle. Senator BURNS has been working on this for a couple years, Senator CRAIG, Senator PACKWOOD, Senator MCCAIN on our side, just to name a few, and, of course, Senator PRESSLER and Senator HOLLINGS.

It does not matter how long we work on it, if we cannot get it accepted, it does not make any difference. We hope at the appropriate time that it can be accepted. I hope that we will continue on the procompetitive, deregulatory course that we have taken in a bipartisan way, and in only that way will we ensure that today is beginning a new renaissance for America.

Mr. President, I ask that a summary of the deregulation package be printed in the RECORD following my statement.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SUMMARY OF DEREGULATION PACKAGE

Transfers Judge Green's MFJ (consent decree) to the FCC.

Eliminates GTE's consent decree.

Adopts definition to restrict expansion of universal service so that it does not spiral out of control.

Greater deregulation for small cable TV. As the bill stands now, small cable can't take advantage of any rate deregulation because of the way their systems are set-up. To take care of them, the deregulatory amendment would completely eliminate rate regulation for cable operators who serve less than 35,000 in one franchise area, and do not serve more than 1% of all subscribers nationwide (650,000 subscribers). Obviously, this is a pretty broad definition of a ''small'' cable company.

Increase the Commission's ability to forbear on regulation.

Establish a petition driven process to force the commission to forbear on regulation within a 90-day period. If the Commission does not act, or extend period by an additional 60 days, the petition shall be deemed granted. If petition is rejected, it must be with a written explanation. In short, it will force the commission to justify any and all of its regulations.

Eliminate the number of TV stations any one entity can own.

Force the Commission to change its rules so that any entity can reach up to 35% of Americans with TV broadcast systems (the current cap is at 25%).

Eliminate the number of radio stations any one entity can own, unless it would harm competition.

Have FCC consider eliminating rate regulation in long distance market.

Regulatory relief. Speed up FCC action for phone companies by making any revised charge that reduces rates effective 7 days after it is filed with commission. Rate increases will be effective 15 days after submission. To block such changes, FCC must justify its actions.

Eliminate arcane requirement that phone companies must File any line extension with Commission. As it stands now, companies have to get the commission to approve any line extension which often takes more than a year.

Phone companies will only have to file cost allocation manuals on a yearly basis.

Eliminate the following FCC functions: Repeal setting of Depreciation rates; Have Commission subcontract out its audit functions; Simplify coordination between Feds and States; Privatize Ship radio inspections; Permit Commission to waive construction permits for broadcast stations as long as license application is submitted 10 days after construction is completed.

Also terminate broadcast licenses if a station is silent for more that 12 consecutive months. Subcontract out testing and certification of equipment. Permit operation of domestic ship and aircraft radios without license. Eliminate FCC jurisdiction over government owned radio stations. Eliminate burdensome paperwork involved in Amateur Radio examination. Streamline non-broadcast radio licenses renewals.

AMENDMENT NO. 1255

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I send my amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE] proposes an amendment numbered 1255.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent further reading be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(c) TRANSFER OF MFJ.—After the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall administer any provision of the Modification of Final Judgment not overridden or superseded by this Act. The District Court for the District of Columbia shall have no further jurisdiction over any provision of the Modification of Final Judgment administered by the Commission under this Act or the Communications Act of 1934. The Commission may, consistent with this Act (and the amendments made by this Act), modify any provision of the Modification of Final Judgment that it administers.

(d) GTE CONSENT DECREE.—This Act shall supersede the provisions of the Final Judgment entered in United States v. GTE Corp., No. 83–1298 (D.C. D.C.), and such Final Judgment shall not be enforced after the effective date of this Act.

On page 40, line 9, strike ''to enable them'' and insert ''which are determined by the Commission to be essential in order for Americans''.

On page 40, beginning on line 11, strike ''Nation. At a minimum, universal service shall include any telecommunications services that'' and insert ''Nation, and which''.

On page 70, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(b) GREATER DEREGULATION FOR SMALLER CABLE COMPANIES.—Section 623 (47 U.S.C. 543) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

''(m) SPECIAL RULES FOR SMALL COMPANIES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a), (b), or (c) does not apply to a small cable operator with respect to—

''(A) cable programming services, or

''(B) a basic service tier that was the only service tier subject to regulation as of December 31, 1994,

in any franchise area in which that operator serves 35,000 or fewer subscribers.

''(2) DEFINITION OF SMALL CABLE OPERATOR.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'small cable operator' means a cable operator that, directly or through an affiliate, serves in the aggregate fewer than 1 percent of all subscribers in the United States and does not, directly or through an affiliate, own or control a daily newspaper or a tier 1 local exchange carrier.''.

On page 70, line 22, strike ''(b)'' and insert ''(c)''.

On page 71, line 3, strike ''(c)'' and insert ''(d)''.

On page 79, strike lines 7 through 11 and insert the following:

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall modify its rules for multiple ownership set forth in 47 CFR 73.3555 by—

(A) eliminating the restrictions on the number of television stations owned under subdivisions (e)(1) (ii) and (iii); and

(B) changing the percentage set forth in subdivision (e)(2)(ii) from 25 percent to 35 percent.

(2) RADIO OWNERSHIP.—The Commission shall modify its rules set forth in 47 CFR 73.3555 by eliminating any provisions limiting the number of AM or FM broadcast stations which may be owned or controlled by one entity either nationally or in a particular market. The Commission may refuse to approve the transfer of issuance of an AM or FM broadcast license to a particular entity if it finds that the entity would thereby obtain an undue concentration of control or would thereby harm competition. Nothing in this section shall require or prevent the Commission from modifying its rules contained in 47 CFR 73.3555(c) governing the ownership of both a radio and television broadcast stations in the same market.

On page 79, line 12, strike ''(2)'' and insert ''(3)''.

On page 79, line 18, strike ''(3)'' and insert ''(4)''.

On page 79, line 21, strike ''(4)'' and insert ''(5)''.

On page 79, line 22, strike ''modification required by paragraph (1)'' and insert ''modifications required by paragraphs (1) and (2)''.

On page 116, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(b) DOMINANT INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER.—The Commission, within 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, shall complete a proceeding to consider modifying its rules for determining which carriers shall be classified as ''dominant carriers'' and to consider excluding all interexchange telecommunications carriers from some or all of the requirements associated with such classification to the extent that such carriers provide interexchange telecommunications service.

On page 116, line 3, strike ''(b)'' and insert ''(c)''.

On page 117, line 1, strike ''(c)'' and insert ''(d)''.

On page 117, line 22, strike ''**REGULATIONS.**'' and insert ''**REGULATIONS; ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY REGULATIONS AND FUNCTIONS.**''

On page 117, line 23, insert ''(a) BIENNIAL REVIEW.—'' before ''Part''.

On page 118, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

(b) ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY COMMISSION REGULATIONS AND FUNCTIONS.—

(1) REPEAL SETTING OF DEPRECIATION RATES.—The first sentence of section 220(b) (47 U.S.C. 220(b)) is amended by striking ''shall prescribe for such carriers'' and inserting ''may prescribe, for such carriers as it determines to be appropriate,''.

(2) USE OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS.—Section 220(c) (47 U.S.C. 220(c)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: ''The Commission may obtain the services of any person licensed to provide public accounting services under the law of any State to assist with, or conduct, audits under this section. While so employed or engaged in conducting an audit for the Commission under this section, any such person shall have the powers granted the Commission under this subsection and shall be subject to subsection (f) in the same manner as if that person were an employee of the Commission.''.

(3) SIMPLICATION OF FEDERAL-STATE COORDINATION PROCESS.—The Commission shall simplify and expedite the Federal-State coordination process under section 410 of the Communications Act of 1934.

(4) PRIVATIZATION OF SHIP RADIO INSPECTIONS.—Section 385 (47 U.S.C. 385) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: ''In accordance with such other provisions of law as apply to government contracts, the Commission may enter into contracts with any person for the purpose of carrying out such inspections and certifying compliance with those requirements, and may, as part of any such contract, allow any such person to accept reimbursement from the license holder for travel and expense costs of any employee conducting and inspection or certification.''.

(5) MODIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT REQUIREMENT.—Section 319(d) (47 U.S.C. 319(d)) is amended by striking the third sentence and inserting the following: ''The Commission may waive the requirement for a construction permit with respect to a broadcasting station in circumstances in which it deems prior approval to be unnecessary. In those circumstances, a broadcaster shall file any related license application within 10 days after completing construction.''.

(6) LIMITATION ON SILENT STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.—Section 312 (47 U.S.C. 312) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(g) If a broadcasting station fails to transmit broadcast signals for any consecutive 12-month period, then the station license granted for the operation of that broadcast station expires at the end of that period, notwithstanding any provision, term, or condition of the license to the contrary.''.

(7) EXPEDITING INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION FIXED SERVICE PROCESSING.—The Commission shall delegate, under section 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, the conduct of routine instructional television fixed service cases to its staff for consideration and final action.

(8) DELEGATION OF EQUIPMENT TESTING AND CERTIFICATION TO PRIVATE LABORATORIES.—Section 302 (47 U.S.C. 302) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(e) The Commission may—

''(1) authorize the use of private organizations for testing and certifying the compliance of devices or home electronic equipment and systems with regulations promulgated under this section;

''(2) accept as prima facie evidence of such compliance the certification by any such organization; and

''(3) establish such qualifications and standards as it deems appropriate for such private organizations, testing, and certification.''.

(9) MAKING LICENSE MODIFICATION UNIFORM.—Section 303(f) (47 U.S.C. 303(f)) is amended by striking ''unless, after a public hearing,'' and inserting ''unless''.

(10) PERMIT OPERATION OF DOMESTIC SHIP AND AIRCRAFT RADIOS WITHOUT LICENSE.—Section 307(e) (47 U.S.C. 307(e)) is amended by—

(A) striking ''service and the citizens band radio service'' in paragraph (1) and inserting ''service, citizens band radio service, domestic ship radio service, domestic aircraft radio service, and personal radio service''; and

(B) striking ''service' and 'citizens band radio service'' in paragraph (3) and inserting ''service', 'citizens band radio service', 'domestic ship radio service', 'domestic aircraft radio service', and 'personal radio service'''.

(11) EXPEDITED LICENSING FOR FIXED MICROWAVE SERVICE.—Section 309(b)(2) (47 U.S.C. 309(b)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (G) as (A) through (F), respectively.

(12) ELIMINATE FCC JURISDICTION OVER GOVERNMENT-OWNED SHIP RADIO STATIONS.—

(A) Section 305 (47 U.S.C. 305) is amended by striking subsection (b) and redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as (b) and (c), respectively.

(B) Section 382(2) (47 U.S.C. 382(2)) is amended by striking ''except a vessel of the United States Maritime Administration, the Inland and Coastwise Waterways Service, or the Panama Canal Company,''.

(13) MODIFICATION OF AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATION PROCEDURES.—

(A) Section 4(f)(H)(N) (47 U.S.C. 4(f)(4)(B)) is amended by striking ''transmissions, or in the preparation or distribution of any publication used in preparation for obtaining amateur station operator licenses,'' and inserting ''transmission''.

(B) The Commission shall modify its rules governing the amateur radio examination process by eliminating burdensome record maintenance and annual financial certification requirements.

(14) STREAMLINE NON-BROADCAST RADIO LICENSE RENEWALS.—The Commission shall modify its rules under section 309 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309) relating to renewal of nonbroadcast radio licenses so as to streamline or eliminate comparative renewal hearings where such hearings are unnecessary or unduly burdensome.

On page 117, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(d) STREAMLINED PROCEDURES FOR CHANGES IN CHARGES, CLASSIFICATIONS, REGULATIONS, OR PRACTICES.—

(A) Section 204(a) (47 U.S.C. 204(a)) is amended—

(i) by striking ''12 months'' the first place it appears in paragraph (2)(A) and inserting ''5 months'';

(ii) by striking ''effective,'' and all that follows in paragraph (2)(A) and inserting ''effective.''; and

(iii) by adding at the end thereof the following:

''(3) A local exchange carrier may file with the Commission a new or revised charge, classification, regulation, or practice on a streamlined basis. Any such charge, classification, regulation, or practice shall be deemed lawful and shall be effective 7 days (in the case of a reduction in rates) or 15 days (in the case of an increase in rates)

after the date on which it is filed with the Commission unless the Commission takes action under paragraph (1) before the end of that 7-day or 15-day period, as is appropriate.''

(B) Section 208(b) (47 U.S.C. 208(b)) is amended—

(i) by striking ''12 months'' the first place it appears in paragraph (1) and inserting ''5 months''; and

(ii) by striking ''filed,'' and all that follows in paragraph (1) and inserting ''filed.''.

(2) EXTENSIONS OF LINES UNDER SECTION 214; ARMIS REPORTS.—Notwithstanding section 305, the Commission shall permit any local exchange carrier—

(A) to be exempt from the requirements of section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934 for the extension of any line; and

(B) to file cost allocation manuals and ARMIS reports annually, to the extent such carrier is required to file such manuals or reports.

(3) FOREBEARANCE AUTHORITY NOT LIMITED.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of the Commission or a State to waive, modify, or forbear from applying any of the requirements to which reference is made in paragraph (1) under any other provision of this Act or other law.

On page 118, line 20, strike the closing quotation marks and the second period.

On page 118, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

''(c) CLASSIFICATION OF CARRIERS.—In classifying carriers according to 47 CFR 32.11 and in establishing reporting requirements pursuant to 47 CFR part 43 and 47 CFR 64.903, the Commission shall adjust the revenue requirements to account for inflation as of the release date of the Commission's Report and Order in CC Docket No. 91–141, and annually thereafter. This subsection shall take effect on the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995.''.

On page 119, line 4, strike ''may'' and insert ''shall''.

On page 120, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

''(c) END OF REGULATION PROCESS.—Any telecommunications carrier, or class of telecommunications carriers, may submit a petition to the Commission requesting that the Commission exercise the authority granted under this section with respect to that carrier or those carriers, or any service offered by that carrier or carriers. Any such petition shall be deemed granted if the Commission does not deny the petition for failure to meet the requirements for forbearance under subsection (a) within 90 days after the Commission receives it, unless the 90-day period is extended by the Commission. The Commission may extend the initial 90-day period by an additional 60 days if the Commission finds that an extension is necessary to meet the requirements of subsection (a). The Commission may grant or deny a petition in whole or in part and shall explain its decision in writing.

On page 120, line 4, strike ''(c)'' and insert ''(d)''.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be laid aside.

Mr. KERREY. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President, I am not objecting to having it laid aside. I am here to inquire what the procedure is going to be. The Senator is offering an amendment and is not going do debate it here this evening? It will be laid aside?

I have not seen this copy. The Senator is not proposing it be accepted at this moment?

Mr. DOLE. I think the managers may be ready to accept it by tomorrow morning.

Mr. HOLLINGS. If the Senator will yield. That is correct. In fact, about 2 hours ago we had it worked out, but there is some further interest on our side that we have yet to clear. The distinguished minority leader has another amendment that he wanted to present at the same time, and I think we can work that out.

That is the idea, to temporarily lay it aside and move on.

Mr. KERREY. I will not object, but I will inform the manager of this bill that I will not give unanimous consent to this being accepted until I have read it and signed off on it.

Mr. DOLE. I have obviously no problem with that. In fact, I can give the Senator from Nebraska a summary of it, too. I thank my colleague.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is set aside.

Mr. PRESSLER. I thought we had this agreed to this afternoon, but I guess the minority leader has something he would like to add or change. But I would like to inquire of the majority leader if we cannot get agreement tonight.

Shall we make this one of the votes at 8:30 or 9 o'clock in the morning?

Mr. DOLE. If it is acceptable, I do not need a vote. I do not want to penalize anybody.

Mr. KERREY. Is the Senator asking to set a time for a vote?

Mr. DOLE. Not on this amendment. I will wait until the Senator from Nebraska indicates he has had a chance to look at it.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I do think that everyone should be aware that the bill we are considering is larger in its impact on the national economy than the health care reform measure we considered last year.

This bill, in a conservative way, will impact more than one-third of the economy of the United States.

It is a bill that is designed to transition from the 1934 Communications Act to a period sometime, hopefully, around the turn of the century when we will have deregulated telecommunications because of the competition that we this bill will instill and guarantee.

Now, the bill will put the communications policy of the United States back where it belongs, in the hands of the elected representatives and the President, and will take it out of the courts. By setting rules for entry into long distance by the Bell operating companies, I think we bring to a close an over-10-year policy-making period by the U.S. courts.

This bill will open the local telephone market to competition. It will bring competition and new services to all parts of the United States.

It is not a permanent piece of legislation, in my judgment. This is not a bill that will replace, totally, the 1934 act. It does, however, by deregulating the industry with appropriate safeguards, set the stages for a new era in the United States.

I want to call the attention of the Senate to a provision that is very meaningful to my area, the universal service provision. This is a concept that, through the existing interstate rate pool, has brought telephone service to all parts of this Nation, including remote villages in Alaska and throughout the Nation wherever you are.

The concept is preserved in this bill in a new manner. It opens up the local market to competition while still preserving the concept of universal service. It does so by taking advantage of new technologies which are intended to reduce the cost of all services, including universal service.

In fact, I find it interesting that the Congressional Budget Office has said that this bill will reduce the cost of universal service from the existing system by at least $3 billion over the next 5 years.

Now, tumbling technology, as I call it, makes terrestrial distances irrelevant. By using modern technologies, the people in Egiagik and Unalakleet and Shishmaref, places many people have never heard of, can be involved in stock markets in New York, explore the Library of Congress, and be connected with overseas sources of information. Allowing cable companies to provide phones and phone companies to provide cable, this bill will spur competition and reduce costs to the Nation.

There are so many new technologies coming along, Mr. President, it is mind-boggling. There are many provisions in this bill that are aimed at deregulating the industry so those new technologies may compete.

It is my hope that the Senate will recognize this bill for what it is. It is a credit, as the distinguished leader has said, to Senator PRESSLER, the chairman of our committee, and to Senator HOLLINGS, the former chairman of our committee. It is a bill of monstrous scope that has substantial bipartisan support.

Had we had a similar approach to the problems of health care reform in the last Congress, we would have had that problem at least partially solved.

To the credit of these two Senators, this is not a bill that attempts to solve all of the problems of the telecommunications industry for the future. It is a bill that opens the door to the future and, in my judgment, it is one that it is absolutely essential be passed.

I am told that George Gilder of the Discovery Institute in Seattle, whom I consider to be one of the real thinkers of this country, has told us that not passing this bill will cost the United States $2 trillion in lost opportunities in the next 5 years alone.

I happen to pay attention to Mr. Gilder because he wrote an article the

other day which answered some remarks that I made about universal service. I do feel in the days ahead the thinking that this man is doing will have a great deal to do with guiding the Nation into that ultimate system that I foresee coming on after the turn of the century.

Just in terms of the broad band radio concept that is coming along and how it will replace substantial portions of telecommunications now carried by wire or fiber optic cable or through satellites, that concept alone is going to catch us by surprise if we do not know what is happening. But at least we know it will happen. We are not trying to regulate that by this bill. We are not trying to prevent it by this bill. We are opening the door so new competitive aspects will come into our communications policy in the United States.

This morning I introduced a bill that I said I would offer as an amendment to this bill if the opportunity presented itself. I have discussed it now with the two managers of the bill. I would like to offer now an amendment.

First let me describe what it is. It is an amendment that will expand the FCC's authority to use auctions to assign licenses for the use of radio spectrum. The members of our committee will know that for two Congresses I argued that we should implement auctions to replace the old lottery system that was giving windfall profits to many and denying others access to opportunities that would start new businesses.

Under the old system, the lotteries, there was no commitment to use this spectrum but it was held as sort of an item that other people might bid on when they were willing to pay enough money to the person who was lucky enough to win the lottery. The person who got the license had no intent to use it. Now, with a bidding process, competitive bidding, we have brought the use of the spectrum to the point where people who want it pay what is necessary to get its use.

The Congressional Budget Office, as I said before, has estimated that the amendment I offer will raise $4.5 billion in the next 5 years. That is necessary for a strange reason. The Congressional Budget Office also estimated that the universal service provisions in this bill will require private industry and private purchasers to pay $7.1 billion over the next 5 years into this system, which was the interstate rate pool and now will become the fund for the payment of the universal service provisions of this bill.

I remind the Senate that the universal service system contained in this bill would result in a reduction of $3 billion from what continuation of the existing system will cost in the next 5 years. But notwithstanding that this bill will reduce the costs of the existing system we know, in order to avoid a Budget Act point of order on technical grounds, must offset the finding of the Congressional Budget Office that this requirement of the private sector to pay $7.1 billion into the pool—less than before but they still must pay it in—that this private payment must be offset under our congressional budget process.

That sort of boggles my mind too, Mr. President, but it is a requirement and I respect the Budget Act concept. Therefore I offer this amendment. It will extend the auction authority until the year 2000. That is all that is necessary to comply with the Budget Act, 5 years. It will bring in a minimum estimate, as I said, of $4.5 billion.

We have already received, under the auction amendment that I offered 2 years ago, almost $10 billion. It was new money, the kind of money that was never received by the Government before.

Under my amendment tonight, the FCC would have the authority to use spectrum auctions for all mutually exclusive applications for initial licenses or construction permits except for licenses for public safety radio services or for advanced television services, if the advanced television licenses are given to existing broadcast licensees as a replacement for their existing broadcast licenses.

This means that market mechanisms will help determine who can make the most efficient use of spectrum that will become available. I believe, again, that is the best way to deal with the future.

My amendment does not change the basic safeguards Congress put in the original spectrum auction legislation after I offered it several years ago. The expanded authority will apply only to new license applications. It will not apply to renewals. And the FCC may still not consider potential revenue in making the decision as to which type of service new spectrum should be used for. The revenue only becomes a factor in determining who gets the license to use the spectrum for any particular purpose.

The bill I introduced this morning, which is the same as this amendment, would also provide authority for Federal agencies to accept reimbursement from private parties for the cost of relocating to a new frequency. This will allow private industry to pay to move Government users off valuable frequencies by relocating the Government station to a less valuable frequency at no cost to the taxpayer, but an increase to the Treasury.

The amendment builds on what has been a very successful beginning. Since the existing spectrum auction authority was enacted in 1993, as I have said, the FCC has raised in excess of $9 billion, almost $10 billion now, for the Federal Treasury in just four auctions.

I do hope the Senate will support the amendment.

I ask unanimous consent that Senator DOLE's amendment be set aside for the time being and I be allowed to submit the amendment.

Mr. KERREY. Reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANTORUM). Senator DOLE's amendment has been set aside. The Senator does have a right to offer an amendment.

Mr. KERREY. But I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is the Senator sending his amendment to the desk?

Mr. STEVENS. Did the Senator object to my request to set aside Senator DOLE's amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Senator DOLE's amendment has been set aside. There is no need for a unanimous-consent request.

AMENDMENT NO. 1256

(Purpose: To extend the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to use auctions for the allocation of radio spectrum frequencies for commercial use, to provide for private sector reimbursement of Federal governmental user costs to vacate commercially valuable spectrum, and for other purposes)

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] proposes an amendment numbered 1256.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

SEC. . SPECTRUM AUCTIONS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the Department of Commerce recently submitted to the Congress a report entitled ''U.S. National Spectrum Requirements'' as required by section 113 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 923);

(2) based on the best available information the report concludes that an additional 179 megahertz of spectrum will be needed within the next ten years to meet the expected demand for land mobile and mobile satellite radio services such as cellular telephone service, paging services, personal communication services, and low earth orbiting satellite communications systems;

(3) a further 85 megahertz of additional spectrum, for a total of 264 megahertz, is needed if the United States is to fully implement the Intelligent Transportation System currently under development by the Department of Transportation;

(4) as required by Part B of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 921 et seq.) the Federal Government will transfer 235 megahertz of spectrum from exclusive government use to non-governmental or mixed governmental and non-governmental use between 1994 and 2004;

(5) the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report submitted to Congress under section 113 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration states that, of the 235 megahertz of spectrum identified for reallocation from governmental to non-governmental or mixed use—

(A) 50 megahertz has already been reallocated for exclusive non-governmental use,

(B) 45 megahertz will be reallocated in 1995 for both exclusive non-governmental and mixed governmental and non-governmental use,

(C) 25 megahertz will be reallocated in 1997 for exclusive non-governmental use,

(D) 70 megahertz will be reallocated in 1999 for both exclusive non-governmental and mixed governmental and non-governmental use, and

(E) the final 45 megahertz will be reallocated for mixed governmental and non-governmental use by 2004;

(6) the 165 megahertz of spectrum that are not yet reallocated, combined with 80 megahertz that the Federal Communications Commission is currently holding in reserve for emerging technologies, are less than the best estimates of projected spectrum needs in the United States;

(7) the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to assign radio spectrum frequencies using an auction process expires on September 30, 1998;

(8) a significant portion of the reallocated spectrum will not yet be assigned to non-governmental users before that authority expires;

(9) the transfer of Federal governmental users from certain valuable radio frequencies to other reserved frequencies could be expedited if Federal governmental users are permitted to accept reimbursement for relocation costs from non-governmental users; and

(10) non-governmental reimbursement of Federal governmental users relocation costs would allow the market to determine the most efficient use of the available spectrum.

(b) EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF AUCTION AUTHORITY.—Section 309(j) (47 U.S.C. 309(j)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

''(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—If mutually exclusive applications or requests are accepted for any initial license or construction permit which will involve a use of the electromagnetic spectrum, then the Commission shall grant such license or permit to a qualified applicant through a system of competitive bidding that meets the requirements of this subsection. The competitive bidding authority granted by this subsection shall not apply to licenses or construction permits issued by the Commission for public safety radio services or for licenses or construction permits for new terrestrial digital television services assigned by the Commission to existing terrestrial broadcast licensees to replace their current television licenses.'';

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and renumbering paragraphs (3) through (13) as (2) through (12), respectively; and

(3) by striking ''1998'' in paragraph (10), as renumbered, and inserting in lieu thereof ''2000''.

(c) REIMBURSEMENT OF FEDERAL RELOCATION COSTS.—Section 113 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act (47 U.S.C. 923) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

''(f) RELOCATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STATIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to expedite the efficient use of the electromagnetic spectrum and notwithstanding section 3302(b) of title 31, United States Code, any Federal entity which operates a Federal Government station may accept reimbursement from any person for the costs incurred by such Federal entity for any modification, replacement, or reissuance of equipment, facilities, operating manuals, regulations, or other expenses incurred by that entity in relocating the operations of its Federal Government station or stations from one or more radio spectrum frequencies to any other frequency or frequencies. Any such reimbursement shall be deposited in the account of such Federal entity in the Treasury of the United States. Funds deposited according to this section shall be available, without appropriation or fiscal year limitation, only for the operations of the Federal entity for which such funds were deposited under this section.

''(2) PROCESS FOR RELOCATION.—Any person seeking to relocate a Federal Government station that has been assigned a frequency within a band allocated for mixed Federal and non-Federal use may submit a petition for such relocation to NTIA. The NTIA shall limit the Federal Government station's operating license to secondary status when the following requirements are met—

''(A) the person seeking relocation of the Federal Government station has guaranteed reimbursement through money or in-kind payment of all relocation costs incurred by the Federal entity, including all engineering, equipment, site acquisition and construction, and regulatory fee costs;

''(B) the person seeking relocation completes all activities necessary for implementing the relocation, including construction of replacement facilities (if necessary and appropriate) and identifying and obtaining on the Federal entity's behalf new frequencies for use by the relocated Federal Government station (where such station is not relocating to spectrum reserved exclusively for Federal use); and

''(C) any necessary replacement facilities, equipment modifications, or other changes have been implemented and tested to ensure that the Federal Government station is able to successfully accomplish its purposes.

''(3) RIGHT TO RECLAIM.—If within one year after the relocation the Federal Government station demonstrates to the Commission that the new facilities or spectrum are not comparable to the facilities or spectrum from which the Federal Government station was relocated, the person seeking such relocation must take reasonable steps to remedy any defects or reimburse the Federal entity for the costs of returning the Federal Government station to the spectrum from which such station was relocated.

''(g) FEDERAL ACTION TO EXPEDITE SPECTRUM TRANSFER.—Any Federal Government station which operates on electromagnetic spectrum that has been identified for reallocation for mixed Federal and non-Federal use in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report shall, to the maximum extent practicable through the use of the authority granted under subsection (f) and any other applicable provision of law, take action to relocate its spectrum use to other frequencies that are reserved for Federal use or to consolidate its spectrum use with other Federal Government stations in a manner that maximizes the spectrum available for non-Federal use. Notwithstanding the timetable contained in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report, the President shall seek to implement the reallocation of the 1710 to 1755 megahertz frequency band by January 1, 2000. Subsection (c)(4) of this section shall not apply to the extent that a non-Federal user seeks to relocate or relocates a Federal power agency under subsection (f).

''(h) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

''(1) FEDERAL ENTITY.—The term 'Federal entity' means any Department, agency, or other element of the Federal government that utilizes radio frequency spectrum in the conduct of its authorized activities, including a Federal power agency.

''(2) SPECTRUM REALLOCATION FINAL REPORT.—The term 'Spectrum Reallocation Final Report' means the report submitted by the Secretary to the President and Congress in compliance with the requirements of subsection (a).''.

(d) REALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL SPECTRUM.—The Secretary of Commerce shall, within 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, prepare and submit to the President and the Congress a report and timetable recommending the reallocation of the three frequency bands (225–400 megahertz, 3625–3650 megahertz, and 5850–5925 megahertz) that were discussed but not recommended for reallocation in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report under section 113(a) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act. The Secretary shall consult with the Federal Communications Commission and other Federal agencies in the preparation of the report, and shall provide notice and an opportunity for public comment before submitting the report and timetable required by this section.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I understand the Senator from South Dakota, the distinguished chairman, wishes to offer an amendment to this. I understand that suggestion came in after we originally drafted the amendment I have offered.

I yield to him at this time if he wants to offer an amendment to my amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1257 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1256

(Purpose: To provide for broadcast auxiliary spectrum relocation)

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I send a second-degree amendment to the amendment proposed by the Senator from Alaska to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER] proposes an amendment numbered 1257 to Amendment No. 1256.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

(e) BOARDCAST AUXILIARY SPECTRUM RELOCATION.—

(1) ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM FOR BROADCAST AUXILIARY USES.—Within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall allocate the 4635–4685 megahertz band transferred to the Commission under section 113(b) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 923(b)) for broadcast auxiliary uses.

(2) MANDATORY RELOCATION OF BROADCAST AUXILIARY USES.—Within 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act, all licensees of broadcast auxiliary spectrum in the 2025–2075 megahertz band shall relocate into spectrum allocated by the Commission under paragraph (1). The Commission shall assign and grant licenses for use of the spectrum allocated under paragraph (1)—

(A) in a manner sufficient to permit timely completion of relocation; and

(B) without using a competitive bidding process.

(3) ASSIGNING RECOVERED SPECTRUM.—Within 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall allocate the spectrum recovered in the 2025–2075 megahertz band under paragraph (2) for use by new licensees for commercial mobile services or

other similar services after the relocation of broadcast auxiliary licensees, and shall assign such licenses by competitive bidding.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, this second-degree amendment would add a new subsection to the underlying amendment. The new subsection would direct the FCC to allocate a 50 megahertz block of spectrum in the 4 gigahertz band for use by broadcast auxiliary services within 1 year of the enactment of the bill. In addition, this amendment would require that all broadcast auxiliary service licensees currently using a 50 megahertz block of spectrum in the 2 gigahertz band relocate their activities to the 4 gigahertz band within 7 years of the date this bill is enacted.

Finally, this amendment requires the FCC to auction the vacated spectrum in the 2 gigahertz band for use by commercial mobile services like cellular PCS within 5 years of the date of enactment.

By moving broadcast auxiliary service licensees, who do not pay the spectrum they are using, to another less valuable frequency, we will make available some very valuable spectrum for auction.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the auction of the 50 megahertz block of 2 gigahertz spectrum will bring at least $3.8 billion to the Federal Treasury.

Combined with the underlying amendment by the Senator from Alaska, this would raise more than $7.1 billion that is needed to offset the universal services provisions of this bill.

As the Senator from Alaska last pointed out—I commend him—this is a technical budget problem. The universal service provisions in this bill actually saves $3 billion over what would be paid if the existing system is left unchanged. However, with these amendments we meet the letter of the Budget Act.

I urge my colleagues to support the adoption of my amendment and the underlying amendment by the Senator from Alaska.

If it is appropriate, I would urge the adoption——

Mr. KERREY. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, we could go into a quorum call or yield to our colleague from Montana who has been waiting to speak.

Mr. BURNS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

Mr. BURNS. I do not wish to speak on this amendment. Might I ask a point of order? Could it be set aside, and I proceed with my opening statement because no time was given for opening statements?

Mr. President, I will continue on as if speaking on this amendment.

This is sort of a special day to me because the former chairman of the full committee, Senator INOUYE, and I, when I first came here 6 years ago, had quite a time as we started I think to react to some of the things happening in the industry. We thought probably we were ahead of the curve in setting some kind of policy that would reflect the future. We thought we were ahead of the curve. Now we are behind the curve because technology as it is being developed in this area is far outpacing the regulatory environment in which it finds itself.

I can remember that day when we started to make amendments and the former chairman was very gracious that day. There were some people around, and I was just a freshman Senator offering some ideas that I thought were important in the telecommunications industry, understanding that there have been three inventions which have happened in my lifetime that have changed this world forever. It has changed it so that we cannot go back and do things the old way anymore. Those three inventions were the transistor, the silicon chip and the jet engine. Think what they have done to our life and our world. We can be anywhere else in the world, from Washington, DC, in 12 hours. We can talk and receive and interact both in video and in voice with anybody anywhere else in the world in 5 seconds. Sadly, we can destroy any other society on this Earth within 20 minutes. That is what these three inventions have done. They have tightened down our world where comparatively speaking it has been the size of this building in which we stand down to the size of a basketball. Now we are in a global society, a global economy, and we just cannot go back.

We will amend the Communications Act of 1934. That is some 60 years ago before any of these inventions were made. So basically what we are doing is we are driving digital, compressed digital, vehicles now within a law that regulates a horse-and-buggy type of situation. So we are here and starting out this great debate on changing an issue that will affect each and every one of us.

Make no mistake about it. This is a very, very important piece of legislation. I want to give kudos to our chairman and ranking member and their staffs because they have spent many hours in developing this bill with strong bipartisan support.

This bill was not drafted to satisfy business plans of major communications providers. It was drafted to benefit communications users, and communications users are solidly behind this bill for a number of reasons. Number one, they think it will bring down rates. So do I. They know it will bring advanced services. So do I. Perhaps more importantly, they know it will bring them more choices in telecommunications.

I recently saw a survey that illustrates why one important group—small American business owners—want and need communications reform. In Montana, over 98 percent of all businesses are classified as small businesses. The survey of 4,600 small business owners, which was sponsored by the National Federation of Independent Business, found that almost two-thirds of the small business owners surveyed want to be able to get long-distance telephone service from their local telephone company; and, 54 percent want to be able to choose local service from their long-distance company.

A full 86 percent of these small business owners want one-stop shopping for telecommunications services. Two-thirds of them want to be able to choose one provider that can give them both local and long-distance telephone service presented in either way.

Of course, lower rates are very important to business owners. We all look for a way to do things more economically, to make our business more profitable, to open more economic opportunities and job opportunities for those folks who live in our local neighborhoods. But breaking down outdated barriers to competition that are preventing some local telephone companies from providing long-distance service and long-distance companies from providing local service will also bring something else that small businesses want—that is called convenience. Small businesses do not have the time nor the resources to juggle separate vendors with separate marketing arrangements and separate billing for long-distance and local services, cable TV teleconferencing and, yes, even internet. They want to be able to choose one reliable and affordable company that can bring them all of these services; and when they have the telecommunications problem they want to be able to get on the phone and call one company that is qualified to handle every aspect of their communications needs and their networks.

At first, deregulation will create competition by allowing companies to cross over and compete in new business areas. If we do this right, however, very soon the gray lines that now separate telecommunications businesses will be gone. There will be seamless networks of vertically integrated communications providers competing head to head, tooth and nail to win the consumers' communications dollar. Those dollars are very big dollars. As a result, small businesses will be able to choose one company that can provide all their communications services—or they will be able to continue buying their telecommunications services piecemeal from multiple providers if they so choose. Either way, their decision will be based on who has the most affordable and most advanced services.

A full 92 percent of the small businesses owners questioned in this small business survey said that the telephone is central to their business. I do not doubt this. I know plenty of small businesses throughout my home state of Montana that rely heavily on the telephone to keep their business—mom and pop catalog shops that sell Montana buckskin jackets to the rest of the country or small cattle ranches that

use cable TV and telecommunications to get future prices and negotiate with the slaughterhouses. And I do not know many small businesses today that function well without a personal computer and a fax machine.

How many people looked at a fax machine 10 years ago and said, ''Who in the world would ever want to use one of those things?'' I will bet you cannot walk into an office and many homes that do not have a fax machine today.

Technology is truly a thrilling thing as it propels us towards the next century. This bill will give small business that one-stop shopping that they want.

So we have a chance to bury outdated restrictions that were created for another era more than 60 years ago, restrictions that draw arbitrary lines between telecommunications providers that just do not make sense anymore. A lot of these anticompetitive, bureaucratic rules are only good to preserve market share for established providers. But protecting markets and maintaining the status quo is not going to help bring lower rates and advanced services to small businesses and consumers in Montana or anywhere else.

I fought very hard to ensure that small business participated in the information age. Whether it is small newspapers, small cable operators we have in Montana, or the small business of radio, these businesses are the backbone of communications in Montana.

I have sought to include nondiscrimination safeguards for small newspapers so that small information providers, especially in rural areas, will be able to purchase certain elements of a common carrier service offering on the smallest per unit basis that is technically feasible.

In addition, small cable operators, when freed from regulatory restraints in past legislation, will provide perhaps our best opportunity for telecommunications services in many of our Nation's rural areas.

They all the time talk about the information highway, that glass highway. Everybody says: When are you going to build it? I am not real sure that it is not already there.

It is already there. All we have to do is take off some restrictions so that it can be used. And there is a ramp on it and there is a ramp off of it. That is what we have to make sure of in this legislation.

Finally, I had deep concerns that one of the Nation's most important telecommunications small business industries, radio—I am familiar with radio—was being passed over in the effort to deregulate information providers. Radio ownership decisions need to be made by operators and investors, not the Federal Government. That is why we need to eliminate the remaining caps on national and local radio ownership.

Nationally, there are more than 11,000 radio stations providing service to every city, town, and rural community in the United States. Presently, no one can control more than 40 stations, 20 AM and 20 FM stations. Clearly, the radio market is so incredibly vast and diverse that there will be no possibility that any one entity could control enough stations to be able to exert any market power over either advertisers or radio programmers.

At the local level, while the Federal Communications Commission several years ago modified its duopoly rules to permit limited combinations of stations in the same service, in the same market, there are still stringent limits on the ability of radio operators to grow in their markets. Further, FCC rules permit only very restricted or no combinations in smaller markets. These restrictions handcuff broadcasters and prevent them from providing the best possible service to listeners in all of our States.

So, Mr. President, this will be landmark legislation. It is legislation that we worked on ever since the first day we stepped into the Senate, because I happen to believe it is key to distance learning; it is the key to telemedicine; it is key to the future of those States that are remote and must be in contact with the rest of the world.

I appreciate the work of my good friend, the Senator from Alaska, and how he fights very hard because no one has cities and towns and villages that are more remote from the rest of the world than he has. And he understands that. Nobody understands that in this body more than he does. Now, we have some vastness in Montana but it does not compare in any way with the State of Alaska.

So as we move this debate forward, I hope that we will keep an open mind and really keep our eye on the ball because we have within our grasp the ability now to turn loose a giant in our economic world and provide services to people who have never had those services before.

Mr. President, I thank you and I yield the floor.

Mr. HOLLINGS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I understand momentarily my distinguished colleague from Nebraska wants to be heard on the amendment.

I would be prepared, at the conclusion of his remarks, to urge adoption of the Pressler amendment to the Stevens amendment and thereupon urge adoption of the Stevens amendment itself.

The Senator from Montana, who is a professional auctioneer, should understand that the daddy rabbit of auctioneering is the Senator from Alaska. He has already made $7 billion for us, and this amendment here is going to make up another $7 billion to get us by a budget point of order.

But let me, in saying that, acknowledge the hard work and leadership that the Senator from Montana has given. Since his very initiation on the Commerce Committee itself, he has been a leader; he has been interested; he has been contributing; and he has been a tremendous help in bringing this bill to the floor.

Mr. BURNS. If the Senator will yield, I thank the Senator for those kind words. And if I can possibly get the job of auctioneering the spectrum, I probably would vacate this chair which I am standing in front of.

Mr. HOLLINGS. I am going to lead on that one myself.

I yield the floor.

Mr. KERREY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, I have reviewed the amendment that the distinguished Senator from Alaska is offering, and as I understand it, what it does is it offsets an adverse score that this bill has received from the Congressional Budget Office. CBO has said this bill, in particular the universal service fund, is going to cost $7 billion over the next 5 years. Even though that is $3 billion less than what the current universal service fund does, there is the need to come up with $7 billion to avoid a budget point of order.

Now, I point out that under the budget resolution that was passed, when was that, 1½ weeks, 2 weeks ago, I believe that the Commerce Committee is going to be looking at having to reconcile $20 billion, $30 billion anyway, so you are going to have your hands full. The committee will be trying to come up with money to try to get within the recommendations of that budget resolution.

What this amendment does, it comes up with that $7.1 billion in the following fashion. It extends the spectrum actions that are scheduled to expire in 1998 for another 2 years, generating $4.5 billion according to CBO, and then it does something that is of particular interest, I believe, Mr. President—and many people would ordinarily oppose this but they are not—and that is the broadcasters have today assigned a 2-gigahertz spectrum in order to do auxiliary services. When they are going out in the field and they are doing some broadcasting out in the field, they use that 2-gigahertz spectrum.

This amendment would transfer that over a 7-year period from 2 gigahertz to 4 gigahertz, and then that 2-gigahertz spectrum would be auctioned off, generating an estimated $3.8 billion over the 5-year period.

Under normal circumstances, the National Association of Broadcasters would probably oppose this, but there are other things in this bill that they like, so they are not going to oppose it. I believe that the distinguished Senator from Alaska has made a good amendment that will in fact cover the $7.1 billion. And so, therefore, Mr. President, I will not object to this being accepted by unanimous consent.

Mr. STEVENS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. The Senator from Nebraska has demonstrated how he is a

quick study. He is right. I would add one thing. I think the National Association of Broadcasters are going to want some additional spectrum beyond what is in this bill. We will work that out. But this has been scored, and we will work that out with them as we go forward to make sure that we understand the problem.

The simple problem is that this bill could not go forward unless we within its terms meet the scoring problem that the Senator from Nebraska has outlined.

Again, I point out we are not, however, by this bill spending money for universal service. But the budget process now makes us account for those moneys we must be paid by the private sector pursuant to a mandate, and since we are continuing a mandate, partially reducing it somewhat for universal service, it will cost less than the old universal service, we now must offset it.

I think it is responsible on the part of the Government to do that because there is always the possibility some future Congress might decide not to mandate that service but require the Government to pay it.

So we have, in effect, met the challenge of the Budget Act and, in doing so, we will actually, within this period, raise the additional moneys which I believe will be utilized in offsetting other budget problems as we go along. I do not believe that will be required by any action of the Congress in the future to charge the cost of universal service to the taxpayers.

Again, in my judgment, universal service is required so someone who comes up to my State who wants to call home literally can do it, or wants to bring up a computer and be attached to data services can make that intersection with the telecommunications system of our country.

I believe sincerely in universal services because without the universal services, the villages and towns of our rural areas would be still in probably the early part of the 20th if not the 19th century while we all go into the 21st. If they are not to be left in the position where they are without employment because they cannot attach themselves to this new telecommunications miracle of the United States, then I think they will be a burden on the rest of the country.

My friend George Gilder believes that in the future, the computer will replace, in effect, the networks because the networks will become, in effect, a gigantic computer network rather than just a television network. He tells us that what is going to happen is that we are going to have access through the computer industry to interconnect America's schools and colleges in truly a new worldwide web of glass and air.

If people want to think about it, there is no way we can afford to have this bill stopped by a budget point of order. That is the reason for our amendments. I join in urging adoption of these amendments.

Mr. PRESSLER. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. HOLLINGS. First, adoption of the Pressler amendment. If there is no further debate, I urge the adoption of the Pressler amendment.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 1257 AS AMENDED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question occurs on agreeing to the second-degree amendment No. 1257 offered by the Senator from South Dakota, Senator PRESSLER.

The amendment (No. 1257) was agreed to.

Mr. HOLLINGS. I urge adoption of the Stevens amendment, as amended by the Pressler amendment.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 1256

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate on the Stevens amendment No. 1256, as amended, the question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment (No. 1256), as amended, was agreed to.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. STEVENS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I wish to thank the managers of the bill and those patient with us. I thought it was essential first to proceed with these amendments. Otherwise, we would be wasting our time if a budget point of order had the effect of pulling the bill down. I thank all concerned.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I inquire what the parliamentary situation is? Are we back now to making opening statements at this point?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Opening statements are appropriate at this time.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I do want to rise in support of this legislation and make an opening statement. I would like to begin, as others have already done, by congratulating and commending the distinguished Senator from South Dakota for the hard work that he has put into this legislation. Of course, many members of the committee have been working on this legislation for several months. As the distinguished former chairman said earlier, way back in 1993 there was a lot of work going on on legislation that led to this moment.

But I know from personal experience and observation that the chairman of the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, Senator PRESSLER, said immediately after the election in 1994 that this is an issue that is going to be given high priority, a great deal of his attention and we were going to work together to find solutions to the problems that had prevented its consideration last year and earlier. He made a commitment also to make it a bipartisan effort. So that is why we are here, because the chairman of the committee gave this such high priority and he has worked diligently to resolve problems that had been delaying this legislation.

I just want to acknowledge that fact at the very beginning of this debate. We have a long way to go, but I know now we have started down the path toward passing this legislation. I think it is a tremendous undertaking.

This is big legislation. It is important legislation. It involves a significant part of the overall economy in this country. It is going to create jobs. It is going to raise revenue because it is going to be such a dynamic explosive field. We are fixing to unleash the bounds that have been holding back this competition and advancements and this development. I think that no other segment of the economy in the next 10 years will be more dynamic and more exciting than that of telecommunications.

I also want to commend the distinguished Senator from South Carolina who is working at this very moment to resolve potential problems on this legislation, but Senator HOLLINGS worked so hard last year to bring about the passage of the bill through the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. It did not come to consideration, partially because we just ran out of time.

But Senator HOLLINGS again this year has shown a commitment to get legislation developed that we can pass. He is the major reason we are going to have bipartisan legislation. We should have more legislation like this in the Senate. This is really the first bill of the year of major import that I believe will pass by an overwhelming bipartisan vote. So many of our issues have been considered in a partisan way, have been delayed with amendments. We have had filibusters; 50 amendments on the budget resolution. But in this case, we will have a chance to develop a bill that can be bipartisan and also a bill that will pass this body first instead of the other body of Congress. That is no insignificant accomplishment.

Senator INOUYE certainly has also been very interested in telecommunications. He worked on it last year and has been helpful this year.

The indomitable Senator STEVENS from Alaska is always there. When the debate gets hot and heavy, Senator STEVENS from Alaska will always rise to the occasion, as he has on this bill.

I have one other recognition before I get into my comments. I want to recognize the staff members who have done great work, hard work. It has been laborious, tedious, and they have solved so many problems through the great efforts of Paddy Link, and my own staff assistant Chip Pickering, clearly one of the brightest young men I have known in my life. We would not be here without their help.

Let me begin with a quote from testimony before the committee earlier. It begins with a quote from a Senator from Washington State, Senator Magnuson, who served with great distinction on the Commerce, Science, and

Transportation Committee. He put it very aptly when he said in this particular area of legislation ''each industry seeks a fair advantage over its rivals.''

And then quoting the witness that was before the committee:

> Each industry wants prompt relief so that it can enter the others' fields, but at the same time wants to avoid the pain of new competition in its own field by tactics that will delay that competition as long as possible. It is, therefore, up to the Congress to make the tough calls and, in effect, cut the Gordian knot.

That is what we are trying to do with this legislation, cut the Gordian knot that has held this dynamic field of the economy back now for several years.

As unbelievable as it sounds, the Communications Act of 1934 passed in the era of the Edsel, and it is still the current law of the land. That act now governs, in fact, constrains the most dynamic sector of the U.S. economy—telecommunications. Just as the Edsel became a symbol of all that is outdated, so is the 1934 Communications Act. That act is based on old technology and, consequently, on an outdated, rigid-monopoly-based-regulatory model. Boy, that sounds bad, but that is what we have today. It is time we changed that.

That system cannot accommodate the rapidly developing capabilities of new technologies and advanced networks. Instead, it acts to restrict competition, innovation, and investment.

Under that framework, markets are allocated, not won, by the sweat of competition. Currently monopolies, oligopolies or, at best, limited competition exist in local long distance and cable markets. More than 40 of our 50 States prohibit any entrepreneur or competitor from offering—even offering—local telephone service.

The 1984 consent decree which broke up AT&T continues to restrict the Bell operating companies from offering long distance or manufacturing.

We should have fixed that long ago. It would have created jobs and would have been positive for the economy.

Current law prohibits cable companies and telephone companies from competing in each other's markets. They are willing to do that. They want to do that. Why should we not let them do that?

Another 1934 law, the Public Utility Holding Company Act, PUHCA, prevents registered electric utilities from using their infrastructure and networks to offer telecommunication services to the 49 million American homes that they serve. All of these restrictions and regulations and allocations are truly the equivalent of an ''Edsel'' in the space and information age. In the case of utilities, they are already wired, hooked up. They have the capability to offer all kinds of services. Yet, they are told, no, you cannot do that. Why? There is no good explanation or justification for it—especially if we do this legislation in a way that is fair, open, and allows competition for all.

In stark contrast, the Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995—this bill—will move telecommunications into the 21st century and will finally leave the era of the Edsel behind. S. 652 will achieve this through full competition, open networks, and deregulation. That is what this bill is all about. That is what we say we we want. Senators stand up and say it day in and day out, about all kinds of situations. Well, in this bill, in this area, that is what we would do.

This bill provides a framework where entrepreneurs and free enterprise will make the information superhighway a reality, not just a conversation piece. As a result, tremendous benefits and applications will flow to our economy, to education, and health care. Industries will benefit from expanding markets and opportunities, and consumers will benefit from lower prices in their local, long distance, manufacturing, and cable services.

If one hears the protest of the various industries, it is not because the bill is too regulatory; no, just the opposite is true. It is because this bill removes all of the protection and market allocations that made their respective businesses safe and secure from the rigors of vigorous competition.

Under S. 652, all State and local barriers to local competition are removed upon enactment. An immediate process for removing line of business restrictions on the Bells is put in place. Moreover, the Bell companies are given the freedom to immediately compete out of region and provide a broad range of services and applications known as incidentals. These include lucrative markets in audio, video, cable, cellular, wireless, information services, and signaling.

The 1934 PUHCA is amended to allow registered electric utilities to join with all other utilities in providing telecommunication services, providing the consumer with smart homes, as well as smart highways.

Upon enactment, telephone and cable companies are allowed to compete. Current restrictions barring telephone cable entry are eliminated.

As the telephone/cable restriction is removed, S. 652, rightfully, loosens and removes cable regulation. For cable to convert and compete in the telephone area, it will be freed from the regulatory burdens that limit investment and capital capability, which has been a problem in recent years for the cable industry.

The restrictions placed on broadcasters, also during a bygone era, before cable, wireless cable, and advanced networks, would be reformed.

Ownership restrictions on broadcast TV are raised. An amendment removing restrictions on radio ownership will be adopted, and this is one we have worked hard on, and we have broad support now for. The FCC is granted the authority to allow broadcasters to move toward advanced, digital TV and to use excess spectrum, created by technological advance, for broad commercial purposes. Broadcast license procedures are reformed and streamlined.

S. 652, again, moving in from the communications policy of the past, goes from a protectionist policy to one appropriate for the global economy and technology of the 21st century. The bill promotes investment and growth by opening U.S. telecommunications markets on a fair and reciprocal basis.

In short, S. 652 constructs a framework where everybody can compete everywhere in everything. It limits the role of Government and increases the role of the market. It moves from the monopoly policies of the 1930s to the market policy of the future.

Toward that end, the removal of all barriers to and restrictions from competition is extremely important, and it is the primary objective, and I believe, the accomplishment of this legislation, thanks to the efforts of Chairman PRESSLER and the former chairman, Senator HOLLINGS of South Carolina.

In addressing the local and long distance issues, creating an open access and sound interconnection policy was the key objective, and it was not easy to come up with a solution that we could get most people to be comfortable with. It is critical to recognize the reason why all of these barriers, restrictions, and regulations exist in the first place—the so-called bottleneck. Opening the local network removes the bottleneck and ensures that all competitors will have equal and universal access to all consumers. Such access guarantees full and, I believe, fair competition.

The open access policy makes it possible for us to move to full, free-market competition in local and long distance services, avoid antitrust dangers, and dismantle old regulatory framework.

In fact, the Heritage Foundation makes the following statement and points to the open access interconnection policy:

> Policymakers of a more conservative or free market orientation should not fear this open access policy. In fact, they should favor it for three reasons:
>
> First, there is a rich, common law history that supports the open access philosophy.

They cite railroad and telegraph policy in America and common law tradition dating all the way back to the Roman Empire.

> Second, open access works to eliminate any unfair competitive advantages accrued by companies that have benefited from Government-provided monopolies.
>
> Third, open access removes the need for other regulations because the market becomes more competitive if everyone is on equal footing.

It is the only way to address economic deregulation where a bottleneck distribution system exists. It is the same policy which allows market forces, instead of regulation, to work in the case of long distance, railroads, and in the oil and natural gas pipeline distribution system.

It is those examples of deregulation to which we should look, not to models of deregulation where no bottleneck exists, such as airline or trucking.

Open networks will provide small and mid-sized competitors the opportunity to flourish alongside telecommunication giants. In the long distance industry, similar requirements made it possible for over 400 small and medium-sized companies to develop and compete with AT&T over the past 10 years.

One of the better examples of this is a former high school basketball coach from a small town in Mississippi by the name of Bernie Ebbers. Opening requirements such as interconnection, equal access, and resale made it possible for this entrepreneur to build a small long distance company into the fourth largest in the country—LDDS. It is incredible what has been accomplished by this smalltown man by giving him an opportunity to get in there and compete, and boy did he ever and is he having an impact.

Having used the example of a small long distance entrepreneur, it is also important to point out what happened over the past 10 years to the former monopolist, AT&T. Although AT&T lost significant market share, it has seen the long distance market that it has greatly expand, and its revenues continue with strong, healthy growth.

AT&T's current revenues, with 60 percent share in the long distance market, as opposed to what was 100 percent, are now higher than in 1984. The same dynamic will occur in the local and other markets. Opportunities and markets will expand for all participants, as long as they are effective and efficient in the competitive environment.

It is this free market model which led me to conclude that all of the companies in my State and region and, in fact, in the country, will benefit from this legislation. I believe that markets and opportunities will expand for Bell South and LDDS, both of which are very important in my State of Mississippi, and other long distance companies, including electric utilities—Southern Company and Entergy in my part of the United States, and cable companies and broadcasters will have new opportunities to grow and expand.

A competitive model will create a bigger pie for all the providers, but more importantly, it is the consumers and the overall economy of my region, and I believe the whole country, that will benefit from this legislation.

For consumers and competitors, the open access requirements will do for telecommunications what the Interstate Highway System has done for the shipment of tangible goods and the movement of people and ensure that all competitors will have a way to deliver goods and services to anyone anywhere on the information superhighway.

Other requirements, such as number of portability and dialing parity are just common sense, procompetitive, and fair. A consumer does not want to have to dial more digits or access codes, and if required to do so, they will be less likely and probably not switch to the competitive provider. History shows that dialing parity in long distance services and 1–800 service greatly enhanced competition—or the lack of dialing parity serves as an effective barrier to that competition.

Likewise, a small business or residential consumer will not switch to the competitor if it meant the loss of his or her current number. They will not do it. The disruption to a business or individual or family is too great. That is why we had to deal with this issue in this legislation, although there was a lot of opposition to it.

Another key element of S. 652 is eliminating monopoly-based regulations and putting in place a mechanism to remove those regulations.

The bill eliminates rate-of-return regulation, a regulatory model which cannot logically exist in a competitive environment created by this legislation. States are encouraged to move to more flexible and competitive models.

S. 652 requires the FCC to forbear or to eliminate any past or current regulation requirement which would no longer make sense in this market base of competition. There will be a biannual regulatory review in this legislation that would recommend the elimination, modification, or other needed regulatory reform in the future.

Mr. President, in closing, I think it is time to adopt this communications policy for the future. It provides the right framework, it removes all barriers and restrictions to free market competition, innovation, and increased investment.

With the passage of this legislation our economy will grow a lot faster. We have had tremendous estimates of the kind of economic impact this legislation will have in the billions of dollars. More jobs will be created, applications in education and health care will expand more quickly, and the quality of life will improve in both rural and urban areas.

It is time to move beyond the culture of timidity where the companies and political leaders, regulators, and the courts resist needed reform, fear competition, and opt for the security and inferiority of the status quo.

We know that is what the election was about last year, change in the status quo. Boy, this bill will do that. It is time to trade in the Edsel and pass telecommunications legislation that will move us truly into the future.

I do want to note that I think that the center that holds this legislation together is the part that deals with the entry test. When the local Bell companies get into long distance and they get into the local unbundled market, we have a delicate balance there.

Are they totally happy? No, they would like a fair advantage in each case, but we have been able to cobble together this important balance, and I think it is one that we should support. I believe that we will be able to get this legislation through.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD information specifically citing the impact that this legislation can have in my home State of Mississippi.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR MISSISSIPPI?

Mississippi is home to some of the Nation's new leaders in every segment of telecommunications.

Mississippi is prospering and benefitting from the contributions made by the largest and fastest growing regional company, Bell South.

LDDS, a Jackson, MS company, is the fourth largest long distance company in the Nation and an expanding international force. It is a true American success story.

M–TEL, another Jackson based company, is a dynamic entrepreneurial and leading national company in wireless paging service.

A dynamic culture of young entrepreneurs in cellular services is thriving throughout the State.

Parent companies to Mississippi Power and Mississippi Power and Light, Entergy and Southern Company, are pioneer companies promoting utility participation in telecommunications and advanced networks. They will pave the way for smart homes and highways in our State.

Cable companies of all sizes have deployed throughout Mississippi into virtually every small town.

Wireless cable services have exploded in both rural and urban areas of my State.

Mississippi, in cooperation with National Aeronautical and Space Administration, our leading educational institutions and South Central Bell, has deployed an advanced network which connects schools, universities, Federal facilities, super computers and national data bases. It is an educational and high tech model for the future and the Nation.

It is in my home State of Mississippi that I have seen and experienced the benefits of the communications revolution. I know what it means to the economy and quality of life for my State. It means the creation of high tech jobs, attracting new industry, and promoting and connecting Mississippi to the Nation's best educational opportunities.

As a Senator from a State which has become a leading telecommunications center, I come to this debate with the conviction that this legislation will serve Mississippi's, the Nation's, consumers' and competitors' best interest.

S. 652 promotes and accelerates the communication revolution by tearing down all barriers and restrictions preventing the benefits of free market competition.

Mississippi's economy, with telecommunications serving as a key catalyst, is growing and expanding. This legislation will further fuel its growth.

Under S. 652, Mississippi companies will have new opportunities and expanded markets as well as the challenges of competition. South central Bell will be able to expand into long distance, cable, manufacturing and other services.

LDDS, cable companies, Southern Company, Entergy, and numerous other companies will be able, for the first time, to begin competing for local service and combining local, long distance and cable services.

With S. 652, Mississippi's TV and radio broadcasters will see old restrictions removed or raised which have stifled growth and new business.

Small cable operators in Mississippi who have struggled under the regulatory burden of the 1992 Cable Act, will see regulatory relief. Once again, Mississippi cable operators will be able to expand and deploy new services, regain financial stability and prepare to compete in new markets.

The competition among all participants will spur innovation, products, advanced networks and lower prices for the benefit of Mississippi's consumers and industries.

I want Mississippi to continue as a national leader in telecommunications. S. 652 will help achieve that objective.

For the Nation's future, S. 652 is one of the most significant pieces of economic legislation we will consider.

The President's Council of Economic Advisors estimates the telecommunications deregulation will create 1.4 million new jobs by the year 2003.

A study by the WEFA group, funded by the Bell Companies, projects 3.4 million jobs by the year 2005 and 0.5 percent greater annual economic growth over the next 10 years.

In addition, the committee heard testimony that the Pressler bill will lead to an additional $2 trillion in economic activity.

The communications sector, more than any other, will shape our future economy as well as our civic and community life. This bill is the right policy to maximize the benefits this sector of our economy can deliver.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. It is time for Congress, not the courts or bureaucracies, to establish the communications policy for the 21st century.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. PRESSLER. I thank the Senator from Mississippi for his terrific contribution. Chip Pickering has been in every step of the way. This would not be happening without your great leadership. I personally thank you very, very much.

Mr. President, I am sending to the desk a managers' amendment which I am cosponsoring with Senator HOLLINGS. This amendment, which has been cleared on both sides of the aisle, makes a number of technical and minor changes in the bill that have been worked out since the bill was reported by the Commerce Committee.

I ask unanimous consent that when adopted, the text be treated as original text for purposes of further amendment.

At this point I would like to send the managers' amendment to the desk.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I commend the managers of the bill thus far. I know they are anxious to conclude a period of a lot of hard work and having struggled through many discussions and agreements to get this behind.

The reason that I raise the possibility of an objection is because, in the process of developing the managers' amendment, it was determined that a major research company based in New Jersey but doing work throughout this country, a company that has offered many innovative ideas in this period of new technology in communication, would be prohibited as a result of the present managers' statement from engaging in manufacture, even though it is the public declaration that they intend to be free of the regional Bell companies ownership. There they are, a company trying to engage in a competitive practice.

I had a discussion with two good friends, Senator HOLLINGS on the Democratic side and Senator PRESSLER on the Republican side, to see if there was any way that we could defer action on this tonight so we might discuss the competitive environment tomorrow morning.

Apparently, it is the belief of the managers that this bill has gone through so much labor and so many delicate steps that to further delay that might be injurious to the success, ultimately, of passing this bill.

So while I will not object, I would ask the managers whether or not I can have their support for a discussion of a proposal to enable the competitive character of the field to be expanded although it is lacking in the statement of the managers.

Mr. PRESSLER. I want to commend my friend from New Jersey, Senator LAUTENBERG. I know he is an experienced businessman, and I know there is some controversy about Bellcore. It is my belief that if Bellcore is sold and out there competing, it should be able to compete without restriction.

That is based on the information I have at this moment. I know there is a great controversy about manufacturing, because about 99 percent of manufacturing many new devises is research.

It seems to me that the Senator has raised a very good point. As I understand it, in the managers' amendment, we have taken this section out so we will be able to entertain a colloquy, or indeed an amendment.

I have begged several Senators to come tonight to offer amendments. We have all these strong feelings and we would like to get a vote on something tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. As I gaze about, I do not see any amendments cropping forth. We welcome amendments.

I want to thank the Senator from New Jersey for raising this, because based on the information I have, I tend to agree with what I think his position is. I think he has raised a good point. If we could still adopt the managers' amendment, that is not, as I understand it, in there. We have taken out anything that there is controversy about.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, first let me thank, as our chairman has very dutifully done, the distinguished presiding officer, the Senator from Mississippi, Senator LOTT, for the 2 years that we worked on S. 1822. The Senator has been an outstanding leader on S. 652 and his staff Chip Pickering has done exceptional bipartisan work. We never would have gotten this far, this balance that has been emphasized, had it not been for Senator LOTT's leadership. I want to thank my distinguished colleague from New Jersey for his attitude and approach to this. What happens, I have two lists in my hands. The list of possible amendments in my left hand are those amendments that are not agreed to, that we could not get consent on from the colleagues and the staffs on all sides. Objections have been heard. We had a list of those things that we thought were peripheral matters like ''Replace subsidiary with affiliate where it appears,'' number 2, ''The FCC may modify the modified final judgment with decrees once they are transferred to the FCC,'' and on down the list. These are things that both sides have agreed to.

Unfortunately, other distinguished Members of the Senate, and particularly on our committee of Commerce, have objected to the provision dealing with Bellcore. As I understand it, as the distinguished Senator from New Jersey points out—they are very competitive. Heavens knows, they produced the technology. If you had to measure in percentage of communications, I would say 90 percent of it has been produced in the Senator from New Jersey's home State there at Bellcore.

So I am disposed to help in any way I can the Senator from New Jersey. It is not within my power to do so because I have, like I say, in my left hand those amendments that are not agreed to. And the Bellcore amendment would have to be on that particular list.

They are not agreed to. There are at least three Senators on the committee who have so notified us. And if any Senator notified me right now on any of the other items in the managers' amendment I would object for them if they could not even be here. That would be my duty as a manager of the bill, because every Senator has to be respected.

I have the highest respect for the Senator from New Jersey. I will do everything possible I can to help him with his amendment.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. With that statement, if the Senator will yield, Mr. President, I have no objection to going forward.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the several unanimous consent requests are agreed to.

Mr. KERREY. Reserving the right to object, is this just a unanimous consent to read the amendment?

Mr. HOLLINGS. We have to read the amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1258

(Purpose: To make minor, technical, and other changes in the reported bill)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER] for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS proposes an amendment numbered 1258.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under ''Amendments Submitted.'')

Mr. KERREY. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President, what are we doing here?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota just asked the amendments be considered as read.

Mr. PRESSLER. I am asking unanimous consent to adopt the managers' amendments, which I have sent to the desk, and which have been cleared on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Is that cleared with the distinguished Senator?

Mr. KERREY. I have great respect for the Senators from South Carolina and South Dakota, but I have not read the amendment. It was just brought to me. It is 40-some pages long and I understand there is lots in it. I cannot. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Is there debate on the amendment?

Mr. PRESSLER. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to withhold the request for the quorum call.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Nebraska seeks recognition? The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, I know there is some confusion. I see my friend from South Carolina and South Dakota as well. I have a great deal of respect for them. I take a great deal of interest in this legislation. They have been kind to allow a member of my staff to sit in on lots of the deliberation.

But I want my colleagues to understand there is a lot in this bill that is not very well understood. I declare straight out I will not vote for this bill in its current form. I am here because I see great promise in telecommunications. I see great promise, in fact, in deregulating the telecommunications industry and using competition to regulate as opposed to having Government mandates and so forth do the job.

But in 1986 I signed a deregulation bill. I may be, for all I know, the only Member of Congress who can come to the floor and say ''I signed a deregulation bill for telecommunications.'' And I know that deregulation does not mean competition. You can have deregulation and have no competition.

I call upon my colleagues who wonder about the impact of their votes. There is a great deal of concern about, for example, the budget resolution we took up. ''Gee, what is this going to do to me? Is it going to be difficult to explain at home? There are lots of things in there that might become unpopular and am I going to pay for voting yes on the budget resolution?''

We have lots of issues that are extremely controversial. This is a lot more controversial than meets the eye. I ask my colleagues who are considering voting yes for this and want to move it through quickly to recall what life was like in 1984 when Mr. Baxter, from the Department of Justice, signed a consent decree divesting AT&T of the Bell operating companies, filing that decree with the Federal court here in Washington, DC.

I remember I was Governor of Nebraska at the time and I can tell you, you could have selected a thousand people at random and asked them this question: Would you like Congress to put the Bell companies back together? Do you like what Baxter and Judge Greene did?

And of the thousand people I will bet 998 people would have said ''Reverse it. Put it back together. We do not like the confusion that we have. We do not like trying to figure out all this stuff.'' It was not popular. Do not let anybody be misled by this. This is going to create considerable confusion in the early years. You are not likely to be greeted by a round of applause by households, consumers, who have not been consulted about this legislation.

This is not a Contract With America. Most of the things that we have taken up in this Senate have been carefully polled and researched to determine whether or not they are popular. I have heard, whether it is the balanced budget amendment or the budget resolution or term limits, all sorts of other things, people come down to the floor and say, ''In November the people of the United States of America spoke and here is what they meant.'' I have heard speaker after speaker say that. And in many cases I agreed with them, because I ran in November of 1994.

But I did not have a single citizen, when I was out campaigning, come up to me and say: ''Boy, make sure when you go back, if you get reelected, if you go back and represent us, make sure you go back there and deregulate the phone companies. Make sure you go back there and deregulate the cable industry. Make sure. Bob, make sure, if you get back there, get rid of the ownership restrictions on television stations, on radio stations. Because that is what I want. I am really excited about all this stuff. I really think there is a lot in this for me. That is what I want. That is the sort of thing I would like to have you go back there and do.''

The American people have not been polled on this one. The distinguished majority leader came down and said there is bipartisan support. It is not a Democratic issue. It is not a Republican issue. He is quite right. It is not. This is an issue that has been discussed at length and I discussed it at length with many corporations that want to be deregulated. They want to be deregulated. In many cases they are right.

But if you listen to the rhetoric, just this far, you would think that the current regulation is holding back the telecommunications industry to such an extent that we have lousy telephone service, that we have noncompetitive industries. You would think America was somehow backwards compared to all the rest of the world. That is not true.

If you look at the OECD examinations of our industries, telecommunications, including the telephone companies, are among the most competitive in the world and among the most productive in the world.

It does not mean, because a company is regulated, that it is not productive or that it is not competitive or that somehow it is going to produce an unsatisfactory thing for the American people.

I am telling my colleagues a lot of people will come down here and say, ''It must be good. There is a lot of bipartisan support for it.'' Walk up to the desk, check out a lot of these amendments, see which way people are voting—this one is going to be remembered. This vote is a big vote. In my State I have about a million households. If you talk telecommunications to those households they do not talk faxes. They are not thinking about enhanced digital processing and all that stuff. They are saying, ''What is my dial tone going to cost me? What is my cable going to cost me?'' That is what they talk about.

I think we need to come down to this floor and ask ourselves a question. What is this bill going to do for those households? What is it going to do for the consumer? I hear people say it is going to create lots of new jobs. In the course of this debate we are going to come down and examine the question: Who has been creating the jobs?

(Mr. LOTT assumed the chair).

Mr. KERREY. Where are the jobs going? One of the things I hear from people, an awful lot of telecommunications industry people working for the telecommunications company, is substantial downsizing. I say, ''Do you want to deregulate? Are you going do get more jobs?'' They say, ''I do not know. You know. It has not been working too good thus far.''

I am down here to talk about what this is going to do for the many households, and for the American consumers. I look forward to the debate. There is much in this legislation that I support. I believe in many cases deregulation will produce a competitive environment that will benefit the American consumer, and that will benefit the American household. But let no one be mistaken. When we pass this piece of legislation in the Senate and go to conference with the House, and get final passage in the early days, do not expect to have the people who vote for you say you were right. ''Boy, this thing has really worked.'' It may take 9 or 10 years, which is what happened with divestiture. It took us a good 10 years before people began to say, ''Wait a minute. This is working. Competition is bringing the price down. The quality is going up. This appears to be in fact generating something beneficial to me.''

So I would like to get a little fundamental here. I very often, as I am sure the distinguished Presiding Officer does and other Members do, get

asked, ''What is it that you do? What do you in Washington, DC?'' Do I just come down to the floor and give speeches? Do I just answer my telephone and answer letters and do constituent service for the people are having trouble with the IRS, the EPA, or various other agencies of the government? Yes. I try to explain to them I am involved with writing laws. That is what we do here. We write laws; and that the laws matter. I am not a lawyer.

I very often wonder whether or not one of the most important things lawyers do is write the laws that are so darned confusing we have to hire them in order to tell us what is in them. But the longer I am on the job, the longer I am on the job of being in politics and being a politician, the law is becoming more important to me. I see that they are alive. They have an impact on people, and they make a difference.

This bill has about 144 pages in it. Every single word is important. Every single phrase here is going to affect something. We all know it. We have them coming into the office saying we are concerned about this particular phrase, we are concerned about this particular paragraph. I have heard it already referenced—some of the agreements have been difficult to get. They have been difficult to get because every time you do something somebody says, ''Gee. That is going to affect me in an adverse way.''

The distinguished Senator from Alaska had an amendment earlier that paid for the cost of the universal service, and one of the things that he did—I believe he is quite right—the National Association of Broadcasters is going to object. There are going to be people who say, ''I do not like where you got the money.'' Everything we do in this legislation we know affects one interest group or another. But it is also going to affect more than almost anything we have discussed thus far this year; Indeed, perhaps for a long, long time, every single American household.

If you have a telephone in your home, it is going to affect you. If you have a cable line running into your household, this bill is going to affect you.

I just said to citizens out there who are wondering about what the mumbo jumbo is about, you are going to hear a lot. You had better pay attention because, if you have a telephone, and you if you have a cable line coming into your household, you had better pay attention to this legislation because it is going to have a big impact upon you. You are going to hear a lot of people coming down saying this is going to be good for you. You did not ask for it. You did not say, ''By gosh. Let us change this law.'' You did not ask for this thing. But we have figured out this is going to be good for you. And make no mistake about it. We have really paid careful attention to this legislation. We know exactly what it is going to do.

Mr. President, I believe that the American people deserve as a consequence of the impact of this legislation a good and healthy and lengthy debate.

I heard the distinguished occupant of the Chair earlier say he hopes this thing does not degenerate into a filibuster. I do not intend to filibuster this thing. I point out with great respect to the Senator from Mississippi that 1822 would have passed last year if it had not been filibustered and slowed up and tied up by people who said we do not want this thing to go. This would have been law last year I believe. I do not know if the Senator from South Carolina can confirm that.

I do not want to tie this thing up with filibusters and delays. I intend, when there is a manager's amendment or incidental amendment, to examine the language because the language is important. It is going to have an effect on people.

I say, again for emphasis, that I believe this vote is going to be a lot more controversial the further away you get from it than people suspect today. One of the things about laws that citizens need to understand is that very often it is about power. That is to say, who has the power?

I joined with, again the distinguished Senator from South Carolina, in voting against tort reform bill a little earlier because in my judgment that was about power. That was about saying to the citizens of this country you are getting swept away saying the trial lawyers are making life miserable for you. Just ask yourself this question: You get hurt out there, you have a problem out there. Who is going to help you? Is congress going to help you? Are you going to call up your Congressmen and say, ''I am getting abused by the phone and cable companies. I do not like what is going on out there. Do you think Congress is going to rush to your defense? Do you think it will be possible for you to get the agencies of the Federal Government to rally to your cause? And you probably do not even have enough money to buy an airplane ticket to come back here, and if you came back here you will not know where to go.

This is about power. And regulations are in place to protect the interests of the people. That is what they are there for. Let us deregulate.

I have a little case going on right now in Omaha, NE, that illustrates what I am talking about. We have a plant in Nebraska which employees a couple of hundred people. Unfortunately, the company processes lead, and they put a lot of lead in the air and water. And it has been determined—and no one disputes it—that lead damages newborn babies without dispute. We do not have leaded gasoline any longer because we have decided that is the case. We have a Clean Air Act, we have a Clean Water Act. This company has been out of compliance for over 15 years.

Guess how we are going to resolve it? Do you think we resolved it because a U.S. Senator intervened on their behalf? Do you think the Congress came to the rescue? Do you think it was the administrative branch? No, sir. A couple of citizens filed a suit in court. It was the judiciary. It was the right of a citizen to go to court and say, ''This company is not obeying the law of the land. I am going to insist that they obey the law of the land.''

Mr. President, make no mistake about it. This piece of legislation is about who controls the airways, who controls your telephone, who controls the information? It is about power.

I hear a lot of people say, ''Well, we ought to get the government out of that.'' Let us have a debate about what the government should or should not do on behalf of the citizens. I am prepared to do that. I think it is a healthy debate. Let us not presume it is quite so easy as just saying competition is the best regulator, which I heard three or four or five times. Competition does not give us clean air. Competition does not give us clean water. Competition would not likely make every single factory in the workplace in America safe. Maybe somebody wants to come down here and say that is the case.

I get 1,000 Americans who say, ''You tell me.'' Do you trust the corporation? You have a corporation out there that is desperately worried about their quarterly profits. They are worried about bottom line. They have the shareholders out there to perform for, and they have to make a decision. They have 1,000 people working for them, and have been working for them let us say 30 years; 30,000 man and woman hours in that corporation. They have to make a decision to lay all thousand of them off, and give them no fringe benefits, no severance pay, no retirement. All of those things add cost to the corporation.

I ask my Americans. Do you trust that corporation? Do you think that corporation is going do say ''No. I think it is right and decent; I do not care what the stock holders say, what Wall Street says; I am going to ignore all of those people up in New York City; I do not care what they say; I am going to do the right thing; I am going to give you severance pay; I am going to provide you with your health care, and take care of that retirement benefit because I care about you; you are a human being; I am not going to treat you like trash?''

I do not believe many Americans are going to say that is likely to be the case. If a company is a mom and pop shop, owned by an individual which owns 100 percent of the stock, that might be different. But when that company CEO worries about the value of its share, that companies CEO does things differently. They have to. I do not say they are doing the wrong thing. I do not blame them for doing that. But please do not come and say that the market is going to get the job

done. The market rewards people that produce. The market rewards a much different set of values than the values that I have just described with these thousand families.

So again, the next thing I say to citizens who are wondering about these 144 pages and all of the amendments that will be offered, it is about power and power over your lives, power to deliver you information, power to give you a phone service, power to give you video information, power to give you the things that you say that you want.

For your information, a lot of people who are coming down here saying get the government out of that are very strongly supportive of unfortunately a title offered by the senior Senator from Nebraska, title 4, which said we need to have a lot more government involvement when it comes to regulating.

I understand there is going to be some amendment to make even tougher penalties. That is popular. That one we all know. People are fed up with obscenity and they are fed up with the stuff they see on television and they want us to do something about it. And title IV attempts to do that. I hope we are a bit careful, to say the least, with title IV, but title IV is more Government, it is not less. Title IV is the statement by Members of Congress that says the market does not work when it comes to obscenity.

Do some people want to come here and tell me it does? Does somebody want to come down here and say the market is the best regulator of obscenity? I do not think so. I do not think there is going to be a single Member come down here and say just let the market take care of it; we do not care what kids are getting over the Internet. We do not care what is coming into homes.

No. In that instance the market goes out the window. In that instance we say Time/Warner is putting out slime. We have to regulate them in some fashion.

So, Mr. President, again, I have a great deal of respect and appreciation for the managers of this bill. They have done an awful lot of work on it. I do intend to carefully examine the amendments that are offered. I do believe that increased competition can be enormously beneficial. I believe that it can, properly done, result in lower prices, higher quality service, particularly, as I said, if it is done in a fashion that lets everybody compete.

Again, I do not underestimate the difficulty of this. I am going to have a lot of explaining to do to my citizens to tell them why this is good for them because in the early days when they get competition they are going to get confused. And in the early days they may even get some price increases. They may find themselves paying higher telephone service. They may find themselves paying higher cable. We do not know. We are saying let the market set the price, in general, once you get to the final end of this thing. Let the cost determine what people are going to pay. We have a very small amount of subsidy in the universal service fund. We have an education provision that some people are going to come down here and try to strike, saying the market ought to have taken care of that. After having given speeches saying this is good for health care, this is good for education, they do not even want to have that provision in this piece of legislation.

I have many problems with this bill, Mr. President. I do believe the Department of Justice needs a role in this. I do not think consultation is enough. I would cite as case No. 1 why consultation is not enough, the very thing that Members will use when they are saying that competition works, and that is Mr. Baxter and Judge Greene getting together, the Department of Justice getting together with a Federal judge and putting together a consent decree.

It was the Department of Justice. It was the Department of Justice that gave us the competitive environment. It was not the Federal Communcations Commission. I am not calling for increased authority, increased power, but I want them to do more than consult. They understand competition. The Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice understands where and when competition is, and they are about the only ones in this town that, at least by my measurement, are out there fighting to make sure that that marketplace in fact is working.

I have serious problems saying that telephone companies can acquire cable companies inside of their area immediately.

Mr. President, I believe we have to have two lines coming into the home. I believe you have to have—if it is going to be fiber or some kind of combination of coax and fiber, I do not know what it is going to be, but I want two lines coming into my home.

I have heard people talk an awful lot about competition, and I have heard all the companies coming in saying they want a competitive environment. This is one thing I know. Competition to me means I have choice. Again, this idea of choice is a two-edged sword. You are going to have a lot of households out there that are not going to be terribly pleased with this new choice they have, and they are not going to be terribly happy when they see what that choice might do.

We have to be prepared to stay with this thing. To my mind, choice means if a company does not give me what I want, I can take my business someplace else. Competition means to me I can go wherever I want and get the service I want. And I believe in many ways this bill does just that.

The requirements of unbundling, of dialing parity, the requirements that are in this legislation in title I, in my judgment, provide a good basis for us to have a competitive environment. Allowing the phone companies to go out and buy cable inside their own area, Mr. President, is going to restrict competition immediately. We are not going to have the local cable company and the phone company competing because the phone company is going to have an incentive to buy them. If they buy them, it ends that competition.

I am prepared to hear arguments about that, but I think allowing this cable-Bellcore ownership in the local area does precisely the opposite of what this bill intends to do.

The other objections and problems that I have with the bill I will come later to the floor and try to address. I see the Senator from Pennsylvania is down here. I suspect that he wants to make a statement. I just wanted to stand up at this point in time and say to the Senator from South Dakota and the Senator from South Carolina I do not intend to stand down here and stop this piece of legislation from being enacted. But I do intend to stand down here and examine every amendment that is proposed and make sure it is an amendment that I agree to for all the reasons I cited earlier.

The consumers of this country, the households of this country have not been consulted. We are presuming that it is going to be good for them because we have talked to American corporations and they are saying it is going to be good for them. They are saying this is going to be good for consumers. The corporations are saying it is going to be good for those households. They are saying it is good because they are getting more jobs, higher service, better quality, and lower prices.

That is what they are saying. It is not coming from households. This is not coming from the people of the United States of America, whether it is the people of South Dakota, the people of Nebraska, South Carolina, Mississippi, or Pennsylvania. We believe that we have something here that is going to be good for them, but they have not come to us and said: Please do this because we think this needs to be done.

So I again will have many opportunities to stand and talk, and I look forward to what I hope will be a straightforward and healthy and honest debate, something that I hope does produce a final change in the 1934 Communications Act which I think does need to be changed. But at the end of the day I wish to be able to say to the consumers of Nebraska that this is going to be good for you. I wish to able to say to every household in Nebraska you are going to get benefits from it and these are the benefits that I believe are going to occur.

At this stage of the game, Mr. President, I cannot support this legislation for the reasons cited, and I look forward to engaging in what I said I hope will be a constructive debate.

Mr. PRESSLER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. PRESSLER. I thank the Senator from Nebraska for his statement. In

fact, the other day I cited him, when I was on a national program of State legislators and they asked, in terms of a model of a State to deregulate, what might it be. And I suggested the work of BOB KERREY of Nebraska when he was Governor. I observed his work in deregulating telecommunications in that State, and I certainly look forward to his insights.

We have worked on a bipartisan basis on this bill. In fact, all the Democrats on the Commerce Committee voted for the bill. Senator HOLLINGS did a good job. I visited with and delivered a copy of the original draft bill to each of the Democrats on the Commerce Committee.

Two Republicans on the committee voted against the bill. Eight Republicans on the committee voted for it. This is a bipartisan bill. All the Democrats on the committee voted for it. I think that is a very important point.

THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT PROVISIONS

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, today I rise to speak about certain provisions in S. 652, the Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995.

This bill contains provisions that would significantly alter the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA). The PUHCA was originally enacted 60 years ago to simplify the utility holding company structure and ensure that consumers were protected from unfair rate increases. At that time, there were many industry abuses involving the pyramidal corporate structures of holding companies which greatly increased the speculative nature of securities issuances, led to market manipulation, and inflated the capital structure. The abuses in the industry made it nearly impossible for the States to adequately protect utility ratepayers.

The PUHCA limited the types of businesses that holding companies could acquire to utility related services. As reported out of the Commerce Committee, Sections 102 and 206 of the ''Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act'' would permit diversification of registered holding companies into the telecommunications business—without SEC approval or any other conditions. Allowing holding companies to diversify away from their traditional core utility operations is a departure from the basis principles underlying the 1935 Act.

Mr. President, my primary concern with these sections of the ''Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act'' is that losses resulting from the subsidiaries telecommunications activities could be passed on to public utility customers in the form of higher utility rates.

I would like to commend Senator PRESSLER and Senator LOTT for including my provision—which addresses these concerns—in the manager's amendment. My provision puts in place the proper consumer safeguards to protect electric utility ratepayers and stockholders from bearing the costs of diversification by registered holding companies into telecommunications activities.

It requires the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the State regulators to monitor the activities and practices of both the subsidiaries and the parent holding companies that engage in telecommunications activities in order to ensure that utility consumers pay only what they get.

For example, my provision would ensure that telecommunications-related activities are conducted in a separate subsidiary of the holding company. It would also provide the States with the appropriate regulatory, investigatory, and enforcement authority to protect utility consumers. To this effect, it would require the States to approve any rate increases by those utility companies that have a telecommunications subsidiary. As a result, the States can examine the proposed rate increase to make sure it is justified and that utility customers are not subsidizing the holding company's telecommunications-related costs.

The Banking Committee has consulted the SEC as well as industry and consumer representatives in crafting this provision to make sure appropriate safeguards will allow the holding companies to diversify without negative consequences to utility customers. We have struck a reasonable balance. As a conferee on the Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act of 1995, I will be in a position to make certain that this balance is preserved.

At the same time, I would add that the Banking Committee intends to examine the continuing need for the PUHCA once the Securities and Exchange Commission releases its report and recommendations on repeal or reform of the Act.

I would like to thank Senator PRESSLER, Senator LOTT, Senator BUMPERS, Senator SARBANES, and their staffs for their cooperation on this issue.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM–146. A petition from a citizen of the State of Indiana relative to taxes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM–147. A resolution adopted by the Board of Representatives, Otsego County, New York relative to local government resources; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM–148. A resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia relative to the flag; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM–149. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1018

''Whereas, the people of the State of Arizona believe that state legislatures should be provided with a method of offering amendments to the Constitution of the United States: Therefore be it

''*Resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring:*

''1. That the Congress of the United States propose to the people of the United States an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to amend the Constitution of the United States as follows:

''ARTICLE V—AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

''The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no States, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.

''Whenever three-fourths of the legislatures of the States deem it necessary, they shall propose amendments to this Constitution. These proposed amendments are valid for all intents and purposes two years after these amendments are submitted to Congress unless both Houses of Congress by a two-thirds vote disapprove the proposed amendments within two years after their submission.

''2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Concurrent Resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of each state's legislature of the United States of America, and the Arizona Congressional Delegation.''

POM–150. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1006

''Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring:

''1. The following Declaration of Sovereignty is adopted:

''*Section I:*

''A. We, the legislature of the State of Arizona, hereby reaffirm the sovereignty of the states and of the people.

''B. More than two centuries ago, the sovereign states, representing the sovereign people did, of their own volition, ratify the Constitution of the United States. In so doing, the states, in concerted action, established the federal government to perform certain limited and enumerated functions. Under the Tenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the powers not delegated to the federal government were ''reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.''

''*Section II:*

''A. Throughout the history of the United States, and especially in recent decades, the federal government has, without right, blatantly disregarded state sovereignty by arrogating unto itself powers that were to have been reserved to the states and to the people.

''(1.) It has conscripted states and their subordinate levels of government to implement its programs through federal mandates, funded and unfunded;

''(2.) It has requisitioned officers of states and their subordinate levels of government to perform duties on its behalf, bypassing state constitutional and legislative processes;

''(3.) It has, as a result of expanding power, imprudently increased spending, increased taxation and increased regulation, which have, in consequence, reduced economic growth by unnecessarily discouraging investment and job creation;

''(4.) It has, through deficit spending and other actions, created massive federal obligations that threaten the living standards of the people, the solvency of the states and the future of generations yet unborn;

''(5.) It has, by centralizing power in Washington, D.C., created a ''democratic deficit,'' a condition under which the federal government has assumed control over functions of government that should have been reserved to state and local governments, making effective control of government more difficult for the people;

''(6.) It has, through unwarranted judicial intervention, interposed itself between the states and the people on matters not of federal jurisdiction;

''(7.) It has, through imprudent judicial review, systematically expanded the power of Congress and the Executive by usurping powers that were not intended under the Constitution of the United States;

''(8.) It has evaded the restraints of the nation's fundamental law, the Constitution of the United States, and has in so doing engaged in the imposition of arbitrary laws, administrative actions and judicial decisions.

''B. Through these actions, the federal government has usurped the sovereignty of the states. And, through these actions, the federal government has usurped the sovereignty of the people.

''*Section III:*

''A. We declare that the federal government cannot, on its own, legitimately diminish the sovereignty of the states and of the people as intended under the Constitution of the United States.

''B. The fundamental law of the nation may only be altered in the manners prescribed by that fundamental law. We are convinced that the policy failures that have accompanied expanded central authority provide, in themselves, powerful testimony to the importance of limiting the federal government to those powers enumerated in the Constitution of the United States. To correct these failures and to secure a more favorable future for the nation, it is necessary that the powers expropriated by the federal government be returned to the states and to the people.

''*Section IV:*

''We therefore declare the following principles as necessary to the restoration of the sovereignty of the states and of the people, as required under the 10th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States:

''(1.) The federal government should be restored to the role assigned to it under the Constitution of the United States. The powers usurped from the states and from the people by the federal government should be returned in an expeditious and orderly manner. Mechanisms exist for interstate cooperation where necessary, such as interstate compacts and voluntary uniform standards.

''(2.) Constitutional clauses that have been the source of illegitimate federal expansion should be restored to their original meaning. Federal expansion has often been based upon unreasonably permissive interpretations of enumerated powers under the Constitution of the United States, especially the ''commerce'' clause.

''(3.) The federal government should not impose mandates, unfunded or funded, on the states or on their subordinate governments. The Constitution of the United States delineates federal responsibilities and reserves all other responsibilities to the states or to the people. Federal mandates on state or local governments are unnecessary and inappropriate.

''(4.) The federal government should be the exclusive financier of its programs. By partially funding federal programs, such as through matching grants, the federal government distorts the priorities of state and local governments, and establishes a democratic deficit that virtually disenfranchises state and local voters. The federal government has a legal obligation to fully fund its programs, and should neither require nor entice state or local governments to participate in the funding of federal programs.

''(5.) All federal government relationships with local governments should be through the states. All governments in the United States are the creation of the states, which are the creation of the people. One government, the federal government, was created in concert by the states. All other governments are the creation of, and subordinate to the states respectively. Direct federal government-local government relationships are inappropriate, except to the extent specifically authorized by the constitution or laws of a particular state.

''(6.) The federal government should not assign federal responsibilities to officers of state or local governments. Various federal laws designate state or local government officers to perform federal functions. The federal government should enlist state offices or departments to assist it in the performance of its duties only when specifically authorized by the constitution or laws of a particular state.

''(7.) The federal government's treaty making power should be limited to powers that are clearly within the federal scope of responsibility. The states have delegated treaty making powers only with respect to those areas of authority that have been delegated to the federal government.

''(8.) Congress should not act to displace state and local police power—and the courts should not permit such displacement—except where the Constitution authorizes. Congress has preempted entire areas of regulation that have traditionally been matters of state and local police power. In addition, the federal courts have improperly condoned these congressional assaults on local governance, under the doctrine of implied preemption, the so-called ''dormant'' commerce clause and other constitutional provisions.

''*Section V:*

''In support of these principles, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of such remedies as may be necessary to restore the sovereignty of the states and of the people, by:

''(1.) Legal actions to challenge the illegitimate exercise of federal power;

''(2.) Repeals of laws by which federal power has been illegitimately expanded;

''(3.) Such other actions as may be appropriate.

''2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to:

''(a) The President of the United States.

''(b) The President of the United States Senate.

''(c) The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

''(d) Each Member of the Congress of the United States.

''(e) The presiding officer of each legislative house of each other state in the United States.''

POM–151. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

''Whereas, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 signed into law by President Clinton on August 10, 1993, included the largest tax increase in history: $115 billion in new taxes and a forty-seven percent increase in income tax rates; and

''Whereas, the income, estate, and gift tax components of the tax increase were retroactive, taking effect on January 1, 1993; and

''Whereas, Treasury Secretary Bentsen has declared that more than one and one-quarter million small businesses will be subject to retroactive taxation despite the administration's claim that the tax increase ''only affected the rich''; and

''Whereas, the retroactivity of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 is unprecedented in that it became effective during a previous administration—before President Clinton or the 103rd Congress even took office; and

''Whereas, the passage of the bill resulted in loud public outcry against retroactive taxation; and

''Whereas, retroactive taxation places an unfair and intolerable burden on the American taxpayer; and

''Whereas, retroactive taxation is wrong, it is bad policy, and it is a reprehensible action on the part of the government: Now, Therefore, be it

''*Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1995, the Senate concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of Hawaii memorialize the Congress of the United States to propose and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that would provide that no federal tax shall be imposed for the period before the date of the enactment of the retroactive tax; and be it further

''*Resolved,* That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, Hawaii's Congressional delegation, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Senate President.''

POM–152. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''SENATE RESOLUTION

''Whereas, the flag of the United States is the ultimate symbol of our country and it is the unique fiber that holds together a diverse and different people into a nation we call America and the United States; and

''Whereas, as of May 1994, 46 states, representing more than ninety percent of our

national population, have adopted similar acts urging Congress to protect the American flag from physical desecration; and

''Whereas, although the right of free expression is part of the foundation of the United States Constitution, very carefully drawn limits on expression in specific instances have long been recognized as an appropriate means of maintaining public safety and decency, as well as orderliness and a productive value of public debate; and

''Whereas, certain actions, although arguably related to one person's free expression, nevertheless raise issues concerning public decency, public peace, and the rights of other citizens; and

''Whereas, there are symbols of our national heritage such as the Washington Monument, the United States Capitol Building, and memorials to our greatest leaders, which are the property of every American and are therefore worthy of protection from desecration and dishonor; and

''Whereas, the American Flag is a most honorable and worthy banner of a nation which is thankful for its strengths and committed to overcoming its weaknesses; and

''Whereas, the American flag remains a symbol for the destination of millions of immigrants attracted to the the American ideal; and

''Whereas, the law as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court no longer accords the reverence, respect, and dignity befitting the banner of the United States, that most noble experiment of a nation-state: Now, Therefore, be it

''RESOLVED by the Senate of the Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1995, that this body respectfully urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to join in a concerted effort in amending the United States Constitution to prohibit the physical desecration of the United States Flag; and be it further

''Resolved That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Hawaii congressional delegation.

POM–153. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Illinois; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

''Whereas, the United States Congress will be considering a resolution to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution providing for a balanced budget: and

''Whereas, federal budget deficits are fiscally irresponsible and will place an onerous burden on future generations of Americans and erode our Nation's standard of living; and

''Whereas, the federal government, unfettered by a requirement to balance its budget, often spends the taxpayers' dollars indiscriminately; and

''Whereas, the federal government borrows extremely large amounts because of budget deficits: this borrowing diverts money that would otherwise be available for private investment and consumption and will inevitably result in higher long-term interest rates; and

''Whereas, the costs of not acting are high and will get exponentially higher the longer hesitation continues; mandatory spending and interest expense will continue to squeeze out all discretionary spending; therefore, even if the amendment is not adopted, states will face many pressures to assume the federal role in domestic programs; the balanced budget amendment will create a foundation for long-term stability, rather than allowing the deficit slowly to erode federal discretionary programs and undermine the American economy; and

''Whereas, a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution will impose the discipline and responsibility that Congress must exercise in order to assure the vitality of our economy and our Nation; and

''Whereas, the amendment will give Congress and the President time to eliminate the deficit, avoiding the sudden shock that opponents fear could throw the economy into recession; and

''Whereas, it is in the best interests of the People of the State of Illinois that a balanced budget to the Constitution of the United States be adopted: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the eighty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring herein. That we urge the United States Congress to immediately adopt a resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America; and be it further

''Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.''

POM–154. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Iowa; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

''Whereas, the 50 states, including the State of Iowa, have long been required by their state constitutions to balance their state operating budgets; and

''Whereas, the states have balanced their state operating budgets by making difficult choices each budget session to ensure that their expenditures do not exceed their revenues;

''Whereas, without a balanced federal budget, the federal deficit may continue to grow and continue to have serious negative impact on interest rates, available credit for consumers, and taxpayer obligations; and

''Whereas, the Congress of the United States, in the last two years, has begun to reduce the annual federal deficit by making substantial reductions in federal spending; and

''Whereas, achieving a balanced federal budget by the year 2002 will require continued reductions in the annual deficit, averaging almost 15 percent per year over the next seven years; and

''Whereas, it now appears that Congress, by passing a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution, is willing to impose on itself the same budgetary discipline exhibited by the states; and

''Whereas, Congress, in working to balance the federal budget, may impose on the states unfunded mandates that shift to the states responsibility for carrying out programs that Congress can no longer afford; and

''Whereas, the states will better be able to revise their state budgets if Congress gives them fair warning of the revisions Congress will be making in the federal budget; and

''Whereas, if the federal budget is to be brought into balance by the year 2002, major reductions in the annual federal deficit must continue unabated; and

''Whereas, these major reductions will be more acceptable to the states and to the people of the United States if they are shown to be part of a realistic long-term plan to balance the federal budget: Now Therefore, be it

''Resolved by the Senate, That it urges the Congress of the United States to continue its progress in reducing the annual federal deficit and, when Congress proposes to the states a balanced budget amendment, to accompany it with financial information on its impact on the budget of the State of Iowa for state budget planning purposes.

''Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate send copies of this Resolution to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United States Senate, to all members of Iowa's congressional delegation, and to the presiding officers of both houses of the legislature of each of the other states.''

POM–155. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''RESOLUTION

''Whereas, the travel agent industry employs a substantial number of full and part-time travel agents in the commonwealth who derive almost one-third of their earnings from the traditional ten percent commission on airline ticket sales; and

''Whereas, virtually every major airline has proposed the imposition of a cap on these sales commissions, such that airlines will pay no more than twenty-five dollars on one-way domestic tickets and fifty dollars for round-trip tickets instead of the current commission of ten percent of the cost of the ticket; and

''Whereas, the imposition of such a cap would devastate the travel agent industry, resulting in the loss of thousands of jobs held primarily by women and single parents, and adding to the unemployment in the commonwealth; and

''Whereas, the job loss would have a negative impact on the State budget, resulting in a decrease in formerly collected income taxes and an increase in state unemployment compensation expenditures; and

''Whereas, the proposed cap would also harm the travelling public which would become a captive customer of the airline industry, and would no longer be able to rely on knowledgeable travel agents to guide it through the maze of travel-related information and provide the most cost-effective travel recommendations; and

''Whereas, it has not yet been determined whether the airline industry's lockstep approach to cost savings through the imposition of the commission cap constitutes a violation of antitrust law: Therefore be it

''Resolved, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives respectfully urges the Attorney General of the United States to conduct an investigation to determine if the airlines' imposition of a cap on the sales commissions of travel agents constitutes a violation of federal antitrust law; and respectfully requests the Congress of the United States to enact legislation prohibiting the imposition of commission caps until the Attorney General has completed her investigation; and be it further

''Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded by the clerk of the House of Representatives to the Attorney General of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and every member of Congress elected from the commonwealth.

POM–156. A concurrent resolution adopted by the legislature of the state of Michigan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

''Whereas, the effectiveness of the item veto is readily apparent if one examines the success of such a power at the state level. States are often referred to as laboratories where innovative programs may be tested before use at the federal level, yet we fail to act on the obvious advantages of the line item veto demonstrated in the states. Forty-

two states and five major overseas possessions of the United States grant their executive branch some form of line item veto power. Some require simple majorities of the legislature to override, others require a three-fifths majority, while still others, including Michigan, require a two-thirds majority; and

''Whereas, clearly, such a power has not prevented state legislatures from exercising their authority to enact legislation and to appropriate money. Instead, it has proven to be an indispensable tool to bring spending into line with available resources. Congress should, in a demonstration of its unswerving determination to reform our budget process, take action to grant the President of the United States line item veto authority; now, therefore, be it

''*Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring,* That we hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take action to grant the President line item veto authority; and be it further

''*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation as a symbol of our support for such action.''

POM–157. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''JOINT RESOLUTION

''Whereas, under Article III, section 1, of the United States Constitution, the Congress of the United States has plenary power to ordain and establish the federal courts below the Supreme Court level; and

''Whereas, in 1988, the 100th Congress created the Federal Courts Study Committee as an ad hoc committee within the Judicial Conference of the United States to examine the problems facing the federal courts and to develop a long-term plan for the Judiciary; and

''Whereas, the Study Committee found that the federal appellate courts are faced with a crisis of volume that will continue into the future and that the structure of these courts will require some fundamental changes; and

''Whereas, the Study Committee did not endorse any one solution but served only to draw attention to the serious problems of the courts of appeals; and

''Whereas, the Study Committee recommended that fundamental structural alternatives deserve the careful attention of Congress and of the courts, bar associations, and scholars over the next 5 years; and

''Whereas, the problems of the circuit court system and the alternative for revising the system represent a policy choice that requires Congress to weigh costs and benefits and to seek the solution that best serves the judicial needs of the nation; and

''Whereas, there are 13 judicial circuits of the United States courts of appeals; and

''Whereas, Montana is in the Ninth Circuit, which consists of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands; and

''Whereas, in 1980, it was estimated that the Ninth Circuit: covers nine states and two territories, totaling approximately 14 million square miles; serves a population of almost 44 million people, 15 million more than the next largest circuit court and about 20 million more than all other courts of appeals; has 28 judges, 12 more than the next largest circuit court and 16 more than the average circuit court; and has a caseload of more than 6,000 appeals, 2,000 larger than the next largest court of appeals and nearly one-sixth of the total appeals in all the 12 regional courts of appeals; and

''Whereas, projections are that at the current rate of growth, the Ninth Circuit's 1980 docket of cases will double before the year 2000; and

''Whereas, statistics reveal that, because of the number of judges in the Ninth Circuit, there are numerous opportunities for conflicting holdings—one legal scholar has estimated that on a 28-judge court there are over 3,000 combinations of panels that may decide an issue, without counting senior judges, district judges, and judges sitting by designation; and

''Whereas, legal scholars have suggested that because the United States Supreme Court reviews less than 1% of appellate decisions, the concept of regional stare decisis, or adherence to decided cases, results, in effect, in each court of appeals becoming a junior supreme court with final decision power over all issues of federal law in each circuit (unless and until reviewed by the Supreme Court); and

''Whereas, the Ninth Circuit has been described as an experiment in judicial administration and a laboratory in which to test whether the values of a large circuit can be preserved; and

''Whereas, some legal scholars have opposed its division on the grounds that to divide the Ninth Circuit would be to loose the benefit of an experiment in judicial administration that has not yet run its course; and

''Whereas, the problems of the Ninth Circuit are immediate and growing and maintaining the court in its present state is a disservice to the citizens of Montana and other Ninth Circuit states and territories; and

''Whereas, it is generally understood that an essential element of a federal appellate system must include guaranteeing regionalized and decentralized review when regional concerns are strongest; and

''Whereas, because of the problems of the Ninth Circuit related to its dimensions of geography, population, judgeships, docket, and costs, it is desirable for the Northwest states to be placed in a separate circuit, consisting mainly of contiguous states with common interests; and

''Whereas, the existing circuit boundary lines have been called arbitrary products of history; and

''Whereas, Congress has at least twice divided circuits: in 1929, to spearate the new Tenth Circuit from the Eighth Circuit, and in 1981, to separate the new Eleventh Circuit from the Fifth Circuit; and

''Whereas, Congress, in 1989, considered and is expected, in 1995, to again consider a bill to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals into two circuits—a new Ninth Circuit, composed of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and a new Twelfth Circuit, composed of Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands; and

''Whereas, it is the proper function of Congress to determine circuit boundaries and it is desirable that Montana be included in a regional circuit that will allow relief for its citizens from the problems occasioned by its inclusion in the present Ninth Circuit: Now, therefore, be it

''*Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana:* That the Legislature of the State of Montana urge Congress to turn its thoughtful attention to the passage of legislation that will split the existing Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals into two circuits and that will include Montana in a circuit composed in large part of other Northwest states with similar regional interests, Be it further

''*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be urged to place a Montana judge on the federal circuit court for Montana, Be it further

Resolved, That Congress grant this relief and pass this legislation immediately, regardless of considerations of long-term changes to the appellate system in general, Be it further

''*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States, and the members of Montana's Congressional Delegation.''

POM–158. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Montana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''JOINT RESOLUTION

''Whereas, at yearend 1993, 34 states and the federal prison system held 2,716 prisoners under sentence of death; and

''Whereas, in capital cases it has been estimated that the average length of time from commission of the crime to execution of the sentence was 8 years, 2 months; and

''Whereas, justice delayed is justice denied; and

''Whereas, the delay and small number of executions associated with capital cases indicates that the present system of collateral review operates to frustrate the capital punishment laws of the states; and

''Whereas, capital litigation is often chaotic, with periodic inactivity and last-minute frenzied activity and rescheduling of execution dates; and

''Whereas, this chaotic nature of capital litigation diminishes public confidence in the criminal justice system; and

''Whereas, reform of the appellate review process in capital cases would reduce the cost of death penalty cases by reducing the number and length of appeals proceedings; and

''Whereas, reforms to the appellate review process, such as allowing federal habeas corpus petitions to be filed for only a 6-month period following final decision by a state court and restricting the filing of second or successive federal habeas corpus petitions, would provide an orderly postconviction process with the opportunity for fair and effective review: Now, therefore, be it

''*Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana:*

''(1) That the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States be encouraged to enact meaningful reforms to limit successive appeals in death penalty cases.

''(2) That such reforms include allowing federal habeas corpus petitions to be filed for only a 6-month period following the date on which the conviction becomes final and imposing restrictions on the filing of second or successive federal habeas corpus petitions.

''(3) That a copy of this resolution be sent to the presiding officers of the United States and House of Representatives and to the members of the Montana Congressional Delegation.''

POM–159. A joint resolution adopted by the Assembly of the State of Nevada; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

''Whereas, the use, possession and distribution of unlawfully obtained controlled substances continues to be a problem of paramount concern in the United States; and

''Whereas, because studies estimate that 10 times more Americans use alcohol and five times more Americans use tobacco than persons who use illicit drugs, and because the permissive and subsequently increased use of controlled substances to countries such as Italy and the Neitherlands indicates that the

use of controlled substances increases when laws regulating their use are nonexistent or are only passively enforced, it could be concluded that the legalization of the use, possession and distribution of unlawfully obtained controlled substances would lead to a proportionate increase in their use in the United States; and

''Whereas, many violent crimes, including domestic violence, are committed while the offenders are under the influence of an illegally obtained controlled substance; and

''Whereas, the legalization of the use, possession and distribution of unlawfully obtained controlled substances may consequently increase the number of violent crimes committed in the United States; and

''Whereas, the illegal use of controlled substances may create a direct impact upon the cost of health care associated with drug abuse, thereby dramatically increasing the cost of that care; and

''Whereas, the increased usage that would result from the legalization of the use, possession and distribution of unlawfully obtained controlled substances and its possible resulting increase in the cost of health care would also directly impact and adversely affect economic productivity in the United States; Now therefore, be it

''*Resolved by the assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly,* That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges the Congress and the President of the United States to oppose the legalization of the use, possession and distribution of unlawfully obtained controlled substances in the United States; and be it further

''*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

''*Resolved* That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.''

POM–160. A joint resolution adopted by the Assembly of the State of Nevada; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

''Whereas, the text of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact is set forth in full in NRS 277.200; and

''Whereas, the compact was amended by the State of California and the amendments were adopted by the Nevada Legislature in 1987; and

''Whereas, the amendments become effective upon their approval by the Congress of the United States; and

''Whereas, the amendments would authorize certain members of the California and Nevada delegations which constitute the governing body of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to appoint alternates to attend meetings and vote in the absence of the appointed members, alter the selection process of the Nevada delegation and further expand the powers of the Tahoe Transportation District; and

''Whereas, the compact was enacted to achieve regional goals in conserving the natural resources of the entire Lake Tahoe Basin and the amendments are consistent with this objective: Now, therefore, be it

''*Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of Nevada hereby urges the Congress of the United States to expedite ratification of the amendments to the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact made by the State of California and adopted by the Nevada Legislature in 1987; and be it further

''*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

''*Resolved,* That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and approval.''

POM–161. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''RESOLUTION

''Whereas, one of the most trustworthy indicators of the health, strength and progress of a nation is the esteem in which the family is held; and

''Whereas, family strength, unity and respect cannot be purchased or fabricated, but comes to us instead when families are together and realize that through interaction they know love, trust and hope; and

''Whereas, life is special when we realize the worth of the family and its importance in all relationships; and

''Whereas, the family is the center of our affections and the foundation of our American society; and

''Whereas, no institution can take the family's place in giving meaning to human life and stability in our society; and

''Whereas, it is fitting that official recognition be given to the importance of strengthening family life: Now, therefore, be it

''*Resolved by the Senate of the ninety-ninth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring,* That this General Assembly hereby memorializes the U.S. Congress to enact legislation establishing the last Sunday of August of each year as a day of national observance to be known as ''Family Day'' in order to focus attention and to confer honor upon the importance of the American family as the cornerstone of our society, be it further

''*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States, the Honorable Al Gore, Vice President of the United States, and to each member of the Tennessee delegation to the U.S. Congress.''

POM–162. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 97

''Whereas, one of the most trustworthy indicators of the health, strength and progress of a nation is the esteem in which the family is held; and

''Whereas, family strength, unity and respect cannot be purchased or fabricated, but comes to us instead when families are together and realize that through interaction they know love, trust and hope; and

''Whereas, life is special when we realize the worth of the family and its importance in all relationships; and

''Whereas, the family is the center of our affections and the foundation of our American society; and

''Whereas, no institution can take the family's place in giving meaning to human life and stability in our society; and

''Whereas, it is fitting that official recognition be given to the importance of strengthening family life: Now, therefore, be it

''*Resolved by the Senate of the ninety-ninth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring,* That this General Assembly hereby memorializes the U.S. Congress to enact legislation establishing the last Sunday of August of each year as a day of national observance to be known as ''Family Day'' in order to focus attention and to confer honor upon the importance of the American family as the cornerstone of our society, be it further

''*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States, the Honorable Al Gore, Vice President of the United States, and to each member of the Tennessee delegation to the U.S. Congress.''

POM–163. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

''Whereas, the United States flag belongs to all Americans and ought not be desecrated by any one individual, even under principles of free expression, any more than we would allow desecration of the Declaration of Independence, Statue of Liberty, Lincoln Memorial, Yellowstone National Park, or any other common inheritance which the people of this land hold dear; and

''Whereas, the United States Supreme Court, in contravention of this postulate, has by a narrow decision held to be a First Amendment freedom the license to destroy in protest this cherished symbol of our national heritage; and

''Whereas, whatever legal arguments may be offered to support this contention, the incineration or other mutilation of the flag of the United States of America is repugnant to all those who have saluted it, paraded beneath it on the Fourth of July, been saluted by its half-mast configuration, or raised it inspirationally in remote corners of the globe where they have defended the ideals of which it is representative; and

''Whereas, the members of the Legislature of the State of Texas, while respectful of dissenting political views, themselves dissent forcefully from the court decision, echoing the beliefs of all patriotic Americans that this flag is OUR flag and not a private property subject to a private prerogative to main or despoil in the passion of individual protest; and

''Whereas, as stated by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, writing for three of the four justices who comprised the minority in the case, ''Surely one of the high purposes of a democratic society is to legislate against conduct that is regarded as evil and profoundly offensive to the majority of people—whether it be murder, embezzlement, pollution, or flag burning''; and

''Whereas, this legislature concurs with the court minority that the Stars and Stripes is deserving of a unique sanctity, free to wave in perpetuity over the spacious skies where our bald eagles fly, the fruited plain above which our mountain majesties soar, and the venerable heights to which our melting pot of peoples and their posterity aspire. Now, therefore, be it

''*Resolved,* That the 74th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby petition the Congress of the United States of America to propose to the states an amendment to the United States Constitution, protecting the American flag and 50 state flags from wilful desecration and exempting such desecration from constitutional construction as a First Amendment right; and, be it further

''*Resolved,* That official copies of this resolution be prepared and forwarded by the Texas secretary of state to the speaker of the home of representatives and president of the senate of the United States Congress and to all members of the Texas delegation to that congress, with the request that it be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States; and, be it further

''*Resolved,* That a copy of the resolution be prepared and forwarded also to President Bill Clinton, asking that he lend his support to the proposal and adoption of a flag-protection constitutional amendment; and, be it finally

''*Resolved,* That official copies likewise be sent to the presiding officers of the legislatures of the several states, inviting them to join with Texas to secure this amendment and to restore this nation's banners to their rightful status of treasured reverence.''

POM–164. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8006

''Whereas, although the right of free expression is part of the foundation of the United States Constitution, very carefully drawn limits on expression in specific instances have long been recognized as legitimate means of maintaining public safety and decency, as well as orderliness and productive value of public debate; and

''Whereas, certain actions, although arguably related to one person's free expression, nevertheless raise issues concerning public decency, public peace, and the rights of expression and sacred values of others; and

''Whereas, there are symbols of our national soul such as the Washington Monument, the United States Capitol Building, and memorials to our greatest leaders, which are the property of every American and are therefore worthy of protection from desecration and dishonor; and

''Whereas, the American Flag to this day is a most honorable and worthy banner of a nation that is thankful for its strengths and committed to curing its faults, and remains the destination of millions of immigrants attracted by the universal power of the American ideal; and

''Whereas, the law as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court no longer accords to the Stars and Stripes that reverence, respect, and dignity befitting the banner of that most noble experiment of a nation-state; and

''Whereas, it is only fitting that people everywhere should lend their voices to a forceful call for a restoration of the Stars and Stripes to a proper station under law and decency: Now, Therefore, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Congress of the United States propose an amendment of the United States Constitution, for ratification by the states, specifying that Congress and the states shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; be it ''*Resolved,* That certified copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to each Member of this state's delegation to the Congress.''

POM–165. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8010

''Be it resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Washington, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, hereby postratifies an amendment to that document proposed by the very first Congress of the United States, sitting in the City of New York on September 25, 1789, which amendment reads as follows:

''AMENDMENT XXVII

''No law, varying the compensation for the services of the [United States] Senators and [United States] Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of [United States] Representatives shall have intervened.''; and

''That, the Legislature of the State of Washington acknowledges that the constitutional amendment in question has received the approval of the legislatures of the following states on the dates indicated:

''Maryland on December 19, 1789 (138 Cong. Rec. S6831–2);

''North Carolina, first, on December 22, 1789 (138 Cong. Rec. S6832–3); and then a second time on June 30, 1989 (139 Cong. Rec. S22);

''South Carolina on January 19, 1790 (138 Cong. Rec. S6833);

''Delaware on January 28, 1790 (138 Cong. Rec. S6833–4);

''Vermont on November 3, 1791 (138 Cong. Rec. S6834);

''Virginia on December 15, 1791 (138 Cong. Rec. S6834–5);

''Ohio on May 6, 1873 (138 Cong. Rec. S6835–6);

''Wyoming on March 3, 1978 (124 Cong. Rec. 7910, 8265–6; 133 Cong. Rec. 25418–9; 138 Cong. Rec. S6836);

''Maine on April 27, 1983 (130 Cong. Rec. 24320, 25007–; 138 Cong. Rec. S6836–7);

''Colorado on April 18, 1984 (131 Cong. Rec. 36505; 132 Cong. Rec. 22146; 138 Cong. Rec. S6837);

''South Dakota on February 21, 1985 (131 Cong. Rec. 4299, 5815; 138 Cong. Rec. S6837);

''New Hampshire on March 7, 1985 (131 Cong. Rec. 5987, 6689; 138 Cong. Rec. S6837);

''Arizona on April 3, 1985 (131 Cong. Rec. 8057; 9443; 138 Cong. Rec. S6838);

''Tennessee on May 23, 1985 (131 Cong. Rec. 21277, 22264, 27963; 138 Cong. Rec. S6838);

''Oklahoma on July 10, 1985 (131 Cong. Rec. 22898, 27963–4; 138 Cong. Rec. S6114–5, S6506, S6838);

''New Mexico on February 13, 1986 (132 Cong. Rec. 3649, 3956–7; 4077; 138 Cong. Rec. S6838);

''Indiana on February 19, 1986 (132 Cong. Rec. 6638, 8284; 138 Cong. Rec. S6839);

''Utah on February 25, 1986 (132 Cong. Rec. 12480, 13834–5; 133 Cong. Rec. 31424; 138 Cong. Rec. S6839);

''Arkansas on March 5, 1987 (134 Cong. Rec. 12562, 14023; 138 Cong. Rec. S6839);

''Montana on March 11, 1987 (133 Cong. Rec. 7428, 11618–9; 138 Cong. Rec. S6839–40);

''Connecticut on May 13, 1987 (133 Cong. Rec. 23571, 23648–9; 138 Cong. Rec. S6840);

''Wisconsin on June 30, 1987 (133 Cong. Rec. 23649, 24957, 25417, 26159–60; 138 Cong. Rec. S6840);

''Georgia on February 2, 1988 (134 Cong. Rec. 9155, 9525; 138 Cong. Rec. S6840);

''West Virginia on March 10, 1988 (134 Cong. Rec. 8569, 8752; 138 Cong. Rec. S6840-1);

''Louisiana on July 6, 1988 (134 Cong. Rec. 18470, 18760; 138 Cong. Rec. S6841);

''Iowa on February 7, 1989 (135 Cong. Rec. 5171, 5821; 138 Cong. Rec. S6841);

''Idaho on March 23, 1989 (135 Cong. Rec. 9140, 14572-3; 138 Cong. Rec. S.6842);

''Nevada on April 26, 1989 (135 Cong. Rec. 9996, 19926-7; 138 Cong. Rec. S6842);

''Alaska on May 5, 1989 (135 Cong. Rec. 14816, 19782; 138 Cong. Rec. S6842);

''Oregon on May 19, 1989 (135 Cong. Rec. 20442, 20519-20, 21589, 22413; 138 Cong. Rec. S6841);

''Minnesota on May 22, 1989 (135 Cong. Rec. 13623, 14147, 14475, 14573; 138 Cong. Rec. S6842-3);

''Texas on May 25, 1989 (135 Cong. Rec. 11818, 11900-1; 138 Cong. Rec. S6843);

''Kansas on April 5, 1990 (136 Cong. Rec. H1689, S9170, 12550-1; 138 Cong. Rec. S6843-4);

''Florida on May 31, 1990 (136 Cong. Rec. H5198, S10091; 138 Cong. Rec. S6844);

''North Dakota on March 25, 1991 (137 Cong. Rec. H2261, S10949; 138 Cong. Rec. S6844-5);

''Missouri during the a.m. hours of May 5, 1992 (138 Cong. Rec. H3924, S6845, S14974, E1532-3, E1634, E1651);

''Alabama during the p.m. hours of May 5, 1992 (138 Cong. Rec. H3729, H3739, S6845, S8387);

''Michigan during the a.m. hours of May 7, 1992 (138 Cong. Rec. H3093, S6845-6, S7026);

''New Jersey during the a.m. hours of May 7, 1992 (138 Cong. Rec. S6846);

''Illinois on May 12, 1992 (138 Cong. Rec. H3729, H3739, S6846, S8387-8);

''California on June 26, 1992 (138 Cong. Rec. H10100, S18271, E2237);

''Rhode Island on June 10, 1993 (139 Cong. Rec. H4681, S9981-2); and

''Hawaii on April 29, 1994 (140 Cong. Rec. H3791, S7956); and

''That, the Legislature of the State of Washington further acknowledges: That the constitutional amendment in question became Amendment XXVII to the United States Constitution during the a.m. hours of May 7, 1992, when the Legislature of the State of Michigan became the thirty-eighth state legislature to ratify it; that on May 18, 1992, the Archivist of the United States issued a proclamation published in the Federal Register concluding that the two hundred four-year-old proposal had, in fact, been incorporated into the United States Constitution; and that on May 20, 1992, both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, by roll-call votes, adopted resolutions agreeing with the Archivist's conclusion; and

''That, while the Legislature of the State of Washington is quite aware of this constitutional amendment's success in already having become part of the United States Constitution, it is important that the stamp-of-approval of the State of Washington join the legislatures of the forty-three other states that have already given their assent to what is now Amendment XXVII, be it further

''*Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States, the Archivist of the United States (pursuant to P.L. 98–497), the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington, with the request that this joint memorial's text be reprinted in its entirety in the Congressional Record.''

POM–166. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

''Whereas, for one hundred twenty-five (125) years the women of Wyoming have been granted the right to vote, the state of Wyoming being the first government in the world to grant women suffrage, thus earning the name Equality State for the people of Wyoming; and

''Whereas, on December 10, 1869, Wyoming's first Territorial Governor, John A. Campbell sighed a bill making Wyoming the first government to grant women the right to vote, a proud day in the struggle for equal rights, a milestone in the history of Wyoming and the history of the United States; and

''Whereas, Wyoming women held the privilege of voting for fifty (50) years before the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified giving all women in the United States the right to vote; and

''Whereas, 1995 marks the 75th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution which brought all women of the United States out of second class citizenship into full partnership politically and extended to them the right to vote, own property and be elected to office; and

''Whereas, women continue to work on issues of equality in areas including education, economy and health care.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

''Section 1. That the State of Wyoming join citizens across the land in commemorating one hundred twenty-five (125) years of

voting rights for Wyoming women and in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the 19th Amendment guaranteeing the right to vote to all women in the United States.

''Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.''

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 888. A bill to extend the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to use auctions for the allocation of radio spectrum frequencies for commercial use, to provide for private sector reimbursement of Federal governmental user costs to vacate commercially valuable spectrum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 889. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Wolf Gang II,* and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SIMON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. KERREY):

S. 890. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to gun free schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 891. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to convey certain real property at Ford Ord, California, to the City of Seaside, California, in order to foster the economic development of the City, which has been adversely impacted by the closure of Fort Ord; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DOLE, Mr. COATS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. NICKLES):

S. 892. A bill to amend section 1464 of title 18, United States Code, to punish transmission by computer of indecent material to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 893. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for charitable contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 888. A bill to extend the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to use auctions for the allocation of radio spectrum frequencies for commercial use, to provide for private sector reimbursement of Federal governmental user costs to vacate commercially valuable spectrum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE SPECTRUM AUCTION ACT OF 1995

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I wish to send to the desk this morning a bill to extend the Federal Communications Commission's authority to use auctions to award radio spectrum licenses. I want to state to the Senate that for several Congresses, I had suggested spectrum auctions to deal with the problem of allocating this very valuable space in our airways. Congress did not pass those bills, but finally, in the last Congress, Congress did accept the amendment that I had offered. Since that time, the Federal Government has received over $9 billion in money that has been bid for the use of this spectrum which is allocated by the FCC.

I am introducing this bill now so that the Senate will be aware of it, because I intend to offer it as an amendment to the telecommunications bill when it is presented to the Senate. This bill will raise an estimated minimum amount of $4.5 billion over a 5-year period. It will be used to partially offset the cost of the telecommunications bill as computed by the Congressional Budget Office.

I might say on the bright side, the Congressional Budget Office has stated that enactment of the telecommunications bill will result in a $3 billion reduction in the payments, that are made by the private sector I might add, for universal service in this country. But there is still a remaining expenditure that will be made in the 7-year period of the budget that is before the Congress, and in order that that budget may remain in balance and still have us be able to enact the telecommunications bill, we are presenting amendments that will provide offsetting revenues on the Federal side.

It is a strange thing about this, Mr. President, because it is the private sector that makes the support payments under existing law and will continue to make smaller payments under the telecommunications bill as the Commerce Committee will present it. But there is no question that the CBO has decided it still has a budgetary impact as far as the economy is concerned, and, therefore, an offset is required.

I urge Senators to review this proposed bill, which, as I said, will become an amendment to be offered by me to the telecommunications bill when it is on the floor.

This bill has five sections. Section 1 is the short title, which is the ''Spectrum Auction Act of 1995.'' Section 2 contains findings drawn from two NTIA reports, which state that the U.S. will need at least 180 megahertz of additional spectrum for cellular, PCS, and satellite services over the next 10 years, and that less than that amount will be available without the bill. Section 3 extends the FCC's auction authority from 1998 until 2002, and would allow the FCC to use auctions for all licenses except public safety radio services and new digital TV licenses. Section 4 of the bill allows federal agencies to accept reimbursement from private parties for the costs of relocating to new spectrum frequencies, so that the private sector can pay to move government stations off valuable frequencies; it also requires NTIA to move government stations if all costs are paid and the new frequency and facilities are comparable. Section 5 requires the Secretary of Commerce to submit a plan to reallocate three additional frequency bands that NTIA has identified for transfer from government to private use.

Mr. President, 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:

S. 888

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Spectrum Auction Act of 1995''.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the Department of Commerce recently submitted to the Congress a report entitled ''U.S. National Spectrum Requirements'' as required by section 113 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 923);

(2) based on the best available information the report concludes that an additional 179 megahertz of spectrum will be needed within the next ten years to meet the expected demand for land mobile and mobile satellite radio services such as cellular telephone service, paging services, personal communication services, and low earth orbiting satellite communications systems;

(3) a further 85 megahertz of additional spectrum, for a total of 264 megahertz, is needed if the United States is to fully implement the Intelligent Transportation System currently under development by the Department of Transportation;

(4) as required by Part B of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 921 et seq.) the Federal Government will transfer 235 megahertz of spectrum from exclusive government use to non-governmental or mixed governmental and non-governmental use between 1994 and 2004;

(5) the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report submitted to Congress by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration states that, of the 235 megahertz of spectrum identified for reallocation from governmental to non-governmental or mixed use—

(A) 50 megahertz has already been reallocated for exclusive non-governmental use,

(B) 45 megahertz will be reallocated in 1995 for both exclusive non-governmental and mixed governmental and non-governmental use,

(C) 25 megahertz will be reallocated in 1997 for exclusive non-governmental use,

(D) 70 megahertz will be reallocated in 1999 for both exclusive non-governmental and mixed governmental and non-governmental use, and

(E) the final 45 megahertz will be reallocated for mixed governmental and non-governmental use by 2004;

(6) the 165 megahertz of spectrum that are not yet reallocated, combined with 80 megahertz that the Federal Communications Commission is currently holding in reserve for emerging technologies, are less than the best estimates of projected spectrum needs in the United States;

(7) the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to assign radio spectrum frequencies using an auction process expires on September 30, 1998;

(8) a significant portion of the reallocated spectrum will not yet be assigned to non-governmental users before that authority expires;

(9) the transfer of Federal governmental users from certain valuable radio frequencies to other reserved frequencies could be expedited if Federal governmental users are permitted to accept reimbursement for reallocation costs from non-governmental users; and

(10) extension of the authority to use auctions and non-governmental reimbursement of Federal governmental users relocation costs would allow the market to determine the most efficient use of the available spectrum.

SEC. 3. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF AUCTION AUTHORITY.

Section 309(j) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

''(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—If mutually exclusive applications or requests are accepted for any initial license or construction permit which will involve a use of the electromagnetic spectrum, then the Commission shall grant such license or permit to a qualified applicant through a system of competitive bidding that meets the requirements of this subsection. The competitive bidding authority granted by this subsection shall not apply to licenses or construction permits issued by the Commission for public safety radio services or for licenses or construction permits for new terrestrial digital television services assigned by the Commission to existing terrestrial broadcast licensees to replace their current television licenses.'';

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and renumbering paragraphs (3) through (13) as (2) through (12), respectively; and

(3) by striking ''1998'' in paragraph (10), as renumbered, and inserting in lieu thereof ''2002''.

(3) by striking '1998'' in paragraph (10), as renumbered, and inserting in lieu thereof ''2002''.

SEC. 4. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEDERAL RELOCATION COSTS.

Section 113 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act (47 U.S.C. 923) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

''(f) RELOCATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STATIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to expedite the efficient use of the electromagnetic spectrum and notwithstanding section 3302(b) of title 31, United States Code, any Federal entity which operates a Federal Government station may accept reimbursement from any person for the costs incurred by such Federal entity for any modification, replacement, or reissuance of equipment, facilities, operating manuals, regulations, or other expenses incurred by that entity in relocating the operations of its Federal Government station or stations from one or more radio spectrum frequencies to any other frequency or frequencies. Any such reimbursement shall be deposited in the account of such Federal entity in the Treasury of the United States. Funds deposited according to this section shall be available, without appropriation or fiscal year limitation, only for the operations of the Federal entity for which such funds were deposited under this section.

''(2) PROCESS FOR RELOCATION.—Any person seeking to relocate a Federal Government station that has been assigned a frequently within a band allocated for mixed Federal and non-Federal use may submit a petition for such relocation to NTIA. The NTIA shall limit the Federal Government station's operating license to secondary status when the following requirements are met—

''(A) the person seeking relocation of the Federal Government station has guaranteed reimbursement through money or in-kind payment of all relocation costs incurred by the Federal entity, including all engineering, equipment, site acquisition and construction, and regulatory fee costs;

''(B) the person seeking relocation completes all activities necessary for implementing the relocation, including construction of replacement facilities (if necessary and appropriate) and identifying and obtaining on the Federal entity's behalf new frequencies for use by the relocated Federal Government station (where such station is not relocating to spectrum reserved exclusively for Federal use); and

''(C) any necessary replacement facilities, equipment modifications, or other changes have been implemented and tested to ensure that the Federal Government station is able to successfully accomplish its purposes.

''(3) RIGHT TO RECLAIM.—If within one year after the relocation the Federal Government station demonstrates to the Commission that the new facilities or spectrum are not comparable to the facilities or spectrum from which the Federal Government station was relocated, the person seeking such relocation must take reasonable steps to remedy any defects or reimburse the Federal entity for the costs of returning the Federal Government station to the spectrum from which such station was relocated.

''(g) FEDERAL ACTION TO EXPEDITE SPECTRUM TRANSFER.—Any Federal Government station which operates on electromagnetic spectrum that has been identified for reallocation for mixed Federal and non-Federal use in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report shall, to the maximum extent practicable through the use of the authority granted under subsection (f) and any other applicable provision of law, take action to relocate its spectrum use to other frequencies that are reserved for Federal use or to consolidate its spectrum use with other Federal Government stations in a manner that maximizes the spectrum available for non-Federal use. Notwithstanding the timetable contained in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report, the President shall seek to implement the reallocation of the 1710 to 1755 megahertz frequency band by January 1, 2000. Subsection (c)(4) of this section shall not apply to the extent that a non-Federal user seeks to relocate or relocates a Federal power agency under subsection (f).

''(h) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

''(1) FEDERAL ENTITY.—The term 'Federal entity' means any Department, agency, or other element of the Federal government that utilizes radio frequency spectrum in the conduct of its authorized activities, including a Federal power agency.

''(2) SPECTRUM REALLOCATION FINAL REPORT.—The term 'Spectrum Reallocation Final Report' means the report submitted by the Secretary to the President and Congress in compliance with the requirements of subsection (a).''.

SEC. 5. REALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL SPECTRUM.

The Secretary of Commerce shall, within 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, prepare and submit to the President and the Congress a report and timetable recommending the reallocation of the three frequency bands (225–400 megahertz, 3625–3650 megahertz, and 5850–5925 megahertz) that were discussed but not recommended for reallocation in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report. The Secretary shall consult with the Federal Communications Commission and other Federal agencies in the preparation of the report, and shall provide notice and an opportunity for public comment before submitting the report and timetable required by this section.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 889. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Wolf Gang II*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

JONES ACT WAIVER FOR ''WOLF GANG II''

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I introduce legislation that grants a Jones Act waiver to the vessel *Wolf Gang II*. This vessel is owned by Robert L. Wolf, a Washington State resident who, after 30 years of service, retired in 1992 as a colonel in the U.S. Army.

After his retirement, Wolf decided to operate a charter boat business on Puget Sound and bought *Wolf Gang II*, a 1985 Bayliner 4518 motoryacht. Although Wolf can document the boat was built in the United States, he cannot verify all of the boat's previous owners were U.S. citizens. As a result, Wolf's boat fails to meet all of the requirements in the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, and he is unable to gain certification for coastwise trade.

I understand how frustrating this situation is for Mr. Wolf. He simply wants to run a charter boat business in the beautiful waters of Puget Sound, and he has waited 3 years for an exemption from the unintended consequences of the Jones Act. My bill addresses this complication and waives the Jones Act requirements so that Mr. Wolf can begin operating his charter business this year. I look forward to swift passage of this legislation, and I expect to see Barnacle Bob's Cruises operating soon.●

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SIMON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. KERREY):

S. 890. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to gun free schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE GUN-FREE SCHOOL ZONES ACT OF 1995

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, with my colleagues Senators SPECTER, SIMON, FEINSTEIN, BRADLEY, LAUTENBERG, CHAFEE, and KERREY, we rise today to introduce the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1995. This common-sense measure, which replaces the original Gun Free School Zones Act, is needed to send a strong message to teachers, State law enforcement officers and State prosecutors: the Federal Government stands behind you and will support you in getting guns out of our school grounds.

Let me begin by reminding you that the original version of this bill passed by unanimous consent in 1990. The measure was kept in conference where any one member's objection could have struck the bill. That conference was attended by the senior members of the Judiciary Committee, among them Senators BIDEN, HATCH, THURMOND, SIMPSON, and KENNEDY. It was signed into law by then-President Bush. It is a

measure that was supported by all of us. And we should continue to support it.

But in April, a sharply divided Supreme Court struck down the original Gun-Free School Zones Act in the case of United States versus Lopez. It did so on the grounds that the commerce clause of the Constitution did not support the act. As long as we can address the Supreme Court's concerns, there is no reason why the decision should alter the support this bill had in 1990.

The original act made it a Federal crime to knowingly bring a gun within 1,000 feet of a school or to fire a gun in these zones, with carefully crafted exceptions. The Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1995 does exactly what the old act did. However, it adds a requirement that the prosecutor prove as part of each prosecution that the gun moved in or affected interstate or foreign commerce.

That is the only change to the legislative language of the original bill. The only change. We place only a minor burden on prosecutors while simply and plainly assuring the constitutionality of the act.

The goal of this bill is simple: to heed the Supreme Court's decision regarding Federal power and yet to continue the fight against school violence. The Lopez decision cannot be used as an excuse for complacency.

Mr. President, this bill is a practical approach to the national epidemic of gun violence plaguing our education system. In 1990, the Centers For Disease Control found that 1 in 20 students carried a gun in a 30-day period. Three years later, it was 1 in 12. Even worse, the National Education Association estimates that 100,000 kids bring guns to school every day. How can Congress turn its back on our children when their safety is being threatened on a daily basis?

My home State, Wisconsin, is not immune to this wave of violence. According to Gerald Mourning, the former director of school safety for Milwaukee, ''[K]ids who did their fighting with their fists, and perhaps knives, are now settling their arguments with guns.'' In the 1993–94 school year half of the students expelled from the Milwaukee Public Schools were thrown out for bringing a gun to school. In Dane County, WI, the number of juvenile weapons offenses tripled—from 75 in 1989 to 220 in 1993.

The Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1995 is a simple, straightforward, effective and construction approach to this problem. In the Lopez decision, the Supreme Court held that the original act exceeded Congress' commerce clause power because it did not adequately tie guns found in school zones to interstate commerce. Much as I disagree with the 5 to 4 decision and strongly agree with the dissenters—Justices Souter, Stevens, Breyer, and Ginsburg—our new legislation will clearly pass muster under the majority's Lopez test. By requiring that the prosecutor prove that the gun brought to school ''moved in or affected interstate commerce,'' the act is a clear exercise of Congress' unquestioned power to regulate interstate activities. In fact, the Lopez decision itself suggested that requiring an explicit connection between the gun and interstate commerce in each prosecution would assure the constitutionality of the act.

Mr. President, there is no doubt that the guns brought to schools are part of a interstate problem. After all, almost every gun is made with raw material from one State, assembled in a second State, and transported to the school yards of yet another State. One 14-year-old in a Madison, WI, gang told the Wisconsin State Journal that the older leaders of his gang brought carloads of guns from Chicago to Madison to pass out to the younger gang members to take to school. In short, this act regulates a national, interstate problem. Numerous Supreme Court cases have upheld similar regulations.

When the act was first passed, less than a dozen States had laws dealing with guns on school grounds. Now, more than 40 have such legislation. Our original Federal law served as an example and a spur to these State laws, and all of us in Congress should be proud of that. Their presence, however, does not eradicate the need for a Federal law.

In light of these State laws, a few of my colleagues have asked me why we need a Federal statute. The answer is simple. Some States still do not have State Gun-Free School Zones Acts; others simply have laws that supplement the Federal statute; still more have laws that are weaker than the Federal law. Alabama, for example, only prohibits bringing a gun to a public school with the intent to cause bodily harm. That means you can bring a gun to school, frighten and disrupt everyone, but still get off because you did not intend to cause injury. And in Alabama you can bring a gun to private school without any worries. That is unacceptable. With a Federal law, we can fill in these loopholes. And where there are not State laws, we can fill in the even larger gaps. In short, the Gun-Free School Zones Act gives prosecutors the flexibility to bring violators to justice under either State or Federal statutes, whichever is appropriate—or tougher.

Mr. President, Congress cannot ignore the epidemic of school violence. The epidemic is undermining our educational system and threatens to cripple our Nation's competitiveness. It is turning our schoolyards into sanctuaries for armed criminals and drug gangs. We have repeatedly recognized that our Nation's classrooms deserve special protection and attention from the Federal Government. Gun-Free school zones are not a panacea, to be sure, but they are an important step toward fighting gun violence and keeping our teachers and children safe.

Five years ago we all agreed unanimously on this bill. It was sensible then, and it is sensible now.

I ask unanimous consent that a copy of the Gun-Free School Zones Act be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 890

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1995''.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION.

Section 922(q) of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''(q)(1) The Congress finds and declares that—

''(A) crime, particularly crime involving drugs and guns, is a pervasive, nationwide problem;

''(B) crime at the local level is exacerbated by the interstate movement of drugs, guns, and criminal gangs;

''(C) firearms and ammunition move easily in interstate commerce and have been found in increasing numbers in and around schools, as documented in numerous hearings in both the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives and the Judiciary Committee of the Senate;

''(D) in fact, even before the sale of a firearm, the gun, its component parts, ammunition, and the raw materials from which they are made have considerably moved in interstate commerce;

''(E) while criminals freely move from State to State, ordinary citizens and foreign visitors may fear to travel to or through certain parts of the country due to concern about violent crime and gun violence, and parents may decline to send their children to school for the same reason;

''(F) the occurrence of violent crime in school zones has resulted in a decline in the quality of education in our country;

''(G) this decline in the quality of education has an adverse impact on interstate commerce and the foreign commerce of the United States;

''(H) States, localities, and school systems find it almost impossible to handle gun-related crime by themselves; even States, localities, and school systems that have made strong efforts to prevent, detect, and punish gun-related crime find their efforts unavailing due in part to the failure or inability of other States or localities to take strong measures; and

''(I) Congress has power, under the interstate commerce clause and other provisions of the Constitution, to enact measures to ensure the integrity and safety of the Nation's schools by enactment of this subsection.

''(2)(A) It shall be unlawful for any individual knowingly to possess a firearm that has moved in or that otherwise affects interstate or foreign commerce at a place that the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is a school zone.

''(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to the possession of a firearm—

''(i) on private property not part of school grounds;

''(ii) if the individual possessing the firearm is licensed to do so by the State in which the school zone is located or a political subdivision of the State, and the law of the State or political subdivision requires that, before an individual obtains such a license, the law enforcement authorities of the State or political subdivision verify that the individual is qualified under law to receive the license;

''(iii) which is—

''(I) not loaded; and

''(II) in a locked container, or a locked firearms rack which is on a motor vehicle;

''(iv) by an individual for use in a program approved by a school in the school zone;

''(v) by an individual in accordance with a contract entered into between a school in the school zone and the individual or an employer of the individual;

''(vi) by a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity; or

''(vii) that is unloaded and is possessed by an individual while traversing school premises for the purpose of gaining access to public or private lands open to hunting, if the entry on school premises is authorized by school authorities.

''(3)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), it shall be unlawful for any person, knowingly or with reckless disregard for the safety of another, to discharge or attempt to discharge a firearm that has moved in or that otherwise affects interstate or foreign commerce at a place that the person knows is a school zone.

''(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to the discharge of a firearm—

''(i) on private property not part of school grounds;

''(ii) as part of a program approved by a school in the school zone, by an individual who is participating in the program;

''(iii) by an individual in accordance with a contract entered into between a school in a school zone and the individual or an employer of the individual; or

''(iv) by a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity.

''(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as preempting or preventing a State or local government from enacting a statute establishing gun free school zones as provided in this subsection.''.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today as an original cosponsor of the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1995.

This bill makes it a criminal offense to knowingly bring a gun or fire a gun within 1,000 feet of a school. The penalty for violating the law would be up to 5 years in prison or a fine of $5,000.

Mr. President, I believe that this bill is critical to protect the sanctity of our schools and the safety of our students.

In 1993, the Centers for Disease Control found that 1 in 12 students carried a gun to school within a 30-day period.

Each day, an estimated 135,000 pack a gun with their books on their way to school.

At a time when guns are becoming more and more prevalent on neighborhood streets, we cannot simply stand by and allow our playgrounds to become battlegrounds. We cannot expect our students to thrive in an atmosphere where they must fear for their lives and for their safety.

In 1990, Congress passed the original Gun Free Schools Act with overwhelming bipartisan support. As many of you know, a sharply divided Supreme Court recently invalidated that bill, saying that it exceeded congressional power.

I personally disagreed with the Supreme Court decision, and signed an amicus brief supporting its validity. But that is not the issue before us today. Today, the issue is the safety of our children.

The 1995 act ensures the constitutionality of the Gun Free Schools Act by requiring the prosecutor to prove as part of each prosecution that the gun moved in, or affected, interstate commerce. That provision will place only a small burden on prosecutors and will ensure our power to keep America's schools safe.

Mr. President, this bill has the support of the law enforcement and education communities.

It has been endorsed by the National Education Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the National School Boards Association, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Certainly this bill is not a panacea, but it is a worthwhile attempt to keep our children away from the dangers of guns and violence.

Mr. President, the National Rifle Association likes to say that guns don't kill; people do. But the gun statistics I've seen belie their contentions.

Just consider these numbers.

In 1992, handguns killed 33 people in Great Britain, 36 in Sweden, 97 in Switzerland, 60 in Japan, 13 in Australia, 128 in Canada, and 13,220 in the United States.

The problem, Mr. President, isn't that we have more people. It's that we have more guns.

We need to fight back the wave of gun violence that's overtaking our streets and neighborhoods once and for all. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this worthy bill and to help protect our children and our teachers from the dangers of violence.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 891. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to convey certain real property at Fort Ord, CA, to the city of Seaside, CA, in order to foster the economic development of the city, which has been adversely impacted by the closure of Fort Ord; to the Committee on Armed Services.

THE FORT ORD CLOSURE IMPACT ACT OF 1995

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I introduce important legislation to convey surplus real property at the former Fort Ord Army reservation to the city of Seaside, CA. The sale of this property, which includes two golf courses and surrounding property, is in accordance with the reuse plan prepared by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority. This legislation enjoys strong community support. An identical bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman SAM FARR.

This legislation would help implement the 1993 recommendation of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. In the Commission's 1993 report to the President, it made specific recommendations for the disposal of Army property. These recommendations balanced the need for property reuse with the Army's legitimate need to support the military personnel remaining on the Monterey Peninsula.

Specifically, the Commission directed the Department to dispose of all property, including the golf courses, not required to support the Presidio of Monterey and the Naval Postgraduate School. Accordingly, in 1993, the Acting Secretary of the Army decided to sell the two Fort Ord golf courses to the city of Seaside, CA.

Unfortunately, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act does not permit the Commission to consider the nonappropriated fund revenue needs which are supported by the golf course revenues. This legislation addresses this problem by allowing funds received by the Army from the sale of golf courses to be deposited into the Army's morale, welfare, and recreation account.

This legislation conveys approximately 477 acres, which consist of the two Fort Ord golf courses, Black Horse and Bayonet, and neighboring the surplus housing facilities. This property has been screened through the Pryor process established in the fiscal year 1994 Defense Authorization Act.

Importantly, this legislation requires the city of Seaside to pay fair market value for the property. I want to repeat that point: this is not a giveaway program; the city of Seaside is required to pay full market value. The proceeds from the sale of the golf course will be deposited in the Department of the Army's morale, welfare, and recreation fund, and the proceeds from the housing sale will be deposited in the BRAC account.

This legislation is another important step in implementing the highly successful Fort Ord Reuse Plan. By enacting this legislation, the Congress will help implement the BRAC Commission's 1993 recommendations and simultaneously foster economic development in the city of Seaside.

I ask unanimous consent that the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 891

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LAND CONVEYANCE, FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA.

(a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Army shall convey to the City of Seaside, California (in this section referred to as the ''City''), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property (including improvements thereon) consisting of approximately 477 acres located in Monterey County, California, and comprising a portion of the former Fort Ord Military Complex. The real property to be conveyed to the City includes the two Fort Ord Golf Courses, Black Horse and Bayonet, and the Hayes Housing Facilities.

(b) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the conveyance of the real property and improvements under subsection (a), the City shall pay to the United States an amount equal to the fair market value of the property to be conveyed, as determined by the Secretary under such terms and conditions as are determined to be fair and equitable to both parties.

(c) USE AND DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—(1) From the funds paid by the City under subsection (b), the Secretary shall deposit in the

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund Account of the Department of the Army an amount equal to the portion of such funds corresponding to the fair market value of the two Fort Ord Golf Courses conveyed under subsection (a), as established under subsection (b).

(2) The Secretary shall deposit the balance of the funds paid by the City under subjection (b), after deducting the amount deposited under paragraph (1), in the Department of Defense Base Closure Account 1990.

(d) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property (including improvements thereon) to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary and the City. The cost of the survey shall be borne by the City.

(e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.●

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DOLE, Mr. COATS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. NICKLES):

S. 892. A bill to amend section 1464 of title 18, United States Code, to punish transmission by computer of indecent material to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM COMPUTER PORNOGRAPHY ACT OF 1995

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce the Protection of Children from Computer Pornography Act of 1995. I believe this bill would provide children with the strongest possible protection from computer pornography. I would like to thank the majority leader for his crucial support of this important piece of legislation. Currently, child molesters and sexual predators use computer networks to locate children and try to entice them into illicit sexual relationships. Accordingly, my bill would make it a crime to knowingly or recklessly transmit indecent pornographic materials to children over computer networks. Some so-called access providers facilitate this by refusing to take action against child molesters, even after other computer users have complained. So, my bill would make it a crime for access providers who are aware of this sort of activity to permit it to continue.

Mr. President, I have carefully drafted this bill so that it will withstand the inevitable court challenge. This bill focuses only on protecting children from material which the Supreme Court has repeatedly stated is harmful to children. The Protection of Children from Computer Pornography Act of 1995 would not tell any adult what type of computerized material they may view or obtain.

Finally, Mr. President, due to time constraints, I ask unanimous consent that the remainder of my remarks be printed into the RECORD.

ANALYSIS OF THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM INDECENT PORNOGRAPHY ACT OF 1995

At the outset, this initiative, which amends 18 U.S.C. §1464 (1984), defines several technical terms. For ''remote computer facility'' and ''electronic communications service,'' the definitions used in the ''Protection of Children from Computer Pornography Act of 1995'' are taken from existing sections of the criminal code. Because it was unclear whether the terms ''remote computer service'' and/or ''electronic communications service'' would include an electronic bulletin board, the Grassley initiative creates a specific definition for electronic bulletin board systems. This was done to avoid the possibility that electronic bulletin boards, some of which specialize in providing pornographic materials, would be exempt from the bill.

Substantively, this creates two distinct criminal offenses. First, it is a crime to knowingly or recklessly transmit indecent pornography to minors. The Grassley bill deals exclusively with indecent pornography provided to children because there are already federal laws against providing obscene material and child pornography to anyone, including children. See 18 U.S.C. §2252 (Supp. 1994); 18 U.S.C. §1465 (Supp. 1995). The definition of indecent material has been established by the Supreme Court and is discussed below.

Second, the bill would make it a crime for an on-line service which permits users to access the Internet or electronic bulletin board to willfully permit an audit to transmit indecent pornography to a minor. In the criminal law, ''willful'' has a specific meaning which is uniquely suited to on-line access providers. See ''Manual of Modern Criminal Jury Instructions for the Ninth Circuit'' §5.05 (West 1989). A willfulness standard is more appropriate for on-line service providers because those services can only monitor customer communications in narrow circumstances, or face criminal prosecution for invasion of privacy. See 18 U.S.C. §2510 (Supp. 1995).

To prove a violation under the bill for permitting adults to transmit indecent material to children, the Justice Department would have to show that the access provider was actually aware that a particular recipient was a child and that the access provider's customers were using the on-line service to transmit indecent material to minors. Importantly, although this burden of proof appears to be high, it could easily be met by prosecutors, given the current practice.

LEGAL BACKGROUND: THE CONCEPT OF INDECENCY

Basically, there are three categories of sexually explicit expression which are subject to congressional regulation notwithstanding the First Amendment. See *New York* v. *Ferber,* 458 U.S. 747 (1982); *Miller* v. *California,* 413 U.S. 15 (1973). The Grassley initiative focuses exclusively on indecent material because existing federal laws largely cover the transmission of obscene and child pornographic material in interstate commerce. See U.S.C. §2252 (Supp. 1995); U.S.C. §1465 (Supp. 1995); U.S.C. §1462 (Supp. 1995).

For present purposes, indecent material can be defined as depictions of sexual activity or sexual organs which are patently offensive according to contemporary community standards. See *FCC* v. *Pacifica,* 438 U.S. 726, 732 (1978); *Alliance for Community Media* v. *FCC,* 10 F.3d 812 (D.C. Cir. 1993), rehearing en banc granted, 15 F.3d 186 (D.C. Cir. 1994); *Action for Children's Television* v. *FCC,* 932 F.2d 1504 (D.C. Cir. 1991). This test is basically the second prong of the ''Miller Test.'' 413 U.S. 24–25. It is important to note that while indecent material is not constitutionally protected for children, indecency is protested for and among adults. Thus, laws intended to protect children must not ''reduce the adult population . . . [to viewing] . . . only what is acceptable to children.'' *Butler* v. *Michigan,* 352 U.S. 380, 383 (1957). While some court have applied the indecency in slightly different ways depending on the medium, (see *Pacifica, supra; Sable Communications, Inc.* v. *FCC,* 492 U.S. 115 (1989)), the central purpose of the indecency standard is to prohibit or to regulate the display of patently offensive representations of sexually explicit material which is openly available to the public. As the Court stated in Pacifica, see 438 U.S. at 748–49, this means a medium, like computers, which has ''a uniquely pervasive presence in the lives of all Americans'' and is ''uniquely accessible to children'' can be regulated to protect children.

That is precisely what the ''Protection of Children from Computer Pornography'' initiative would do—prohibit transmission of computerized indecent pornography to children while permitting adults to access otherwise constutitionally protected material.

In some respects indecency is similar, though not identical, to the concept of ''harmful to juveniles'' laws, which exist in nearly every state. These laws prohibit the sale (and sometimes the display) of certain sexually explicit material to minors. See *Ginsberg* v. *New York,* 390 U.S. 629 (1968). In order to determine whether material is harmful to juveniles, the material must be found to satisfy a three-part test. One part of this test involves a showing that the material depicts or describes sexual activity in terms patently offensive according to contemporary community standards for what is acceptable for children. In a sense, the federal indecency standard is designed to protect children from harmful depictions of sexual activity, similar to the goal of the harmful to juveniles test.

Traditionally, the federal government has not regulated extensively to protect children from inappropriate exposure to pornography because it is primarily a matter of local concern. With the rise of global, international computer networks, however, it has become clear that Congress has a more extensive role to play in protecting children. The Grassley initiative responds to this changed environment by ''filing in the gaps'' created by new technology.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a statement from the Family Research Council and the bill be printed in the RECORD.

It has the coauthorship of Senators DOLE, COATS, MCCONNELL, SHELBY, and NICKLES.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 892

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Protection of Children From Computer Pornography Act of 1995''.

SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION BY COMPUTER OF INDECENT MATERIAL TO MINORS.

(a) OFFENSES.—Section 1464 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the heading by striking ''**Broadcasting obscene language**'' and inserting ''**Utterance of indecent or profane language by radio communication; transmission to minor of indecent material from remote computer facility, electronic communications service, or electronic bulletin board service**'';

(2) by striking ''Whoever'' and inserting ''(a) UTTERANCE OF INDECENT OR PROFANE LANGUAGE BY RADIO COMMUNICATION.—A person who''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(b) TRANSMISSION TO MINOR OF INDECENT MATERIAL FROM REMOTE COMPUTER FACILITY, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, OR ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD SERVICE PROVIDER.—

''(1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this subsection—

''(A) the term 'remote computer facility' means a facility that—

''(i) provides to the public computer storage or processing services by means of an electronic communications system; and

''(ii) permits a computer user to transfer electronic or digital material from the facility to another computer:

''(B) the term 'electronic communications service' means any wire, radio, electromagnetic, photo optical, or photoelectronic system for the transmission of electronic communications, and any computer facility or related electronic equipment for the electronic storage of such communications, that permits a computer user to transfer electronic or digital material from the service to another computer; and

''(C) the term 'electronic bulletin board service' means a computer system, regardless of whether operated for commercial purposes, that exists primarily to provide remote or on-site users with digital images, or that exists primarily to permit remote or on-site users to participate in or create on-line discussion groups or conferences.

''(2) TRANSMISSION BY REMOTE COMPUTERS FACILITY OPERATOR, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER, OR ELECTRONIC BULLETIN BOARD SERVICE PROVIDER.—A remote computer facility operator, electronic communications service provider, electronic bulletin board service provider who, with knowledge of the character of the material, knowingly—

''(A) transmits or offers or attempts to transmit from the remote computer facility, electronic communications service, or electronic bulletin board service provider a communication that contains indecent material to a person under 18 years of age; or

''(B) causes or allows to be transmitted from the remote computer facility, electronic communications service, or electronic bulletin board a communication that contains indecent material to a person under 18 years of age or offers or attempts to do so,

shall be fined in accordance with this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

''(3) PERMITTING ACCESS TO TRANSMIT INDECENT MATERIAL TO A MINOR.—Any remote computer facility operator, electronic communications service provider, or electronic bulletin board service provider who willfully permits a person to use a remote computing service, electronic communications service, or electronic bulletin board service that is under the control of that remote computer facility operator, electronic communications service provider, or electronic bulletin board service provider, to knowingly or recklessly transmit indecent material from another remote computing service, electronic communications service, or electronic bulletin board service, to a person under 18 years of age, shall be fined not more than $10,000, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.''.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The item for section 1464 in the chapter analysis for chapter 71 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''1464. Utterance of indecent or profane language by radio communication; transmission to minor of indecent material from remote computer facility.''.

FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL,
Washington, DC, June 7, 1995.

STATEMENT OF LEGAL DIRECTOR FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL

Pursuant to your request, the Family Research Council has reviewed the constitutionality of the ''Protection of Children from Computer Pornography Act of 1995.'' It is our opinion that the Act is fully consistent with the Supreme Court's indecency precedents.

Before providing more extensive analysis, it is prudent that I state my qualifications to render this opinion. I have practiced in the area of pornography law and have participated in extensive litigation before the Supreme Court, federal courts of appeal, and state courts on pornography-related controversies. I am thus very familiar with the manner in which courts have treated statutes aimed at regulating pornographic materials.

The seminal cases applicable to the Act are *FCC* v. *Pacifica*, 438 U.S. 726 (1978) and *Sable Communications, Inc.* v. *FCC*, 492 U.S. 115 (1989). Taken together, these cases clearly and unambiguously establish the principle that society may prohibit the transmission of indecent material to children. As the Act only attempts to do that, in my view it presents no serious constitutional concerns.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

CATHLEEN A. CLEAVER, ESQ.,
Director of Legal Policy.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 893. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for charitable contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

THE CHOICE IN WELFARE TAX CREDIT ACT OF 1995

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, today I am introducing the choice in welfare tax credit bill.

The goal of our welfare reforms should be to continue to focus antipoverty efforts not just to the States but to local, private charities as well. With the choice in welfare tax credit, taxpayers would be allowed a 100 percent tax credit up to $100 per wage earner each year for contributions to charities engaged in antipoverty efforts. This would go a long way toward transferring antipoverty efforts from the inefficient and ineffective Federal Government to nonprofit charities who are more efficient and have a much better sense for what their local population needs.

I have faith in the ability of people living in the communities to know what works best and to provide prompt, temporary assistance to those who need it most. The emphasis here is on temporary. Private charities view antipoverty assistance not as a right or a way of life but as a tool by which to change behavior and encourage personal responsibility for one's own life.

I want to give the people that pay the bills and provide the services in the local community a much larger role in how poverty relief efforts are structured. This bill would also empower taxpayers to have some direct influence on how their tax dollars are spent. In fact, it will expand the number of people donating to charities. Currently, about 28 percent of taxpayers take the tax deduction for charitable contributions. This bill will allow all taxpayers, whether they itemize or not, to receive a credit for contributing. Inspiring more taxpayers to contribute to local charities will make people more aware of antipoverty efforts in their community, and may inspire them to volunteer their time as well.

So I want to encourage my colleagues to take a close look at this bill, and lend their support to an idea that truly returns power to the individual taxpayer and the community in which they live.

Mr. President, 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:

S. 893

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CREDIT FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN PRIVATE CHARITIES PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal credits) is amended by inserting after section 22 the following new section:

''SEC. 23. CREDIT FOR CERTAIN CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to the qualified charitable contributions which are paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year.

''(b) LIMITATION.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) for the taxable year shall not exceed $100 ($200 in the case of a joint return).

''(c) QUALIFIED CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION.—For purposes of this section, the term 'qualified charitable contribution' means any charitable contribution (as defined in section 170(c)) made in cash to a qualified charity but only if the amount of each such contribution, and the recipient thereof, are identified on the return for the taxable year during which such contribution is made.

''(d) QUALIFIED CHARITY.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term 'qualified charity' means, with respect to the taxpayer, any organization described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt from tax under section 501(a)—

''(A) which is certified by the Secretary as meeting the requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3),

''(B) which is organized under the laws of the United States or of any State in which the organization is qualified to operate, and

''(C) which is required, or elects to be treated as being required, to file returns under section 6033.

''(2) CHARITY MUST PRIMARILY ASSIST THE POOR.—An organization meets the requirements of this paragraph only if the predominant activity of such organization is the provision of services to individuals whose annual incomes generally do not exceed 150 percent of the official poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget).

''(3) MINIMUM EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—An organization meets the requirements of this paragraph only if the Secretary reasonably expects that the

annual exempt purpose expenditures of such organization will not be less than 70 percent of the annual aggregate expenditures of such organization.

''(B) EXEMPT PURPOSE EXPENDITURE.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—The term 'exempt purpose expenditure' means any expenditure to carry out the activity referred to in paragraph (2).

''(ii) EXCEPTIONS.—Such term shall not include—

''(I) any administrative expense,

''(II) any expense for the purpose of influencing legislation (as defined in section 4911(d)),

''(III) any expense primarily for the purpose of fundraising, and

''(IV) any expense for litigation on behalf of any individual referred to in paragraph (2).

''(e) TIME WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS DEEMED MADE.—For purposes of this section, at the election of the taxpayer, a contribution which is made not later than the time prescribed by law for filing the return for the taxable year (not including extensions thereof) shall be treated as made on the last day of such taxable year.

''(f) COORDINATION WITH DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.—

''(1) CREDIT IN LIEU OF DEDUCTION.—The credit provided by subsection (a) for any qualified charitable contribution shall be in lieu of any deduction otherwise allowable under this chapter for such contribution.

''(2) ELECTION TO HAVE SECTION NOT APPLY.—A taxpayer may elect for any taxable year to have this section not apply.''

(b) QUALIFIED CHARITIES REQUIRED TO PROVIDE COPIES OF ANNUAL RETURN.—Subsection (e) of section 6104 of such Code (relating to public inspection of certain annual returns and applications for exemption) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(3) CHARITIES RECEIVING CREDITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE COPIES OF ANNUAL RETURN.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Every qualified charity (as defined in section 23(d)) shall, upon request of an individual made at an office where such organization's annual return filed under section 6033 is required under paragraph (1) to be available for inspection, provide a copy of such return to such individual without charge other than a reasonable fee for any reproduction and mailing costs. If the request is made in person, such copies shall be provided immediately and, if made other than in person, shall be provided within 30 days.

''(B) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—Subparagraph (A) shall apply only during the 3-year period beginning on the filing date (as defined in paragraph (1)(D) of the return requested).''

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 22 the following new item:

''Sec. 23. Credit for certain charitable contributions.''

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to contributions made after the 90th day after the date of the enactment of this Act in taxable years ending after such date.

SEC. 2. REPEAL OF CERTAIN CHANGES MADE IN THE EARNED INCOME CREDIT.

(a) REPEAL OF CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT CHILDREN.—Subparagraph (A) of section 32(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining eligible individual) is amended to read as follows:

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'eligible individual' means any individual who has a qualifying child for the taxable year.''

(b) REPEAL OF INCREASES IN AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—

(1) Subsection (b) of section 32 of such Code is amended to read as follows:

''(b) PERCENTAGES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The credit percentage and the phaseout percentage shall be determined as follows:

''In the case of an eligible individual with:	The credit percentage is:	The phaseout percentage is:
1 qualifying child	34	15.98
2 or more qualifying children	36	20.22

''(2) AMOUNTS.—The earned income amount and the phaseout amount shall be determined as follows:

''In the case of an eligible individual with:	The earned income amount is:	The phaseout amount is:
1 qualifying child	$6,000	$11,000
2 or more qualifying children	$8,425	$11,000.''

(2) Paragraph (1) of section 32(i) of such Code is amended by striking ''subsection (b)(2)(A)'' and inserting ''subsection (b)(2)''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1995, except that adjustments shall be made under section 32(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to the section 32(b)(2) of such Code (as amended by this section) for such taxable years.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 91, a bill to delay enforcement of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 until such time as Congress appropriates funds to implement such Act.

S. 234

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE] and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] were added as cosponsors of S. 234, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to exempt a State from certain penalties for failing to meet requirements relating to motorcycle helmet laws if the State has in effect a motorcycle safety program, and to delay the effective date of certain penalties for States that fail to meet certain requirements for motorcycle safety laws, and for other purposes.

S. 426

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 426, a bill to authorize the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to establish a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 581

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the name of the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 581, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to repeal those provisions of Federal law that require employees to pay union dues or fees as a condition of employment, and for other purposes.

S. 603

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to nullify an Executive order that prohibits Federal contracts with companies that hire permanent replacements for striking employees, and for other purposes.

S. 735

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 735, a bill to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 768

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 768, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to reauthorize the act, and for other purposes.

S. 773

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. 773, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for improvements in the process of approving and using animal drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNEL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to provide for additional radio broadcasting to Iran by the United States.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BROWN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 874, a bill to provide for the minting and circulation of $1 coins, and for other purposes.

S. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 11, a concurrent resolution supporting a resolution to the longstanding dispute regarding Cyprus.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE COMPREHENSIVE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 1995

HATCH AMENDMENT NO. 1252

Mr. HATCH proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1199 proposed by Mr. DOLE to the bill (S. 735) to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and for other purposes; as follows:

Delete lines 4 through 7 on page 125. Strike lines 20 through 24 on page 106 and insert the following:

''(h) Except as provided in title 21, United States Code, section 848, in all proceedings brought under this section, and any subsequent proceedings on review, the court may appoint counsel for an applicant who is or becomes financially unable to afford counsel, except as

Strike lines 9 through 11 on page 108 and insert the following:

''Except as provided in title 21, United States Code, section 848, in all proceedings brought under this section, and any subsequent proceedings on review, the court may appoint counsel who is or becomes financially unable''.

BIDEN AMENDMENT NO. 1253

Mr. BIDEN proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1199 proposed by Mr. DOLE to the bill S. 735, supra; as follows:

Strike lines 10–22 on page 125.

HATCH (AND BIDEN) AMENDMENT NO. 1254

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1199 proposed by Mr. DOLE to the bill S. 735, supra; as follows:

On page 5, lines 8 and 9, strike ''113 (a), (b), (c), or (f)'' and insert ''113(a) (1), (2), (3), (6), or (7)''.

On page 5, line 20, strike ''destructs'' and insert ''obstructs''.

On page 7, line 11, insert ''intent to commit murder or any other felony or with'' after ''assault with''.

On page 9, line 12, strike ''any manner in'' and insert ''interstate''.

On page 10, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following new subsection:

(f) EXPANSION OF PROVISION RELATING TO DESTRUCTION OR INJURY OF PROPERTY WITHIN SPECIAL MARITIME AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—Section 1363 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking ''any building, structure or vessel, any machinery or building materials and supplies, military or naval stores, munitions of war or any structural aids or appliances for navigation or shipping'' and inserting ''any structure, conveyance, or other real or personal property''.

On page 13, strike lines 5 through 8 and insert the following:

(b) PENALTY FOR CARRYING WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVES ON AN AIRCRAFT.—Section 46505 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking ''one'' and inserting ''10''; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking ''5'' and inserting ''15''.

On page 23, line 23, strike ''2339A)'' and insert ''2339A of title 18, United States Code)''.

On page 29, line 25, strike ''determined'' and insert ''designated''.

On page 36, line 2, strike ''item of''.

On page 48, lines 21 and 22, strike ''Notwithstanding any other provision of law,''.

On page 60, strike lines 1 and 2, and insert ''Columbia not later than 30 days after receipt of actual notice under subsection (b)(6).''

On page 57, strike lines 18 and 20, and insert ''The designation shall take effect 30 days after the receipt of actual notice under subsection (b)(6), unless otherwise provided by law.''

On page 93, lines 22 through 24, strike ''to— '' and all that follows through ''(ii) expand'' and insert ''to expand''.

On page 95, line 15, strike ''shall provide'' and insert ''shall provide to appropriate State law enforcement officials, as designated by the chief executive officer of the State,''.

On page 95, strike line 23 and all that follows through page 96, line 2 and insert the following:

(D) ALLOCATION.—(i) Of the total amount appropriated pursuant to this section in a fiscal year—

(I) $500,000 or 0.25 percent, whichever is greater, shall be allocated to each of the participating States; and

(II) of the total funds remaining after the allocation under subclause (I), there shall be allocated to each State an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount of remaining funds described in this subparagraph as the population of such State bears to the population of all States.

(ii) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ''State'' means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands, except that for purposes of the allocation under this subparagraph, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall be considered as one State and that for these purposes, 67 percent of the amounts allocated shall be allocated to American Samoa, and 33 percent to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

On page 99, line 19, insert after ''Attorneys'' the following: ''and personnel for the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice''.

On page 99, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

''(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

On page 117, lines 3 and 4, strike ''right made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court'' and insert ''right that is made retroactively applicable''.

On page 133, line 3, strike ''(a) IN GENERAL.—''.

On page 133, strike lines 8 through 10 and insert the following:

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking ''; or'' and inserting the following: ''and the results of such use affect interstate or foreign commerce or, in the case of a threat, attempt, or conspiracy, would have affected interstate or foreign commerce if such use had occurred;'';

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4);

(D) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

''(3) against a victim, or intended victim, that is the United States Government, a member of the uniformed services, or any official, officer, employee, or agent of the legislative, executive, or judicial branches, or any department or agency, of the United States; and''; and

(E) in paragraph (4), as redesignated, by inserting before the comma at the end the following: '', or is within the United States and is used in any activity affecting interstate or foreign commerce''.

On page 133, line 21, before the end quotation marks insert the following: ''The preceding sentence does not apply to a person performing an act that, as performed, is within the scope of the person's official duties as an officer or employee of the United States or as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, or to a person employed by a contractor of the United States for performing an act that, as performed, is authorized under the contract.''.

On page 134, strike lines 1 through 8.

On page 140, line 20, insert after ''employee,'' the following: ''or any person assisting such an officer or employer in the performance of official duties,''.

On page 140, line 21, strike ''their official duties,'' and insert ''such duties or the provision of such assistance,''.

On page 141, line 1, insert ''or manslaughter as provided in section 1113'' after ''murder''.

On page 143, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(i) CLARIFICATION OF MARITIME VIOLENCE JURISDICTION.—Section 2280(b)(1)(A) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in clause (ii), by striking ''and the activity is not prohibited as a crime by the State in which the activity takes place''; and

(2) in clause (iii), by striking ''the activity takes place on a ship flying the flag of a foreign country or outside the United States,''.

On page 147, line 19, strike ''effective date of section 801'' and insert ''date of enactment of title VII''.

On page 148, line 13, insert ''of title VII'' after ''date of enactment''.

On page 148, line 18, insert ''of title VII'' after ''date of enactment''.

On page 149, lines 6 and 7, strike ''effective date of section 801'' and insert ''date of enactment of title VII''.

On page 152, strike lines 3 through 5 and insert the following: ''Except as otherwise provided in this title, this title and the amendments made by this title shall take effect 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.''.

On page 160, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SEC. 902. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES PARK POLICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury for the activities of the United States Park Police, to help meet the increased needs of the United States Park Police, $1,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 903. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury for the activities of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, to help meet the increased needs of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, $4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 904. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury for the activities of the United States Customs Service, to help meet the increased needs of the United States Customs Service, $10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds made available pursuant to this section, in any fiscal year, shall remain available until expended.

On page 51, line 10, replace ''1252(a)'' with ''1252a''.

On page 51, line 14, insert ''of this title'' after ''section 101(a)(43)''.

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION AND DEREGULATION ACT OF 1995 COMMUNICATIONS DECENCY ACT OF 1995

DOLE AMENDMENT NO. 1255

Mr. DOLE proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 652) to provide for a pro—competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 9, strike lines 4 through 12 and insert the following:

(c) TRANSFER OF MFJ.—After the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall administer any provision of the Modification of Final Judgment not overridden or superseded by this Act. The District Court for the District of Columbia shall have no further jurisdiction over any provision of the Modification of Final Judgment administered by the Commission under this Act or the Communications Act of 1934. The Commission may, consistent with this Act (and the amendments made by this Act), modify any provision of the Modification of Final Judgment that it administers.

(d) GTE CONSENT DECREE.—This Act shall supersede the provisions of the Final Judgment entered in United States v. GTE Corp., No. 83–1298 (D.C. D.C.), and such Final Judgment shall not be enforced after the effective date of this Act.

On page 40, line 9, strike ''to enable them'' and insert ''which are determined by the Commission to be essential in order for Americans''.

On page 40, beginning on line 11, strike ''Nation. At a minimum, universal service shall include any telecommunications services that'' and insert ''Nation, and which''.

On page 70, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(b) GREATER DEREGULATION FOR SMALLER CABLE COMPANIES.—Section 623 (47 U.S.C. 543) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

''(m) SPECIAL RULES FOR SMALL COMPANIES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection 9a), (b), or (c) does not apply to a small cable operator with respect to—

''(A) cable programming services, or

''(B) a basic service tier that was the only service tier subject to regulation as of December 31, 1994,

in any franchise area in which that operator serves 35,000 or fewer subscribers.

''(2) DEFINITION OF SMALL CABLE OPERATOR.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'small cable operator' means a cable operator that, directly or through an affiliate, serves in the aggregate fewer than 1 percent of all subscribers in the United States and does not, directly or through an affiliate, own or control a daily newspaper or a tier 1 local exchange carrier.''.

On page 70, line 22, strike ''(b)'' and inset ''(c)''.

On page 71, line 3, strike ''(c)'' and insert ''(d)''.

On page 79, strike lines 7 through 11 and insert the following:

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall modify its rules for multiple ownership set forth in 47 CFR 73.3555 by—

(A) eliminating the restrictions on the number of television stations owned under subdivisions (e)(1)(ii) and (iii); and

(B) changing the percentage set forth in subdivision (e)(2)(ii) from 25 percent to 35 percent.

(2) RADIO OWNERSHIP.—The Commission shall modify its rules set forth in 47 CFR 73.3555 by eliminating any provision limiting the number of AM or FM broadcast stations which may be owned or controlled by one entity either nationally or in a particular market. The Commission may refuse to approve the transfer or issuance of an AM or FM broadcast license to a particular entity if it finds that the entity would thereby obtain an undue concentration of control or would thereby harm competition. Nothing in this section shall require or prevent the Commission from modifying its rules contained in 47 CFR 73.3555(c) governing the ownership of both a radio and television broadcast stations in the same market.

On page 79, line 12, strike ''(2)'' and insert ''(3)''.

On page 79, line 18, strike ''(3)'' and insert ''(4)''.

On page 79, line 21, strike ''(4)'' and insert ''(5)''.

On page 79, line 22, strike ''modification required by paragraph (1)'' and insert ''modifications required by paragraphs (1) and (2)''.

On page 116, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(b) DOMINANT INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER.—The Commission, within 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, shall complete a proceeding to consider modifying its rules for determining which carriers shall be classified as ''dominant carriers'' and to consider excluding all interexchange telecommunications carriers from some or all of the requirements associated with such classification to the extent that such carriers provide interexchange telecommunications service.

On page 116, line 3, strike ''(b)'' and insert ''(c)''.

On page 117, line 1, strike ''(c)'' and insert ''(d)''.

On page 117, line 22, strike ''**REGULATIONS.**.'' and insert ''**REGULATIONS; ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY REGULATIONS AND FUNCTIONS.**''.

On page 117, line 23, strike ''(a) BIENNIAL REVIEW.—'' before ''Part''.

On page 118, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

(b) ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY COMMISSION REGULATIONS AND FUNCTIONS.

(1) REPEAL SETTING OF DEPRECIATION RATES.—The first sentence of section 220(b) (47 U.S.C. 220(b)) is amended by striking ''shall prescribe for such carriers'' and inserting ''may prescribe, for such carriers as it determines to be appropriate,''.

(2) USE OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS.—Section 220(c) (47 U.S.C. 220(c)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: ''The Commission may obtain the services of any person licensed to provide public accounting services under the law of any State to assist with, or conduct, audits under this section. While so employed or engaged in conducting an audit for the Commission under this section, any such person shall have the powers granted the Commission under this subsection and shall be subject to subsection (f) in the same manner as if that person were an employee of the Commission.''.

(3) SIMPLIFICATION OF FEDERAL-STATE COORDINATION PROCESS.—The Commission shall simplify and expedite the Federal-State coordination process under section 410 of the Communications Act of 1934.

(4) PRIVATIZATION OF SHIP RADIO INSPECTIONS.—Section 385 (47 U.S.C. 385) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: ''In accordance with such other provisions of law as apply to government contracts, the Commission may enter into contracts with any person for the purpose of carrying out such inspections and certifying compliance with those requirements, and may, as part of any such contract, allow any such person to accept reimbursement from the license holder for travel and expense costs of any employee conducting an inspection or certification.''.

(5) MODIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT REQUIREMENT.—Section 319(d) (47 U.S.C. 319(d)) is amended by striking the third sentence and inserting the following: ''The Commission may waive the requirement for a construction permit with respect to a broadcasting station in circumstances in which it deems prior approval to be unnecessary. In those circumstances, a broadcaster shall file any related license application within 10 days after completing construction.''.

(6) LIMITATION ON SILENT STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.—Section 312 (47 U.S.C. 312) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(g) If a broadcasting station fails to transmit broadcast signals for any consecutive 12-month period, then the station license granted for the operation of that broadcast station expires at the end of that period, notwithstanding any provision, term, or condition of the license to the contrary.''.

(7) EXPEDITING INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION FIXED SERVICE PROCESSING.—The Commission shall delegate, under section 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, the conduct of routine instructional television fixed service cases to its staff for consideration and final action.

(8) DELEGATION OF EQUIPMENT TESTING AND CERTIFICATION TO PRIVATE LABORATORIES.—Section 302 (47 U.S.C. 302) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(e) The Commission may—

''(1) authorize the use of private organizations for testing and certifying the compliance of devices or home electronic equipment and systems with regulations promulgated under this section;

''(2) accept as prima facie evidence of such compliance the certification by any such organization; and

''(3) establish such qualifications and standards as it deems appropriate for such private organizations, testing, and certification.''.

(9) MAKING LICENSE MODIFICATION UNIFORM.—Section 303(f) (47 U.S.C. 303(f)) is amended by striking ''unless, after a public hearing,'' and inserting ''unless''.

(10) PERMIT OPERATION OF DOMESTIC SHIP AND AIRCRAFT RADIOS WITHOUT LICENSE.—Section 307(e) (47 U.S.C. 307(e)) is amended by—

(A) striking ''service and the citizens band radio service'' in paragraph (1) and inserting ''service, citizens band radio service, domestic ship radio service, domestic aircraft radio service, and personal radio service''; and

(B) striking ''service' and 'citizens band radio service' ''in paragraph (3) and inserting ''service', 'citizens band radio service', 'domestic ship radio service', 'domestic aircraft radio service', and 'personal radio service' ''.

(11) EXPEDITED LICENSING FOR FIXED MICROWAVE SERVICE.—Section 309(b)(2) (47 U.S.C. 309(b)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (G) as (A) through (F), respectively.

(12) ELIMINATE FCC JURISDICTION OVER GOVERNMENT-OWNED SHIP RADIO STATIONS.—

(A) Section 305 (47 U.S.C. 305) is amended by striking subsection (b) and redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as (b) and (c), respectively.

(B) Section 382(2) (47 U.S.C. 382(2)) is amended by striking ''except a vessel of the United States Maritime Administration, the Inland and Coastwise Waterways Service, or the Panama Canal Company,''.

(13) MODIFICATION OF AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATION PROCEDURES.—

(A) Section 4(f)(H)(N) (47 U.S.C. 4(f)(4)(B)) is amended by striking ''transmissions, or in the preparation or distribution of any publication used in preparation for obtaining amateur station operator licenses,'' and inserting ''transmission''.

(B) The Commission shall modify its rules governing the amateur radio examination process by eliminating burdensome record maintenance and annual financial certification requirements.

(14) STREAMLINE NON-BROADCAST RADIO LICENSE RENEWALS.—The Commission shall modify its rules under section 309 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309) relating to renewal of nonbroadcast radio licenses so as to streamline or eliminate comparative renewal hearings where such hearings are unnecessary or unduly burdensome.

On page 117, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(d) REGULATORY RELIEF.—

(1) STREAMLINED PROCEDURES FOR CHANGES IN CHARGES, CLASSIFICATIONS, REGULATIONS, OR PRACTICES.—

(A) Section 204(a) (47 U.S.C. 204(a)) is amended—

(i) by striking ''12 months'' the first place it appears in paragraph (2)(A) and inserting ''5 months'';

(ii) by striking ''effective,'' and all that follows in paragraph (2)(A) and inserting ''effective.''; and

(iii) by adding at the end thereof the following:

''(3) A local exchange carrier may file with the Commission a new or revised charge, classification, regulation, or practice on a streamlined basis. Any such charge, classification, regulation, or practice shall be deemed lawful and shall be effective 7 days (in the case of a reduction in rates) or 15 days (in the case of an increase in rates) after the date on which it is filed with the Commission unless the Commission takes action under paragraph (1) before the end of that 7-day or 15-day period, as is appropriate.''.

(B) Section 208(b) (47 U.S.C. 208(b)) is amended—

(i) by striking ''12 months'' the first place it appears in paragraph (1) and inserting ''5 months''; and

(ii) by striking ''filed,'' and all that follows in paragraph (1) and inserting ''filed.''.

(2) EXTENSIONS OF LINES UNDER SECTION 214; ARMIS REPORTS.—Notwithstanding section 305, the Commission shall permit any local exchange carrier—

(A) to be exempt from the requirements of section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934 for the extension of any line; and

(B) to file cost allocation manuals and ARMIS reports annually, to the extent such carrier is required to file such manuals or reports.

(3) FOREBEARANCE AUTHORITY NOT LIMITED.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of the Commission or a State to waive, modify, or forebear from applying any of the requirements to which reference is made in paragraph (1) under any other provision of this Act other law.

On page 118, line 20, strike the closing quotation marks and the second period.

On page 118, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

''(c) CLASSIFICATION OF CARRIERS.—In classifying carriers according to 47 CFR 32.11 and in establishing reporting requirements pursuant to 47 CFR part 43 and 47 CFR 64.903, the Commission shall adjust the revenue requirements to account for inflation as of the release date of the Commission's Report and Order in CC Docket No. 91–141, and annually thereafter. This subsection shall take effect on the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995.''.

On page 119, line 4, strike ''may'' and insert ''shall''.

On page 120, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

''(c) END OF REGULATION PROCESS.—Any telecommunications carrier, or class of telecommunications carriers, may submit a petition to the Commission requesting that the Commission exercise the authority granted under this section with respect to that carrier or those carriers, or any service offered by that carrier or carriers. Any such petition shall be deemed granted if the Commission does not deny the petition for failure to meet the requirements for forebearance under subsection (a) within 90 days after the Commission receives it, unless the 90-day period is extended by the Commission. The Commission may extend the initial 90-day period by an additional 60 days if the Commission finds that an extension is necessary to meet the requirements of subsection (a). The Commission may grant or deny a petition in while or in part and shall explain its decision in writing.

On page 120, line 4, strike ''(c) and insert ''(d)''.

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 1256

Mr. STEVENS proposed an amendment to the bill S. 652, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

SEC. . SPECTRUM AUCTIONS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the Department of Commerce recently submitted to the Congress a report entitled ''U.S. National Spectrum Requirements'' as required by section 113 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 923);

(2) based on the best available information the report concludes that an additional 179 megahertz of spectrum will be needed within the next ten years to meet the expected demand for land mobile and mobile satellite radio services such as cellular telephone service, paging services, personal communication services, and low earth orbiting satellite communications systems;

(3) a further 85 megahertz of additional spectrum, for a total of 264 megahertz, is needed if the United States is to fully implement the Intelligent Transportation System currently under development by the Department of Transportation;

(4) as required by Part B of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 921 et seq.) the Federal Government will transfer 235 megahertz of spectrum from exclusive government use to non-governmental or mixed governmental and non-governmental use between 1994 and 2004;

(5) the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report submitted to Congress under section 113 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration states that, of the 235 megahertz of spectrum identified for reallocation from governmental to non-governmental or mixed use—

(A) 50 megahertz has already been reallocated for exclusive non-governmental use,

(B) 45 megahertz will be reallocated in 1995 for both exclusive non-governmental and mixed governmental and non-governmental use,

(C) 25 megahertz will be reallocated in 1997 for exclusive non-governmental use,

(D) 70 megahertz will be reallocated in 1999 for both exclusive non-governmental and mixed governmental and non-governmental use, and

(E) the final 45 megahertz will be reallocated for mixed governmental and non-governmental use by 2004;

(6) the 165 megahertz of spectrum that are not yet reallocated, combined with 80 megahertz that the Federal Communications Commission is currently holding in reserve for emerging technologies, are less than the best estimates of projected spectrum needs in the United States;

(7) the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to assign radio spectrum frequencies using an auction process expires on September 30, 1998;

(8) a significant portion of the reallocated spectrum will not yet be assigned to non-governmental users before that authority expires;

(9) the transfer of Federal governmental users from certain valuable radio frequencies to other reserved frequencies could be expedited if Federal governmental users are permitted to accept reimbursement for relocation costs from non-governmental users; and

(10) non-governmental reimbursement of Federal governmental users relocation costs would allow the market to determine the most efficient use of the available spectrum.

(b) EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF AUCTION AUTHORITY.—Section 309(j) (47 U.S.C. 309(j)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

''(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—If mutually exclusive applications or requests are accepted for any initial license or construction permit which will involve a use of the electromagnetic spectrum, then the Commission shall grant such license or permit to a qualified applicant through a system of competitive bidding that meets the requirements of this subsection. The competitive bidding authority granted by this subsection shall not apply to licenses or construction permits issued by the Commission for public safety radio services or for licenses or construction permits for new terrestrial digital television services assigned by the Commission to existing terrestrial broadcast licensees to replace their current television licenses.'';

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and renumbering paragraphs (3) through (13) as (2) through (12), respectively; and

(3) by striking ''1998'' in paragraph (10), as renumbered, and inserting in lieu thereof ''2000''.

(c) REIMBURSEMENT OF FEDERAL RELOCATION COSTS.—Section 113 of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act (47 U.S.C. 923) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

''(f) RELOCATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STATIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to expedite the efficient use of the electromagnetic spectrum and notwithstanding section 3302(b) of title 31, United States Code, any Federal entity which operates a Federal Government station may accept reimbursement from any person for the costs incurred by such Federal entity for any modification, replacement, or reissuance of equipment, facilities, operating manuals, regulations, or other expenses incurred by that entity in relocating the operations of its Federal Government station or stations from one or more radio spectrum frequencies to any other frequency or frequencies. Any such reimbursement shall be deposited in the account of such Federal entity in the Treasury of the United States. Funds deposited according to this section shall be available, without appropriation or fiscal year limitation, only for the operations of the Federal entity for which such funds were deposited under this section.

''(2) PROCESS FOR RELOCATION.—Any person seeking to relocate a Federal Government station that has been assigned a frequency within a band allocated for mixed Federal and non-Federal use may submit a petition for such relocation to NTIA. The NTIA shall limit the Federal Government station's operating license to secondary status when the following requirements are met—

''(A) the person seeking relocation of the Federal Government station has guaranteed reimbursement through money or in-kind payment of all relocation costs incurred by the Federal entity, including all engineering, equipment, site acquisition and construction, and regulatory fee costs;

''(B) the person seeking relocation completes all activities necessary for implementing the relocation, including construction of replacement facilities (if necessary and appropriate) and identifying and obtaining on the Federal entity's behalf new frequencies for use by the relocated Federal Government station (where such station is not relocating to spectrum reserved exclusively for Federal use); and

''(C) any necessary replacement facilities, equipment modifications, or other changes have been implemented and tested to ensure that the Federal Government station is able to successfully accomplish its purposes.

''(3) RIGHT TO RECLAIM.—If within one year after the relocation the Federal Government station demonstrates to the Commission that the new facilities or spectrum are not comparable to the facilities or spectrum from which the Federal Government station was relocated, the person seeking such relocation must take reasonable steps to remedy any defects or reimburse the Federal entity for the costs of returning the Federal Government station to the spectrum from which such station was relocated.

''(g) FEDERAL ACTION TO EXPEDITE SPECTRUM TRANSFER.—Any Federal Government station which operates on electromagnetic spectrum that has been identified for reallocation for mixed Federal and non-Federal use in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report shall, to the maximum extent practicable through the use of the authority granted under subsection (f) and any other applicable provision of law, take action to relocate its spectrum use to other frequencies that are reserved for Federal use or to consolidate its spectrum use with other Federal Government stations in a manner that maximizes the spectrum available for non-Federal use. Notwithstanding the timetable contained in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report, the President shall seek to implement the reallocation of the 1710 to 1755 megahertz frequency band by January 1, 2000. Subsection (c)(4) of this section shall not apply to the extent that a non-Federal user seeks to relocate or relocates a Federal power agency under subsection (f).

''(h) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

''(1) FEDERAL ENTITY.—The term 'Federal entity' means any Department, agency, or other element of the Federal government that utilizes radio frequency spectrum in the conduct of its authorized activities, including a Federal power agency.

''(2) SPECTRUM REALLOCATION FINAL REPORT.—The term 'Spectrum Reallocation Final Report' means the report submitted by the Secretary to the President and Congress in compliance with the requirements of subsection (a).''.

(d) REALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL SPECTRUM.—The Secretary of Commerce shall, within 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, prepare and submit to the President and the Congress a report and timetable recommending the reallocation of the three frequency bands (225–400 megahertz, 3625–3650 megahertz, and 5850–5925 megahertz) that were discussed but not recommended for reallocation in the Spectrum Reallocation Final Report under section 113(a) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act. The Secretary shall consult with the Federal Communications Commission and other Federal agencies in the preparation of the report, and shall provide notice and an opportunity for public comment before submitting the report and timetable required by this section.

PRESSLER AMENDMENT NO. 1257

Mr. PRESSLER proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1256 proposed by Mr. STEVENS to the bill S. 652, supra; as follows:

At the end of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

(e) BROADCAST AUXILIARY SPECTRUM RELOCATION.—

(1) ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM FOR BROADCAST AUXILIARY USES.—Within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall allocate the 4635–4685 megahertz band transferred to the Commission under section 113(b) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 923(b)) for broadcast auxiliary uses.

(2) MANDATORY RELOCATION OF BROADCAST AUXILIARY USES.—Within 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act, all licenses of broadcast auxiliary spectrum in the 2025–2075 megahertz band shall relocate into spectrum allocated by the Commission under paragraph (1). The Commission shall assign and grant licenses for use of the spectrum allocated under paragraph (1)—

(A) in a manner sufficient to permit timely completion of relocation; and

(B) without using a competitive bidding process.

(3) ASSIGNING RECOVERED SPECTRUM.—Within 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall allocate the spectrum recovered in the 2025–2075 megahertz band under paragraph (2) for use by new licensees for commercial mobile services or other similar services after the relocation of broadcast auxiliary licenses, and shall assign such licenses by competitive bidding.

PRESSLER (AND HOLLINGS) AMENDMENT NO. 1258

Mr. PRESSLER (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 652, supra; as follows:

On page 2, in the item relating to section 102 in the table of contents, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 2, after the item relating to section 106 in the table of contents, insert the following:

SEC. 107. Coordination for telecommunications network-level interoperability .....

On page 2, after the item relating to section 225 in the table of contents, insert the following:

SEC. 226. Nonapplicability of Modification of Final Judgment .....

On page 3, after the item relating to section 311 in the table of contents, insert the following:

Sec. 312. Direct Broadcast Satellite ...

On page 9, line 8, after ''Act.'' insert ''The Commission may modify any provision of the GTE Consent Decree or the Modification of Final Judgment that it administers.''.

On page 9, line 16, strike 'Commission' and insert ''Commission''.

On page 9, line 19, strike 'Modification of Final Judgment' and insert ''Modification of Final Judgment''.

On page 11 beginning on line 4, strike ''those companies'' and insert ''any company''.

On page 11, line 6, strike ''Judgment,'' and insert ''Judgment to the extent such company provides telephone exchange service or exchange access service,''.

On page 12, line 3, insert ''directly'' after ''available''.

On page 12, beginning with ''The term'' on line 5, strike through line 8.

On page 12, line 13, insert ''only'' after ''shall''.

On page 12, line 15, after ''services'' insert ''for voice, data, image, graphics, or video that it does not own, control, or select, except that the Commission shall continue to determine whether the provision of fixed and mobile satellite service shall be treated as common carriage''.

On page 14, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

''(tt) 'LATA' means a local access and transport area as defined in United States v. Western Electric Co., 569 F. Supp. 990 (U.S. District Court, District of Columbia) and subsequent judicial orders relating thereto, except that, with respect to commercial mobile services, the term 'LATA' means the geographic areas defined or used by the Commission in issuing licenses for such services.''.

On page 16, line 17, strike ''software);'' and insert ''software, to the extent defined in implementing regulations by the Commission);''.

On page 17, line 12, strike ''carrier;'' and insert ''carrier at just and reasonable rates;''

On page 19, line 4, strike ''of such services,'' and insert ''of providing those services to that carrier,''.

On page 19, line 5, strike ''services;'' and insert ''services in accordance with section 214(d)(5);''.

On page 21, beginning on line 7, strike ''within 15 days after the State receives'' and insert ''at the same time as it submits''.

On page 21, line 17, strike ''notify'' and insert ''provide a copy of the petition and any documentation to''.

On page 21, beginning in line 17, strike ''of its petition''.

On page 23, line 23, insert ''feasible'' after ''technically''.

On page 28, line 5, strike the closing quotation marks and the second period.

On page 28, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

''(l) REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS.—Beginning 3 years after the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995 and every 3 years thereafter, the Commission shall review the standards and requirements for interconnection established under subsection (b). The Commission shall complete each such review within 180 days and may modify or waive any requirements or standards established under subsection (b) if it determines that the modification or waiver meets the requirements of section 260.''.

On page 28, line 20, strike ''SUBSIDIARY'' and insert ''AFFILIATE''.

On page 28, line 21, strike ''SUBSIDIARY'' and insert ''AFFILIATE''.

On page 28, beginning on line 24, strike ''its subsidiaries and affiliates) which provides telephone exchange service'' and insert ''any affiliate) which is a local exchange carrier that is subject to the requirements of section 251(a)''.

On page 29, line 2, strike ''a subsidiary'' and insert ''one or more affiliates''.

On page 29, line 3, strike ''is'' and insert ''are''.

On page 29, line 4, strike ''provides telephone exchange service'' and insert ''is subject to the requirements of section 251(a)''.

On page 29, line 6, strike ''meets'' and insert ''meet''.

On page 29, beginning in line 8, strike ''SUBSIDIARY'' and insert ''AFFILIATE''.

On page 29, line 10, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 30, line 4, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 30, beginning on line 10, strike ''a subsidiary and any other subsidiary or affiliate of such company;'' and insert ''an affiliate;''.

On page 30, beginning on line 14, strike ''a subsidiary or any other subsidiary or affiliate of such company;'' and insert ''an affiliate;''.

On page 30, beginning on line 19, strike ''entity that provides telephone exchange service''.

On page 30, beginning on line 22, strike ''a subsidiary and any other subsidiary or affiliate of such company'' and insert ''an affiliate''.

On page 31, line 2, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 31, beginning on line 3, strike ''company, and any other subsidiary or affiliate of such''.

On page 31, line 6, strike ''pany, its subsidiaries or affiliates,'' and insert ''pany or affiliate''.

On page 31, beginning on line 11, strike ''company, its subsidiaries or affiliates,'' and insert ''company or affiliate''.

On page 31, line 15, strike ''tions; and'' and insert ''tions, unbundled to the smallest element that is technically feasible and economically reasonable to provide, and at just and reasonable rates that are not higher on a per-unit basis than those charged for such services to any affiliate of such company; and''.

On page 31, beginning on line 16, strike ''a subsidiary'' and insert ''an affiliate''.

On page 31, line 20, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 32, line 2, strike ''a subsidiary'' and insert ''an affiliate''.

On page 32, line 19, strike ''or its affiliates''.

On page 33, line 1, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 33, line 5, strike ''and''.

On page 33, line 6, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 33, line 11, strike ''service.'' and insert ''service; and''.

On page 33, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

''(6) may provide any interLATA or intraLATA facilities or services to its interLATA affiliate if such services or facilities are made available to all carriers at the same rates and on the same terms and conditions.

On page 33, line 15, strike ''subsidiary or''.

On page 33, beginning on line 20, strike ''subsidiaries and''.

On page 34, line 1, insert ''with any affiliated entity required by this section or with any unaffiliated entity'' after ''shared''.

On page 34, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

''(3) SUBSCRIBER LIST INFORMATION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'customer proprietary information' does not include subscriber list information.

On page 35, line 7, strike ''subsidiary.'' and insert ''affiliate.''.

On page 35, line 10, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 35, line 19, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 35, line 24, after the period insert closing quotation marks and another period.

On page 36, strike lines 1 through 9.

On page 36, line 14, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 40, line 15, after the period insert ''The Commission may establish a different definition of universal service for schools, libraries, and hospitals for purposes of section 264.''.

On page 41, strike lines 1 through 5.

On page 41, line 6, strike ''(e)'' and insert ''(d)''.

On page 41, line 12, strike ''(f)'' and insert ''(e)''.

On page 41, line 21, strike ''(g)'' and insert ''(f)''.

On page 42, line 5, strike ''maintenance and'' and insert ''provision, maintenance, and''.

On page 42, line 7, strike ''(h)'' and insert ''(g)''.

On page 42, line 9, strike ''consumers'' and insert ''customers''.

On page 42, line 11, strike ''consumers'' and insert ''customers''.

On page 42, line 12, strike ''(i)'' and insert ''(h)''.

On page 42, beginning with ''Telecommunications'' on line 13, strike through the period on line 15 and insert ''Telecommunications carriers may not use noncompetitive services to subsidize competitive services.''.

On page 42, beginning on line 20, strike ''(and may, in the public interest, bear less than a reasonable share or no share)''.

On page 42, line 23, strike ''(j)'' and insert ''(i)''.

On page 47, line 3, strike ''fine'' and insert ''sum''.

On page 47, line 5, strike ''establishing'' and insert ''determining''.

On page 48, line 7, strike ''fine of'' and insert ''sum of up to''.

On page 48, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

(c) TRANSITION RULE.—A rural telephone company is eligible to receive universal service support payments under section 253(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 as if such company were an essential telecommunications carrier until such time as the Commission, with respect to interstate services, or a State, with respect to intrastate services, designates an essential telecommunications carrier or carriers for the area served by such company under section 214 of that Act.

On page 49, line 17, strike ''basis.'' and insert ''basis within 120 days after the application is filed.''.

On page 51, line 4, insert ''and provides universal service by means of its own facilities'' after ''214(d)''.

On page 54, line 21, before ''Local'' insert ''STATE AND''.

On page 54, line 22, before ''local'' insert ''State or''.

On page 55, line 9, strike ''immediately'' and insert ''promptly''.

On page 56, line 3, strike ''title; and '' insert ''title for the provision of telecommunications services; and''.

On page 56, line 5, strike ''affiliate.'' and insert ''affilate for the provision of telecommunications services.''.

On page 57, beginning with line 8, strike through line 16 on page 63.

On page 64, line 1, insert ''that it owns, controls, or selects'' before ''directly''.

On page 64, line 13, insert ''video programming provided by others'' after ''carries''.

On page 64, line 14, insert ''that it owns, controls, or selects'' before ''over''.

On page 64, line 15, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affilate''.

On page 64, strike lines 22 through 24 and insert the following:

''(ii) the carrier does not use its telecommunications services to subsidize its provision of video programming.

On page 65, strike lines 1 through 6, and insert the following:

''(B) To the extent that a Bell operating company provides cable service as a cable operator, it shall provide such service through an affiliate that meets the requirements of section 252(a), (b), and (d) and the Bell operating company's telephone exchange services and exchange access services shall meet the requirements of subparagraph (A)(ii) and section 252(c); except that, to the extent the Bell operating company provides cable service utilizing its own telephone exchange facilities, section 252(c) shall not require the Bell operating company to make video programming services capacity available on a non-discriminatory to other video programming services providers basis.

On page 65, line 8, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 65, line 18, after the period insert the following: ''Nothing in this Act precludes a video programming provider making use of a common carrier video platform from being treated as an operator of a cable system for purposes of section 111 of title 17, United States Code.''.

On page 65, line 25, insert ''common carrier'' before ''video''.

On page 66, line 1, strike ''the video'' and insert ''that''.

On page 66, line 6, insert ''common carrier'' before ''video''.

On page 66, line 6, after the period insert the following: ''If the area covered by the common carrier video platform includes more than one franchising area, then the Commission shall determine the number of channels allocated to public, educational, and governmental entities that may be eligible for such rates for that platform.''.

On page 67, line 1, insert ''local'' before ''broadcast''.

On page 67, line 2, insert ''identified under section 614'' after ''stations''.

On page 68, beginning on line 11, strike ''consistent with the other provisions of title VI of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 521 et seq.)''.

On page 69, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

(a) CHANGE IN DEFINITION OF CABLE SYSTEM.—Section 602(7) (47 U.S.C. 522(7)) is amended by striking out ''(B) a facility that serves only subscribers in 1 or more multiple unit dwellings under common ownership, control, or management, unless such facility or facilities uses any public right-of-way;'' and inserting ''(B) a facility that serves subscribers without using any public right-of-way;''

On page 69, line 20, Strike ''(a)'' and insert ''(b)''.

On page 70, line 22, strike ''(b)'' and insert ''(c)''.

On page 71, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(d) PROGRAM ACCESS.—Section 628 (47 U.S.C. 628) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c)(5); and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

''(j) COMMON CARRIERS.—Any provision that applies to a cable operator under this section shall apply to a telecommunications carrier that provides video programming directly to subscribers. Any such provision that applies to a satellite cable programming vendor in which a cable operator has an attributable interest shall apply to any satellite cable programming vendor in which such common carrier has an attributable interest.

''(k) SUNSET.—This section and the regulations required under this section shall cease to be effective on October 5, 2002.''.

(e) EXPEDITED DECISION-MAKING FOR MARKET DETERMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 614.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 614(h)(1)(C)(iv) (47 U.S.C. 614(h)(1)(C)(iv)) is amended to read as follows:

''(iv) Within 120 days after the date on which a request is filed under this subparagraph, the Commission shall grant or deny the request.''.

(2) APPLICATION TO PENDING REQUESTS.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to—

(A) any request pending under section 614(h)(1)(C) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 614(h)(1)(C)) on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) any request filed under that section after that date.

On page 71, line 3, strike ''(c)'' and insert ''(f)''.

On page 71, beginning with line 7 strike through line 3 on page 73 and insert the following:

Section 224 (47 U.S.C. 224) is amended—

(1) by inserting the following after subsection (a)(4):

''(5) The term 'telecommunications carrier' shall have the meaning given such term in subsection 3(nn) of this Act, except that, for purposes of this section, the term shall not include any person classified by the Commission as a dominant provider of telecommunications services as of January 1, 1995.'';

(2) by inserting after ''conditions'' in subsection (c)(1) a comma and the following: ''or access to poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way as provided in subsection (f),'';

(3) by inserting after subsection (d)(2) the following:

''(3) This subsection shall apply to the rate for any pole attachment used by a cable television system solely to provide cable service. Until the effective date of the regulations required under subsection (e), this subsection shall also apply to the pole attachment rates for cable television systems (or for any telecommunications carrier that was not a party to any pole attachment agreement prior to the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995) to provide any telecommunications service or any other service subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.''; and

(4) by adding at the end thereof the following:

''(e)(1) The Commission shall, no later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995, prescribe regulations in accordance with this subsection to govern the charges for pole attachments by telecommunications carriers. Such regulations shall ensure that utilities charge just and reasonable and non-discriminatory rates for pole attachments.

''(2) A utility shall apportion the cost of providing space on a pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way other than the usable space among entities so that such apportionment equals the sum of—

''(A) two-thirds of the cost of providing space other than the usable space that would be allocated to such entity under an equal apportionment of such costs among all attachments, plus

''(B) the percentage of usable space required by each such entity multiplied by the costs of space other than the usable space;

but in no event shall such proportion exceed the amount that would be allocated to such entity under an equal apportionment of such costs among all attachments.

''(3) A utility shall apportion the cost of providing usable space among all entities according to the percentage of usable space required for each entity. Costs shall be apportioned between the usable space and the space on a pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way other than the usable space on a proportionate basis.

''(4) The regulations required under paragraph (1) shall become effective 5 years after the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995. Any increase in the rates for pole attachments that result from the adoption of the regulations required by this subsection shall be phased in equal annual increments over a period of 5 years beginning on the effective date of such regulations.

''(f)(1) A utility shall provide a cable television system or any telecommunications carrier with nondiscriminatory access to any pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way owned or controlled by it.

''(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a utility providing electric service may deny a cable television system or telecommunications carrier access to its poles, ducts, conduits, or rights-of-way, on a non-discriminatory basis where there is insufficient capacity and for reasons of safety, reliability, and generally applicable engineering purposes.

''(g) A utility that engages in the provision of telecommunications services shall impute to its costs of providing such services (and charge any affiliate, subsidiary, or associate company engaged in the provision of such services) an amount equal to the pole attachment rate for which such company would be liable under this section.''.

On page 73, line 12, strike ''holding''.

On page 74, beginning on line 6, strike ''engaged in any activity described in paragraph (1)''.

On page 774, line 8, strike ''to that Act,'' and insert ''to,''.

On page 74, line 9, strike ''review any such activity,'' and insert ''review, any activity described in paragraph (1),''.

On page 74, beginning with line 13, strike through line 12 on page 76 and insert the following:

(3) APPLICABILITY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATION.—Nothing in this section shall affect the authority of the Federal Communications Commission under the Communications Act of 1934, or the authority of State commissions under State laws concerning the provision of telecommunications services, to regulate the activities of an associate company engaged in activities described in paragraph (1).

(b) PROHIBITION OF CROSS-SUBSIDIZATION.—Nothing in the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 shall preclude the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or a State commission from exercising its jurisdiction under otherwise applicable law to determine whether a public utility company may recover in rates the costs of any activity described in subsection (a)(1) which is performed by an associate company regardless of whether such costs are incurred through the direct or indirect purchase of goods and services from such associate company.

(c) ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITIES.—Any public utility company that is an associate company of a registered holding company and that is subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission with respect to its retail electric or gas rates shall not issue any security for the purpose of financing the acquisition, ownership, or operation of an associate company engaged in activities described in subsection (a)(1) without the prior approval of the State commission. Any public utility company that is an associate company of a registered holding company and that is subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission with respect to its retail electric or gas rates shall not assume any obligation or liability as guarantor, endorser, surety, or otherwise by the public utility in respect of any security of an associate company engaged in activities described in subsection (a)(1) without the prior approval of the Senate commission.

(d) PLEDGING OR MORTGAGING UTILITY ASSETS.—Any public utility company that is an associate company of a registered holding company and that is subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission with respect to its retail electric or gas rates shall not pledge, mortgage, or otherwise use as collateral any utility assets of the public utility or utility assets of any subsidiary company thereof for the benefit of an associate company engaged in activities described in subsection (a)(1) without the prior approval of the State commission.

(e) BOOKS AND RECORDS.—An associate company engaged in activities described in subsection (a)(1) which is an associate company of a registered holding company shall maintain books, records, and account separate from the registered holding company which identify all transactions with the registered holding company and its other associate companies, and provide access to books, records, and accounts to State commissions and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the same terms of access, disclosure, and procedures as provided in section 201(g) of the Federal Power Act.

(f) INDEPENDENT AUDIT AUTHORITY FOR STATE COMMISSIONS.—

(1) STATE MAY ORDER AUDIT.—Any State commission with jurisdiction over a public utility company that—

(A) is an associate company of a registered holding company, and

(B) transacts business, directly or indirectly, with a subsidiary company, affiliate, or associate company of that holding company engaged in any activity described in subsection (a)(1),

may order an independent audit to be performed, no more frequently than on an annual basis, of all matters deemed relevant by the selected auditor that reasonably relate to retail rates; provided such matters relate, directly or indirectly, to transactions or transfers between the public utility company subject to its jurisdiction and the subsidiary company, affiliate, or associate company engaged in that activity.

(2) SELECTION OF FIRM TO CONDUCT AUDIT.—

(A) If a State commission orders an audit in accordance with paragraph (1), the public utility company and the State commission shall jointly select within 60 days a firm to perform the audit. The firm selected to perform the audit shall possess demonstrated qualifications relating to:

(i) competency, including adequate technical training and professional proficiency in each discipline necessary to carry out the audit, and

(ii) independence and objectivity, including that the firm be free from personal or external impairments to independence, and should assume an independent position with the State commission and auditee, making certain that the audit is based upon an impartial consideration of all pertinent facts and responsible opinions.

(B) The public utility company and the company engaged in activities under subsection (a)(1) shall cooperate fully with all reasonable requests necessary to perform the audit and the public utility company shall bear all costs of having the audit performed. The reasonable costs of such audits shall be included in rates.

(3) AVAILABILITY OF AUDITOR'S REPORT.—The auditor's report shall be provided to the State commission within 6 months after the selection of the auditor, and provided to the public utility company 60 days thereafter.

(g) REQUIRED NOTICES.—

(1) AFFILIATE CONTRACTS.—A State commission may order any public utility company that is an associate company of a registered holding company and that is subject

to the jurisdiction of the State commission to provide quarterly reports listing any contracts, leases, transfers, or other transactions with an associate company engaged in activities described in subsection (a)(1).

(2) ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN ASSOCIATE COMPANIES.—Within 10 days after the acquisition by a registered holding company of an interest in an associate company that will engage in activities described in subsection (a)(1), any public utility company that is an associate company of such company shall notify each State commission having jurisdiction over the retail rates of such public utility company of such acquisition. In the notice an officer on behalf of the public utility company shall attest that, based on then current information, such acquisition and related financing will not materially impair the ability of such public utility company to meet its public service responsibility, including its ability to raise necessary capital.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—Any term used in this section that is defined in the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (15 U.S.C. 79a et seq.) has the same meaning as it has in that Act. The terms ''telecommunications service'' and ''information service'' shall have the same meanings as those terms have in the Communications Act of 1934.

(i) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to implement this section.

(j) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

On page 78, line 14, insert ''all of'' after ''that''.

On page 78, beginning on line 15, strike ''service which is intended for and available to the general public'' and insert ''services''.

On page 78, line 17, strike ''is'' and insert ''are''.

On page 78, line 19, strike ''may'' and insert ''shall''.

On page 80, beginning on line 16, strike ''comment (and a hearing on the record if it finds that there are credible allegations of serious violations by the licensee of this Act or the Commission's rules or regulations),'' and insert ''comment,''.

On page 81, line 11, after ''determines'' insert a comma and ''after notice and opportunity for a hearing,''.

On page 82, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

(3 The amendments made by this subsection apply to applications filed after May 31, 1995.

On page 84, line 15, insert ''at just and reasonable rates'' before ''where''.

On page 87, line 22, strike ''of such services,'' and insert ''of providing those services to that carrier,''.

On page 87, line 24, strike ''services.'' and insert ''services in accordance with section 214(d)(5).''.

On page 88, line 4, strike ''area,'' and insert ''area where that company is the dominant provider of wireline telephone exchange service or exchange access service,''.

On page 88, line 5, after ''market'' insert ''in such telephone exchange area''.

On page 88, line 6, strike ''or exchange access service''.

On page 88, line 7, strike ''interexchange'' and insert ''interLATA''.

On page 88, line 16, strike ''subsidiary or''.

On page 91, line 22, strike ''SUBSIDIARY;'' and insert ''AFFILIATE;''.

On page 91 line 24, strike ''SUBSIDIARY;'' and insert ''AFFILIATE;''.

On page 92, line 6, strike ''subsidiary or''.

On page 93, line 13, strike ''A'' and insert ''Effective on the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995, a''.

On page 93, line 14, strike ''subsidiary or''.

On page 93, strike lines 18 and 19 and insert ''service.''.

On page 93, line 21, strike ''A'' and insert ''Effective on the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995, a''.

On page 93, line 22, insert ''or its affiliate'' before ''may''.

On page 93, line 23, strike ''to the purposes of—'' and insert ''to—''.

On page 94, line 10, strike ''or''.

On page 94, line 15, after the comma insert ''or''.

On page 94, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

''(iv) providing alarm monitoring services,''.

On page 97, line 11, after ''audio,'' insert ''alarm monitoring services,''.

On page 97, beginning with line 23, strike through line 2 on page 98.

On page 98, line 3, strike '''(2)'' and insert '''(1)''.

On page 98, line 8, strike '''(3)'' and insert '''(2)''.

On page 98, line 12, strike the closing quotation marks and the second period.

On page 98, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

''(g) CERTAIN SERVICE APPLICATIONS TREATED AS IN-REGION SERVICE APPLICATIONS.—For purposes of this section, a Bell operating company application to provide 800 service, private line service, or their equivalents that—

''(1) terminate in an area where the Bell operating company is the dominant provider of wireline telephone exchange service or exchange access service, and

''(2) allow the called party to determine the interLATA carrier,

shall be considered an in-region service subject to the requirements of subsection (c) and not of subsection (d).''.

On page 98, beginning with line 13, strike through line 2 on page 99 and insert the following:

(b) LONG DISTANCE ACCESS FOR COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any restriction or obligation imposed pursuant to the Modification of final Judgment or other consent decree or proposed consent decree prior to the date of enactment of this Act, a person engaged in the provision of commercial mobile services (as defined in section 332(d)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934), insofar as such person is so engaged, shall not be required by court order or otherwise to provide equal access to interchange telecommunications carriers, except as provided by this section. Such a person shall ensure that its subscribers can obtain unblocked access to the provider of interchange services of the subscriber's choice through the use of an interexchange carrier identification code assigned to such provider, except that the requirements for unblocking shall not apply to mobile satellite services unless the Commission finds it to be in the public interest.

(2) EQUAL ACCESS REQUIREMENT CONDITIONS.—The Commission may only require a person engaged in the provision of commercial mobile services to provide equal access to interexchange carriers if—

(A) such person, insofar as such person is so engaged, is subject to the interconnection obligations of section 251(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, and

(B) the Commission finds that such requirement is in the public interest.

On page 99, line 23, strike ''thereunder.'' and insert a comma and ''except that neither a Bell operating company nor any of its affiliates may engage in such manufacturing in conjunction with a Bell operating company not so affiliated or any of its affiliates.''.

On page 99, beginning on line 25, strike ''Upon the enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995,'' and insert ''Upon adoption of rules by the Commission under section 252,''.

On page 110, line 8, strike ''SUBSIDIARY;'' and insert ''AFFILIATE;''.

On page 100, line 15, ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 100, beginning on line 22, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 101, line 2, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 101, line 6, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 101, strike lines 15 and 16 and insert the following:

''(2) NONDISCRIMINATION STANDARDS.—''.

On page 101, line 25, after ''controls'' insert a comma and ''or on which is acting on its behalf or on behalf of its affiliate,''.

On page 102, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

''(C) A Bell operating company shall, consistent with the antitrust laws, engage in joint network planning and design with local exchange carriers operating in the same area of interest. No participant in such planning shall be allowed to delay the introduction of new technology or the deployment of facilities to provide telecommunications services, and agreement with such other carriers shall not be required as a prerequisite for such introduction or deployment. A Bell operating company shall provide, to other local exchange carriers operating in the same area of interest, timely information on the planned deployment of telecommunications equipment, including software integral to such telecommunications equipment and upgrades of that software.

On page 102, line 6, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(D)''.

On page 102, line 6, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 102, line 12, strike ''(D)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 102, line 19, strike ''subsidiaries or''.

On page 103, line 4, strike ''section.'' and insert ''section, and otherwise to prevent discrimination and cross-subsidization in a Bell operating company's dealings with its affiliate and with third parties.'',

On page 103, line 15, strike ''CARRIERS'' and insert ''PARTIES''.

On page 103, line 16, strike ''local exchange carrier'' and insert ''party''.

On page 103, line 18, strike ''subsidiary or''.

On page 104, beginning on line 1, strike ''local exchange carrier'' and insert ''party''.

On page 4, strike lines 4 through 19, and insert the following:

''(g) APPLICATION TO BELL COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section—

''(A) provides any authority for Bell Communications Research, or any successor entity, to manufacture or provide telecommunications equipment or to manufacture customer premises equipment; or

''(B) prohibits Bell Communications Research, or any successor entity, from engaging in any activity in which it is lawfully engaged on the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1995, including providing a centralized organization for the provision of engineering, administrative, and other services (including serving as a single point of contact for coordination of the Bell operating companies to meet national security and emergency preparedness requirements).

On page 105, line 12, strike ''subsidiary or''.

On page 105, beginning on line 13, strike ''company, subsidiary, or affiliate'' and insert ''company or affiliate''.

On page 106, line 22, strike ''subsidiary'' and insert ''affiliate''.

On page 107, beginning with ''service'' on line 5, strike through line 6 and insert the following: ''service suspended if its right to provide that service is conditioned upon its meeting those obligations.' ''

On page 107, line 11, strike ''this section'' and insert ''section 251 or 255''.

On page 108, line 23, strike ''subsidiary or''.

On page 110, line 2, strike ''subsidiaries and''.

On page 110, beginning on line 15, strike ''subsidiaries and''.

On page 110, line 21, strike ''subsidiaries or''.

On page 111, line 17, strike ''punish'' and insert ''to impose sanctions on''.

On page 111, line 20, strike ''subsidiary or''.

On page 111, line 24, insert ''or an affiliate'' after ''company''.

On page 112, line 1, strike ''December 31, 1994,'' and insert ''June 1, 1995,''.

On page 112, line 4, strike ''subsidiary or''.

On page 112, beginning with ''services,'' on line 8 strike through line 10 and insert ''services.''.

On page 113, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

SEC. 226. NONAPPLICABILITY OF MODIFICATION OF FINAL JUDGMENT.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of any judicial order, no person shall be subject to the provisions of the Modification of Final Judgment solely by reason of having acquired commercial mobile service or private mobile service assets or operations previously owned by a Bell operating company or an affiliate of a Bell operating company.

On page 113, line 19, strike ''residential''.

On page 113, line 23, strike ''Where only a single carrier provides a service'' and insert ''Until sufficient competition exists.''

On page 117, line 8, strike ''upon request.'' and insert ''requesting such information for the purpose of publishing directories in any format.''.

On page 117, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(d) CONFIDENTIALITY.—A telecommunications carrier has a duty to protect the confidentiality of proprietary information of, and relating to, other common carriers and customers, including common carriers reselling the telecommunications services provided by a telecommunications carrier. A telecommunications carrier that receives such information from another carrier for purposes of provisioning, billing, or facilitating the resale of its service shall use such information only for such purpose, and shall not use such information for its own marketing efforts. Nothing in this subsection prohibits a carrier from using customer information obtained from its customers, either directly or indirectly through its agents—

(1) to provide, market, or bill for its services; or

(2) to perform credit evaluations on existing or potential customers.

On page 119, line 3, strike, ''The'' and insert ''Notwithstanding section 332(c)(1)(A) of this Act, the''.

On page 119, line 16, strike ''ers;'' and insert ''ers or the preservation and advancement of universal services;''.

On page 121, line 23, strike ''10401'' and insert ''14101''.

On page 124, line 10, insert ''or created'' after ''designated''.

On page 124, line 16, strike ''shall be assigned'' and insert ''shall be permitted to use''.

On page 124, line 21, insert ''as determined by the Commission'' after ''basis''.

On page 126, line 8, insert ''the Commission,'' before ''the National''.

On page 126, line 9, insert a comma after ''Administration''.

On page 128, strike lines 3 through 24.

On page 129, line 1, strike ''(h)'' and insert ''(g)''.

On page 129, line 6, strike ''6'' and insert ''18''.

On page 129, beginning on line 7, strike ''undertake'' and insert ''commence''.

On page 132, beginning on line 5, strike ''designated as an essential telecommunications carrier under section 214(d)''.

On page 132, line 14, after ''areas.'' insert ''A telecommunications carrier providing service pursuant to this paragraph shall be entitled to have an amount equal to the difference, if any, between the price for services provided to health care providers for rural areas and the price for similar services provided to other customers in comparable urban areas treated as a service obligation described in section 253(d) that is considered as part of its obligation to contribute to universal service under section 253(c).'',

On page 132, strike lines 15 through 23 and insert the following:

''(2) Educational Providers and Libraries.—All telecommunications carriers serving a geographic area shall, upon a bona fide request, provide to elementary schools, secondary schools and libraries universal services (as defined in Section 253) that permit such schools and libraries to provide or receive telecommunications services for educational purposes at rates less than the amounts charged for similar services to other parties. The discount shall be an amount that the Commission and the States determine is appropriate and necessary to ensure affordable access to and use of such telecommunications by such entities. A telecommunications carrier providing service pursuant to this paragraph shall be entitled to have an amount equal to the amount of the discount, treated as a service obligation described in section 253(d) that is considered as part of its obligation to contribute to universal service under section 253(c).''

On page 133, beginning with ''shall'' on line 1, strike through line 6 and insert the following: ''shall, for essential telecommunications carriers providing service pursuant to subsection (a), include the amount of the support payments reasonably necessary to allow such carrier to provide such service to such users under section 253.''

On page 135, line 8, strike the closing quotation marks and the second period.

On page 135, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

''(e) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Telecommunications services and network capacity provided under this section may not be sold, resold, or otherwise transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.''.

On page 136, after line 21, insert the following:

SEC. 312. DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE.

(a) DBS SIGNAL SECURITY.—Section 705(e)(4) (47 U.S.C. 605(e)(4)) is amended by inserting ''satellite delivered video or audio programming intended for direct receipt by subscribers in their residences or in their commercial or business premises,'' after ''programming,''.

(b) FCC JURISDICTION OVER DIRECT-TO-HOME SATELLITE SERVICES.—Section 303 (47 U.S.C. 303) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

''(v) Have exclusive jurisdiction to regulate the provision of direct-to-home satellite services. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'direct-to-home satellite services' means the distribution or broadcasting of programming or services by satellite directly to the subscriber's premises without the use of ground receiving or distribution equipment, except at the subscriber's premises, or used in the initial uplink process to the direct-to-home satellite.''.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 1995, in open session, to receive testimony on the situation in Bosnia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 7, 1995, to conduct a hearing on pending nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be permitted to meet Wednesday, June 7, 1995, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room SD–215, to conduct a hearing on small business issues, including estate tax proposals and expensing of business equipment proposals.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 7, 1995, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Wednesday, June 7, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on the subject: Duplication, Overlap and Fragmentation in Government Programs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 7, 1995, at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the

Senate on Wednesday, June 7, 1995, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the historical evolution of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91–190), how it is being applied now in several situations, and what options are available to improve Federal decisionmaking consistent with the objectives of that statute.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON YOUTH VIOLENCE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Youth Violence of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during a session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 7, 1995, at 10 a.m., in Senate Dirksen Room 226, on ''The Iron Triangle: Welfare, Illegitimacy, and Juvenile Violence.''

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CHARLES PINCKNEY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I recently attended the dedication of the Charles Pinckney National Historic Site near Charleston, SC. It is an outstanding facility honoring Charles Pinckney as one of our Founding Fathers. At the ceremony, Prof. Walter Edgar of the University of South Carolina made some remarks that I commend to my colleagues. I ask that they be printed in the RECORD.

The remarks follow:

CHARLES PINCKNEY: PUBLIC SERVANT

We're here today to dedicate this site that is closely associated with the life of one of the founding fathers of our republic, the Honorable Charles Pinckney. I think it particularly appropriate at this juncture in our nation's history to pause and reflect upon the life of this man—not just because he was one of the more active participants in the Convention in Philadelphia—but because of the ideals of public service that he, and others like him, displayed.

Today, public service is sometimes decried by those who do not know any better. ''Careerist politician,'' and ''faceless bureaucrat'' are among some of the kinder terms heard over the nation's airways and in print. However, once upon a time, when the State of South Carolina was more than a century old and the new United States was less than a decade independent from Great Britain . . . there was a spirit of public service abroad in the land. Individuals believed in something greater than themselves; they believed in the public good. Many were willing, as stated so boldly in the Declaration of Independence, to ''pledge their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred Honor'' for the cause of the nation.

Charles Pinckney of Snee Farm was one of those individuals for whom serving the state and the nation he loved was paramount. (Just take a look at the summary of his career in your programs). He came from a society where public service was considered every man's duty. Let's just look, for example, at Pinckney and his fellow South Carolina delegates to the Constitutional Convention: Pierce Butler, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, and John Rutledge. All four men had held a variety of local and state offices in colonial, revolutionary, and post-revolutionary South Carolina.

What these men did before Philadelphia is indicative of the sort of public life that was expected of them. After Philadelphia, however, they continued to give of themselves to the state and nation. Rutledge was an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and Governor of South Carolina. Butler served as U.S. Senator. C.C. Pinckney was our Minister (ambassador) to France, and nominee of the Federalist Party for vice president and president (twice). Our man, Charles Pinckney, was four times governor of the state, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, a U.S. Senator, and Minister to Spain.

All of them were distinguished public figures; however, I would argue, that Charles Pinckney of Snee Farm did more than his duty. He was truly a public servant. For more than four decades he dedicated his life to serving the people of South Carolina and the United States.

Charles Pinckney, son of Frances Brewton and Charles Pinckney (1732–1782), was born in Charleston in 1757, three years after his father purchased Snee Farm as a country retreat. During his childhood, the family moved their residence among their several plantation homes and Charleston. Young Charles spent many happy days of his youth here. His father began improvements at Snee Farm which included formal gardens in the area between the present house and the road.

Like his cousins and many of his peers, Charles was scheduled to be educated in England—to include taking a law degree at the Inns of Court. The Revolution disrupted the plans for Charles' education and he had to study with private tutors and read law with his father. From an early age, he demonstrated a facility with languages and, by the time he was an adult, was fluent in five.

He was 21 when he was elected to the General Assembly of South Carolina, but with the British advance on Charleston, he soon abandoned politics for the military. He served in the South Carolina militia, was captured at the fall of Charleston, and imprisoned on a ship in Charleston Harbor. Later, he was exchanged in Philadelphia and returned to South Carolina after the peace treaty was signed.

Upon his return to South Carolina he was elected again to the General Assembly. That body, in turn, in 1784, elected him a delegate to the Articles of Confederation Congress. In Congress, he discovered the weakness of the Confederation and was among the members to urge the strengthening of the central government. He chaired a congressional committee that recommended seven amendments to the Articles. There were few who were as active as he in trying to enhance the powers of the government of the United States.

When New Jersey threatened to withdraw its financial support from the national government in 1786, Pinckney was one of three members of Congress sent to persuade that state's legislature not to withhold its funds. In addressing the legislature of New Jersey, Pinckney suggested that they ''urge the calling of a general convention of the states for the purpose of increasing the powers of the federal government and rendering it more useful for the ends for which it was instituted.''

The very next year there was a call for a constitutional convention to meet in Philadelphia. In Philadelphia, the South Carolinians attracted a great deal of attention. It was a powerful group of men. Because of their wealth and status, some of their fellow delegates referred to them as ''the Nabobs from South Carolina.'' It is always dangerous to say that we know what individuals of two centuries ago thought and felt; however, I believe that I am on very safe ground in stating that Charles Pinckney would have reveled in being called a nabob—for that is what he and his fellow Carolinians were.

Charles Pinckney, at 29, was the second youngest man present. He probably was one of the wealthiest—if not the wealthiest men in Philadelphia.

On May 25, 1787, a quorum of delegates from the various states assembled in Philadelphia. After electing George Washington as its presiding officer, Pinckney, Alexander Hamilton, and George Wythe were appointed as a rules committee to establish procedures under which the convention would operate.

Four days later, after the Virginia delegation presented its plan for a new constitution, Pinckney rose and addressed the convention. In his remarks he outlined his ideas for the new government. These comments would give rise to the controversial ''Pinckney Draught'' of the Constitution. Whether or not such a document exists is unimportant. What is important was Pinckney's participation in the debates—he spoke more than 100 times—that helped shape the document that now governs us. Historians and political scientists have ranked Charles Pinckney of Snee Farm as one of the more influential delegates present.

When the South Carolina delegation returned home, they immediately began the task of ensuring that South Carolina would ratify the new Constitution—which it did. Pinckney and his fellow delegates all played key roles in the state's ratification convention.

No sooner had South Carolina ratified the federal constitution than it had to write a new state constitution. Pinckney presided over the convention and, at his urging, the delegates wrote into the document the guarantee of religious liberty in South Carolina.

In 1791, Pinckney was serving his second term as governor when President George Washington made his tour of the Southern states. Governor Pinckney wrote the President and asked him to visit Snee Farm and have breakfast ''where your fare will be entirely that of the farm.'' Because of the weather and the size of the gathering, the meal was held outside under the oaks. On May 2, 1791, Washington wrote in his diary, ''Breakfasted at the Country seat of Governor Pinckney * * * and then came to the ferry at Haddrel's Point.''

From there, Washington travelled to Charleston where he remained for a week. While in the port city, Pinckney was the President's host three more times—for a private dinner in his home, a large public dinner, and a ball.

No doubt, Washington's visit was one of the high points of Pinckney's second term in office. When it was over, he was returned to the General Assembly for several terms, was elected governor for a third term, and in 1798 was elected United States Senator.

During the presidential election campaign of 1800, Pinckney supported Thomas Jefferson. In so doing, he broke with his family—his cousin Charles Cotesworth Pinckney was the Federalist nominee for vice president. Thanks to Charles Pinckney, Jefferson received South Carolina's eight electoral votes and they were enough to put him over the top.

Shortly after Jefferson was inaugurated, he appointed Pinckney as our country's minister (ambassador) to Spain. While in Madrid, Pinckney continued his practice of purchasing books for his library. We have here on display a magnificent maritime atlas

which he bought in Madrid—along with other books he purchased in Philadelphia, New York, and Charleston. These books are reflections of his intellect and wide-ranging interests.

Because Pinckney spent so much time out of state, he left his business affairs in the hands of others. Their mismanagement resulted in Pinckney's eventually losing much of his inheritance. In 1814, he was forced to sell Snee Farm in order to settle his debts. There can be no question, that because he devoted himself to the service of his country, that he sacrificed much of his family fortune.

Despite his personal setbacks, he didn't withdraw from public life. He served one more term as governor and one term in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his term in the House, he opposed the Missouri Compromise because he saw it as a threat to the union he had helped create three decades earlier.

When he completed his term in Congress, he did retire from public life—after 42 years. Three years later he was dead. Thus for all but four years of his adult life, Charles Pinckney of Snee Farm was involved in public service. He had a sense of duty and service that, to some, today, might seem outmoded; but, in essence he was an old fashioned patriot who was willing to serve the people of the state of South Carolina and the United States when asked. He did his duty. For him public service was a sacred trust. And, for him, public service was not without great personal sacrifice.

And, so, ladies and gentlemen, as we dedicate the Charles Pinckney National Historic Site, let us remember that this place, Snee Farm, is not only a memorial to a great South Carolinian and a great American—that it is a living tribute to the ideals of patriotic sacrifice and public service that made this nation great ... the ideals of patriotic sacrifice and public service of which Charles Pinckney was the personal embodiment.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM BOLTON

● Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding Kentucky educator who has dedicated 27 years of his career to the Clark County School System. Mr. William Bolton, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, is retiring on June 30, 1995.

He first came to the Clark County School System in 1968 as a supervisor. Bolton was appointed to the post of assistant superintendent in 1993. Before coming to Clark County, he spent time as a teacher and supervisor in the Corbin Independent School System, and as a supervisor in the Bourbon County School System.

Born and raised in Corbin, KY, William Bolton attended Corbin High School; and after graduation, he traveled to Richmond and enrolled at Eastern Kentucky University. After receiving his degree, he decided to stay at EKU and pursue his masters, which he accomplished in 1959. That same year, he moved back to his hometown to become supervisor of the Corbin Independent School System.

Bolton has worked hard over the years to improve the quality of education in Kentucky. He served as treasurer and president of the Kentucky Association of Education Supervisors, he was president of the Kentucky Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and he also spent time on the board of directors of the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. He also kept busy as a member of the Kentucky committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Elementary Commission, and the Kentucky Department of Education Advisory Committee.

This outstanding Kentuckian is not only dedicated to his school system, he also keeps active in his community. Bolton is a member of the First United Methodist Church, and he has served on the administrative board, and is currently a church trustee.

While the Clark County school system will miss William Bolton's presence, his retirement means he will be able to do more of the things he loves, including spending time with his wife, Connie, his daughter, and his two grandchildren.

Mr. President, I commend William Bolton for his outstanding service to the Clark County schools. He has played a major role in making it the quality school system that it is today. His influence, expertise, and kindness will certainly be missed by students, faculty, staff, and fellow administrators. I ask that you and my fellow colleagues, join me in congratulating Mr. William Bolton and to wish him good luck in his future.●

WINTON M. ''RED'' BLOUNT, NANCY HANKS LECTURER

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, March 13 of this year marked Arts Advocacy Day, an annual event coordinated by the American Council for the Arts. The day also marked the Ninth Annual Nancy Hanks Lecture on the Arts and Public Policy.

In terms of Federal support for the arts and humanities, this year is a critical one. Therefore, it is of great value to have the opportunity to share thoughts relating to our national commitment to the arts and to determine how best to move forward in ensuring that the arts continue to thrive in all corners of our great Nation.

Winton M. ''Red'' Blount, former Postmaster General of the United States, member of President Nixon's Cabinet, chairman of the board of Blount, Inc., and dedicated spokesperson for the arts in this country was chosen for the high honor of Nancy Hanks Lecturer. I ask that the remarks made by Mr. Blount be printed in the RECORD.

The remarks follow:

REMARKS OF WINTON M. BLOUNT

Let me say that I come before you tonight as an industrialist, not as an arts and culture lobbyist. Given the current environment, I want to be very clear about that.

It is a great honor to have been asked by the friends of Nancy Hanks and the American Council for the Arts to share some thoughts on the arts and public policy at this most critical time, as we celebrate a remarkable person who put real life into the National Endowment for the Arts in the early 70s when President Nixon started increasing dramatically the federal funds to go to the arts.

Along with so many of you here this evening, I had the good fortune and the great pleasure to become acquainted with Nancy Hanks during the Nixon years, and my respect for her deepened over the years as I became increasingly involved at the nexus between business and the arts.

Among my recollections of Nancy Hanks, and her many qualities, was the informed common sense she brought to her work. And, it was to that recollection that I found myself returning again and again as I considered what I might be able to contribute on this occasion.

A HISTORY OF BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS

What would she have said about the first Republican-led House of Representatives in over 40 years leveling its sights on federal funding for the arts—one of the few federal programs that has both bi-partisan support, and the overwhelming majority approval of the American people? Programs which have had the support of Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Bush, as well as our Democratic Presidents Carter and Clinton.

I don't really know what she would have said; your imagination in this regards is as good as mine. I have always been suspicious of those holier-than-thou contrivances about what someone else would have said or done of wanted done in a particular circumstance. I would only say that I wish she were here today to lend her common sense, her keen insight, and her uncommon energy to the current, and rather peculiar, debate on federal support to the arts.

It is a rather variable debate. Just when one thinks one has the sense of it, it pops up in some other place, in some quite other guise. Almost as if those who launched the debate in the first place aren't really sure what their position is—or whether they want to be associated with it entirely.

On any particular day, one may think the issue is privatization, or obscenity.

Just when that notion is coming into focus some person never previously known to have been a constitutional scholar is arguing against subsidies on constitutional grounds. Which constitutional grounds? Well, one is never sure, and the objection is never spelled out. The Constitution is right there with the Bible as documents which are widely cited and rarely read.

A whole different faction insists that federal assistance to the arts is really only a hand-out for elitists whose personal pleasures are being subsidized by the taxpayer.

The issue, of course, is none of the above. We all know what is the real issue. And we will come to that presently.

PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS

But along the way, I would like to offer my own perspective on the matter of public support to the arts. Looking back on the names of those who have been honored on this occasion in the past, one sees an extraordinary assortment of abilities and accomplishments—prominent historian; a poet; an attorney; musician; and high White House official; a former CEO of a leading communications company; a leading academic; and former member of Congress.

One imagines that no one would protest strongly the suggestion that the liberal view has been well and amply represented here, or that the greater number of my predecessors at this podium would fare better than I if they were being rated by, say, Americans for Democratic Action.

It is with this in mind that I refer to my own perspective. Privatization is as good a place as any for a conservative businessman to begin.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the more general acknowledgment that there are things business can do better than governments, the concept of privatization has acquired the illuminating power of a sudden vision. Privatization is the new philosopher's stone that will turn lead to gold. The very word itself has acquired symbolic significance.

As it happens, I can speak with some authority on the matter of privatization. I oversaw the partial privatization of the U.S. Post Office Department. It was quite a wrench; one day I was a Cabinet officer; the next day I was a has-been. Like most has-beens, I am an expert on the matter.

PRIVATIZATION—DOES IT WORK FOR THE ARTS?

At the heart of privatization is the proposition that those who receive a benefit should be the ones to pay for it. If you use the mails, or phone services, or utilities, you should pay for them. To assure that you get the best service at the best price; these services should be delivered in a free market, where competition will provide incentives for good service at fair prices.

But we, as most nations, also recognized that free market processes will not always work to the advantage of the nation as a whole. The national interest was served by a broadening of our agricultural base, and that would not be achieved rapidly by the invisible hand which allocates capital. So we subsidized, for example, rural electrification, and the taxpayer in our cities got his investment back through a better selection, at lower prices, on the dinner table.

The same rationale justified subsidizing the postal service for much of our still brief history. The postal service preceded our Constitution, and the founding fathers saw nothing wrong with underwriting an activity which benefitted the private sector, seeing that it also gave benefit to the whole nation.

So there is ample precedent for using public moneys to underwrite activities which benefit some directly and others residually. This is not a relationship governed by rigid laws. There may come a time when subsidies can be dispensed with, and wisdom resides in knowing when those times have come. It resides as well in knowing when they have not come, and may never come.

I did my privatizing in a rather interesting building on Pennsylvania Avenue. Part of the charm of that building was its art. It was publicly funded art. Not by the NEA, but by the WPA. By the Federal Art Project of the Work Progress Administration, as an example. There were murals in the public spaces and, in retrospect, it is a pity we didn't do more to pull the public in off the street to look at those works, becuase they belonged to the people, after all, and many of them were quite good. In fact there are many buildings in this town filled with art, much of it subsidized by the government, such as the National Archives Building with their wonderful murals and many other buildings.

Still, I don't think they were wasted. The money that subsidized them helped the artists survive in a difficult time, while doing useful work. And the chance to do his or her work may have helped that work to improve. And we don't know whether any of that will someday be taken down off those walls and offered up someplace where it can better be appreciated. You never know about art. It has a way of coming back around. It connects us; it provides the ligaments and the ties that bind, holding the species together along the trajectory of its evolution. In that sense, among many, it can be said to perform a public function, in the purest sense of the word.

Had we not subsidized those artists, in that time, who would have done so? Would we have had a hiatus in the evolution of American art in the Depression era? Perhaps. At any rate, it is difficult to imagine much private money going to new artists for works that would be available to the public.

These programs—and, as all of you know, the Federal Art project was only one; there was a Federal Music Project, a Federal Theater Project—and they did not simply subsidize practicing artists, writers, composers and playwrights. They even provided lessons. They taught some how to make art, and others how to appreciate it.

Alternatively, they may have helped a few would-be artists to discover that their talents might better be employed in the field of cardiology, or welding, or home constructions. Was this not a beneficial thing from the standpoint of civic maturation? Indeed it was. It was as essential to the synthesizing of a distinctive national culture as the civil war was to the synthesizing of a distinctive national form of government. The federal government, by broadly supporting creativity, helps to increase cultural production and the skills associated with that production.

PUBLICLY FUNDED PROGRAMS MAKE ART DEMOCRATIC

These publicly funded programs made art democratic. If there is to be a debate over the utility of that objective, then let the debate be couched in those terms, rather than in economic terms and demagoguery. To suggest that the arts should rely for their health on private funding is a form of snobbery; it implies that those without means are incapable of producing art, or of appreciating it, in the first place. If we accept this proposition, we must accept its concomitant; which is an America irretrievably divided by economic class. Were we to accept that, we wouldn't really need a Constitution, would we?

So, it is important that we not let the terms of this debate be defined by ideology. The arts are not the pre-occupation of a narrow elite; they are the defining sinews of the good society, and, as they serve a public good, they are properly subsidized by public resources.

Neither should be allow ourselves to be put on the defensive over this matter of privatization. The proper allocation of public resources is a vitally important issue, but the argument against public funding of the arts is a reduction to the absurdity which obscures the importance of that issue. Federal support of the arts yields multiple public benefits, including local economic revitalization. With arts education you get improved work force characteristics. Youth who are involved with the arts are less prone to become engaged with crime and violence, etc. Therefore, at a time of scarce federal dollars, policy makers should be looking to allocate resources where they can generate multiple public benefits for the same dollar.

A CALL FOR INTELLECTUAL RIGOR AND CONSISTENCY

What is wanted is a degree of intellectual rigor and consistency which is now missing in this debate. And, along the way, we may also get a more accurate definition of elitism in America, and who among us are the most privileged when it comes to the allocation of public resources.

While we wait for that happy day, we may be excused for taking a look to see what really is at issue here. It is not whether the arts and humanities should be subsidized, but rather how they have been subsidized. It is on this point that one discerns something between intellectual sloth and political cowardice on the part of those who want to eliminate federal funding for the arts.

I have read and re-read the arguments, as all of you have, against federal funding, and for privatization. I have yet to find, anywhere, this issue defined on the merits. The issue, purely and simply, is whether the arts contribute to the commonweal. Is art an inevitable component of the good society? If there are those who believe it is not, let them say so. And let them offer us examples of nations which have achieved greatness while turning their backs on art.

A GREAT, LOST OPPORTUNITY

One sees in all this a great, lost opportunity. Our friends who would disestablish the National Endowments for the Arts, the Humanities, IMS and public broadcasting, would require zero public funding for the arts, are good people, men and women with distinguished records of public service, some of considerable learning. The role of the arts in our national life is a matter of no less consequence than the role of science, than matters of health care, education, or the national defense. A fairly met debate on the arts and public policy could be, and ought to be, an enriching, edifying contribution to our national life.

We have not seen this. Every op-ed piece, every speech, every public objection to public funding of the arts begins and ends not with a consideration of the role of the arts, but with finger-pointing at what is seen as the inappropriate funding of certain artists and their projects. Fair enough, as far as it goes. But it goes nowhere. Or rather it goes nowhere near the issue of the significance or insignificance of the arts in public life.

It does, rather to the settling of old scores. To getting even. Let there be no mistake about it, this is a partisan issue. And, more often than not, it is a matter of personalities.

Henry Kissinger once said that the reason academic politics are so sordid is because the stakes are so low. So it is in the art world, when politics is the arbiter of taste, and the allocation of public funds becomes a means for expressing contempt for the values and convictions of segments of our population. Let there be no mistaking the fact that influential elements in the arts community bear major responsibility for the embarrassing occurrence in which we now find ourselves, and for the jeopardy of public funding for the arts. There is an organized constituency which has opposed the principle of federal support for arts and culture. They have systemically looked for projects that may offend common good taste and tarnished the NEA with them. As long as those groups exists, they will manage to find one of two projects which they can create controversy with—those groups actually thrive from those controversies by using them to raise money from their constituency.

There is a fine line between challenging public taste and offending it. It is the responsibility of those who administer public funding for the arts to assure that line is not crossed. Still, the elimination of funding is not the appropriate response to the crossing of that line.

Rather, let us be bold to say that we do not approve, or at least some of us don't, of some of the uses to which public moneys have been put. It is true that if we pitch the argument on those grounds, we open ourselves to charges of cultural ignorance, of smugness, even of supporting censorship.

But is it preferable to hide behind specious arguments about fiscal responsibility, budgetary necessity, and free market principles, than to risk being ridiculed for admitting we do not see the artistic merit in the Mapplethorpe photograph?

It is difficult to believe that anyone honestly sees the harsh imperatives of economics as compatible with the refining evolution of a culture. Yet the argument for privatization depends on such a belief. If you doubt that a variant of Gresham's law functions in the shaping of a culture, turn on your television. Left to its own devices, bad entertainment drives out good entertainment. Bad art will drive out good art.

FISCAL PRUDENCE SUPPORTS FEDERAL FUNDING OF THE ARTS

Yet, even on its face, the claim that fiscal prudence militates in favor of privatization is transparently faulty. In what other area of federal funding does one federal dollar generate eleven more dollars from the private sector? And some of these dollars flow back to the federal treasury. Thus, if deficit reduction is the objective, then it is obvious that we should be spending more, not less, on the arts.

In government, as in most aspects of our lives, we tend to reason from the exceptional. And it is the exceptional abuses of public trust in the funding, however infinitesimal a part of the whole, of those who offend public decency, which underpins the argument for eliminating all federal funding of the arts. Part of what makes this both a travesty and a tragedy, is the fact that nothing would be more gratifying to those few who express their contempt for our values than for them to be the agents of disestablishment.

It does not seem to me beyond the competence of men and women of good will to correct the abuses in the public funding of the arts, and to retain the greater good which flows from the government's proper role in these endeavors. It is precisely the opportunity to devise such corrections that is being squandered today.

We do have the right and the obligation to demand accountability from those who dispense federal resources for the arts. We do have the right to impose sanctions on those individuals and organizations which offend public sensibilities by abusing public support. It is reasonable to consider the merits of a cultural impact statement as part of the grant process. It is reasonable to demand corrections in the peer review process. It is to these corrections that we should be directing our attention now. Jane Alexander has affectively addressed many of these issues. She is doing an outstanding job as the director of the National Endowment for the Arts, as is Sheldon Hackney as director of the NEH.

The history of holy wars is strewn with the bodies of the innocent. We may eliminate funding for the arts in order to avenge ourselves on the self-indulgent and the contemptuous few who caper on the edges of the arts community, and we may take whatever satisfaction is to be gained from that.

ART IS NOT THE EXCLUSIVE PROVINCE OF THE WEALTHY

But along the way, we will deny millions of our people affordable access to the pleasures of the arts. We will affirm that art is, indeed, the exclusive province of the wealthy. We will announce that the value of art is a function of what those who can pay and will pay for it; and not a function of its ability to instruct, and to exalt, and to leaven, and to unify a people.

Consider the relish of these new saviours of the public welfare if they could crucify Van Gogh, or even Shakespeare, or Henry Moore, and try to consider the emptiness in our souls if artists like this had not been permitted to live their lives.

The Alabama Shakespeare Festival is a beneficiary of the National Endowment for the Arts. We are grateful for that support, but we will not perish without it. Others, however, will. I take strong exception to the idea that the arts are the province of the elite. I take exception to the word itself. I would invite our friends in the Congress on any day to come to see the children, the elderly or the temporarily disadvantaged who come to our theatre, just one of hundreds across our nation, and point out for me which among these Americans are the elite—and, more to the point, which are not. It is a pleasure to watch their faces as they enter the theatre. But it is an astonishment to see their faces as they come out. They are, in their shared experience, new people, aware of things they only dreamed before, or did not dream at all. Art has done its job. Those who bring them to it have done theirs.

There has been an explosion of support for the arts in cities and towns all over this country following the appointment of Nancy Hanks as the second director of the NEA. With the federal government giving seed money the private sector has responded with many times the support given by the endowments. To dramatically change or reduce this support would be a tragedy in many places over this country.

We are, take us altogether, a rough people, we Americans. Bred to adversity, we know the rigors of war and want and doubt and debt. Always we have stepped up to necessity, to the defense of our values and the betterment of our people. Always, ultimately though often painfully, we have rejected those things which divided us. Always, though often reluctantly, we have embraced those things which united us.

Our edges are softened, and our nature gentled, by the shared difficulties of perfecting our democracy. The art we create, or borrow, or recreate is one expression of our progress. It is one measure of our progress. And it is one engine of our progress, helping us, in the words of Tennyson:

* * * by slow prudence to make mild
A rugged people, and thro' soft degrees
Subdue them to the useful and the good.

If history is to be the judge of our achievement as a nation, what will it say about those who would determine that art was merely an indulgence of the wealthy, and should be available only to the wealthy; that the whole people did not need it, and ought to be denied it by reason of their means?

My family, along with so many others over the years, worked to build this nation. Not some of it, but all of it. I served, along with so many others over the years, to defend it. Not some of it, but all of it. I was raised to believe and, in my final years, continue to embrace, the proposition that a nation advances and grows strong by allocating its opportunities not to some of its people, but to all of them. I believe I am in good company.

Thank you.●

ARTHUR FLEMMING: CRUSADER AT 90

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues an upcoming occasion for great celebration: the 90th birthday of Arthur Sherwood Flemming on Monday, June 12.

Arthur Flemming's service to America, to all of humanity, stretches back farther than most of us can imagine. Most of us are aware that he served as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under President Eisenhower, and was appointed to several positions, including Chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, by President Nixon.

Far fewer Americans are aware that Arthur Flemming served almost a decade on the Civil Service Commission, under Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, and that he served with such distinction that, today, outstanding federal civil servants vie to be named winners of the Arthur Flemming Award. He was a member of that original engine for reinventing government, the Hoover Commission.

Arthur has served as president of three important institutions of higher education: Ohio Wesleyan University, the University of Oregon, and Macalester College. He has chaired citizens' watchdog groups in civil rights and health care, chaired White House conferences on aging, as well as a Social Security Administration task force on improving the Supplemental Security Income Program for low-income older and disabled Americans.

Last year he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and just last month he stole the show with the eloquence and passion of his speech to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

My own contact with Arthur Flemming has been most intense in recent years, on the issue of health care. I am proud to point out that he serves as secretary and treasurer of the Alliance for Health Reform, a nonpartisan organization I founded several years ago to educate opinion leaders about the complexities of our health care system. His work on this issue, through the alliance and other means, has been productive and prodigious. Of course, Arthur is no johnny-come-lately to the health care issue. He presented to Congress in 1959 President Eisenhower's plan to provide coverage for older Americans, which he had drafted. Medicare's enactment a few short years later was anything but coincidental.

Health care is an important component, as well, in the work of the Save Our Security Coalition, which Arthur chairs.

Mr. President, Arthur Flemming is a person with enormous talent and dedication, and the energy to exhaust all of his younger colleagues as they try to keep up with him. He is a man for whom the word ''peripatetic'' is an understatement. I suspect that his wonderful and talented wife, Bernice, has long since given up trying to keep track of where her husband's travel schedule might take him on a given day. Of course, that has given her the time to write the definitive biography of her husband of 60 years, ''Crusader at Large.''

Arthur Flemming's integrity is unsurpassed, and his commitment to social justice is unparalleled. When too many younger Americans have lost their dream, Arthur Flemming seizes—and pursues vigorously—a vision of an America with a shared sense of community, a land where we pool resources of the private and public sectors to help one another deal with what Franklin

Roosevelt called the ''hazards and vicissitudes of life.''

Quite simply, this is someone for whom I have the deepest admiration and affection.

When Arthur Flemming's 90th birthday occurs next Monday, Mr. President, he will no doubt pause only briefly to allow some of his friends and admirers to mark the occasion—and then press on. There is, in Arthur Flemming's view, so much yet to be done.

I believe that his vision and fortitude are captured quite accurately in an opinion article he authored just last month for the Los Angeles Times, and I ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the Los Angeles Times, May 2, 1995]

SAVE OUR NATIONAL COMMUNITY

(By Arthur S. Fleming)

The ''contract with America'' constitutes a massive effort to break up the national community we have developed over the past 60 years.

The House Speaker dramatically underlined this objective when he said, referring to the major social programs the national community has undertaken:

''They are a disaster. They ruin the poor. They create a culture of poverty and a culture of violence which is destructive to this civilization, and they have to be thoroughly replaced from the ground up. We need to simply reach out, erase the slate and start over.''

When I was a reporter in 1933 and 1934 for what was the predecessor to U.S. News and World Report, I had a front-row seat observing Franklin Roosevelt challenge the national community to pool the resources of the public and private sectors to help one another deal with the hazards and vicissitudes of life. He believed that the national community should place the concept of ''social security'' alongside ''national security.''

I say the national community, for the six years I served under President Roosevelt as a member of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, respond to his challenge by authorizing the executive branch to launch 10 programs under the umbrella of Social Security. These included social insurance for retirees, Aid to Families With Dependent Children, aid to the aged, blind and disabled, unemployment compensation, public health and vocational rehabilitation.

I have seen administrations and Congresses since then reaffirm the social role of the national community in partnership with state and local communities.

As a member of President Eisenhower's Cabinet for both terms, I participated in developments that illustrate his commitment to strengthening the national community: the creation of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the strengthening of Social Security, the addition of the disabled to our social-insurance programs and the adoption of the National Defense Education Act.

I've had the opportunity of working with all subsequent presidents up to the 1980s; all have contributed to strengthening the national community. President Clinton has been, and is, making a vigorous contribution to the same objective. The drive for universal coverage of all types of health care is one example.

Never in all these years had I witnessed a national political party deliberately develop an agenda such as the ''contract with America'' with an avowed purpose of weakening the role of the national community.

The current leaders of Congress propose to take funds away from social insurance, particularly Medicare. In so doing, they are proposing not a new ''contract with America'' but to break a contract that has existed for many years.

They also propose to establish block grants for existing programs for the middle class, the poor and those who suffer, which over a period of five years will provide fewer qualified persons with federal funds. Likewise, they would eliminate many standards designed to ensure quality of services.

Millions of our people are living below the poverty line. Millions more will join them if the proposals made by the leaders of Congress are adopted. Under our system of partnership between local, state and national communities, we cannot weaken the national community without weakening state and local communities. Many states will not replace lost federal funds.

We can, and should, travel another road. We are the richest nation in the world. All of our economic studies reveal that the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer. We can, and should, reverse that trend. We can adjust our tax code. We can raise the top rates for individuals and corporations, eliminate some of the significant corporate tax loopholes and raise new funds over five years for national community programs. This can be combined with cost savings growing out of constructive reductions in the programs of the national community resulting from overlaps, unnecessary rules and eliminating fraud and waste.

These combined resources should be used for a disciplined program that can bring about a gradual reduction in the deficit each year, plus a stronger national community that builds on the strength and accomplishments of the past 60 years, instead of retreating to a position comparable with that of the 1930s.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1995

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 1995; that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time of the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then immediately resume consideration of S. 652, the telecommunications bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, all Members should be aware that at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning the new Secretary of the Senate, Kelly Johnston, will be formally sworn in on the Senate floor.

Also, Senators should be on notice that votes can be expected to occur throughout the day and into the evening on amendments to the pending telecommunications bill.

ORDER FOR RECESS

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order following the remarks of Senator SANTORUM.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 67

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the order of May 25, 1995, the Chair appoints the following conferees on House Concurrent Resolution 67: Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GREGG, Mr. EXON, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SIMON.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Pennsylvania seek recognition?

Mr. SANTORUM addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is recognized.

Mr. SANTORUM. I thank the Chair.

MISSING BUDGET RESOLUTION

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I return to the floor after a brief hiatus as a result of the Memorial Day recess to continue the vigil of waiting for the President to come forward with his 1996 and beyond budget resolution explaining to the Congress and to the American public how he believes we should get to a balanced budget by the year 2002 or 2000 or 2010 or whatever date that he chooses.

As of yet, while the President has coyly discussed with the reporters in New Hampshire and a little cat and mouse with Larry King a couple of nights ago on ''Larry King Live,'' he has steadfastly refused to come forward with any definitive proposal, or even a definitive announcement, of whether he is going to come forward with a proposal on how to balance the Federal budget.

So I will put up the numbers on the chart tonight which indicate the number of days with no proposal to balance the budget from President Clinton. We have now reached day 20 of this visual, not an unmomentous day on day 20.

Several things occurred today that provides some light on what the thinking of the White House is not only on this issue but his lack of leadership on a variety of issues that have come to his attention that are being debated here in the U.S. Congress.

I want to refer first to what happened on Larry King the other night. There was a commercial run by the Republican National Committee during the Larry King anniversary show that reminded the President that this was also an anniversary of a comment that he made during the 1992 campaign that he promised—that he promised—that he would propose a 5-year balanced budget. Larry King asked him about that, I think, shortly after the commercial aired, and the President gave

the response that, well, he was thinking about it, or he was going to look at the Republican plans and try to deal with that but sort of dodged around the question.

The Washington Times asked White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry about this exchange on the Larry King show. I will read the exchange between the Washington Times reporter and White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry:

Question, Washington Times: ''Where does President Clinton stand on writing his own budget now?''

Answer: ''Where does he stand on writing it? As he indicated last night in his television interview, he's prepared to contribute his ideas to the budget process at an appropriate time.''

Washington Times, question: ''What does that mean?''

White House Press Secretary Michael McCurry, answer: ''It means we're ducking the question for now.''

''It means we're ducking the question for now.''

Twenty days after the Republicans have put forward and now passed their budget in the Senate, even more so in the House, while we are debating in conference, ''we're ducking the question for now.'' The President of the United States, the leader of the free world, ''we're ducking the question for now.'' On the most fundamental issue that we are debating and dealing with in America today, ''we're ducking the question for now.''

This should come as no surprise as a result of some of the actions the President has taken over the last couple of days on a couple of other issues.

Today he trotted out the first veto. Now, was this veto on a bill that was a dramatic change in course of this country that was threatening the very underpinnings of our society that the Congress and this Democratic administration has constructed? No.

Was this a bill that was a partisan issue that passed on strictly partisan lines that was part of the Contract With America? No, this was a rescissions bill, which also provided funding for disaster relief for Oklahoma City and California earthquakes, but provided reductions in funding in a variety of other programs. And the President, $16 billion in spending cuts, vetoed it, because it just cut too much and because it spent too much money on pork.

Now this is a very interesting point. This was a rescissions bill. A rescissions bill is a bill that says money that has been appropriated will not be spent. Now, I do not know how in a bill which says that money that was appropriated will not be spent will spend more money, because it does not. None of these porkbarrel projects is actually added in the rescissions bill. It is just that they were not included to be taken out in the rescissions bill.

And, by the way, who passed these porkbarrel projects and authorized the spending on those projects and appropriated the money to spend? Last year's Democratic Congress and last year's President. So this President, who signed off on these bills, who approved of the pork now is vetoing a bill because we did not take the pork out.

I think it was said best by Senator HATFIELD on the floor just before the recess when he got up, again in a bipartisan display—the bill passed in a bipartisan fashion with over 60 votes—he said that in his career as a chairman of the Appropriations Committee, spanning six Presidents—six administrations—it is the first time that a President has not assigned an individual to sit in the conference committee where the final bill is being drafted, to sit in the conference committee and work with the House Republicans and Democrats and Senate Republicans and Democrats, conferees on a final bill that everyone could agree with.

They sent no representative. They had no input. They sent one letter, asked for one change. The change was made. The bill was reported out bipartisan, it comes to the floor and the President decides he is going to veto it without any excuses, and now has made up some trumped up excuses because of spending that he signed now should be taken out and he wants to spend more money in about $800 million worth of programs.

Where was he in the conference committee? Where was the leadership that is delaying disaster relief for Oklahoma City and for California? Where is this President when it comes to charting the course?

I will tell you where he is. I will move to yesterday at the National Governors' Conference where the President gets up and talks about welfare reform. Now, remember, welfare reform during the 1992 campaign was potentially the issue that put Bill Clinton over the top. He told the American public he wanted to end welfare as we know it and proved that he was not Michael Dukakis or was not Walter Mondale, that he was a new Democrat, because he was going to stand up to the old welfare state mentality of the Democratic Party.

And what has he done? Well, he went to the National Governors' Association and said:

> The Republican plans are a way to cut spending on the poor and balance the budget in 7 years and give a big tax cut largely benefiting upper-income people. People ought to just say that flat out because that's what's really underneath this.

Has the President offered a welfare reform plan this year? No.

Did the President offer a welfare reform plan last year? Yes.

Did the Democratic Congress give it a hearing? No.

Did anyone take it seriously? No.

Was it a political document that virtually changed nothing in the system? Yes.

And now he is out taking shots at what we are doing. Is he offering an alternative now? No.

Is he leading on this issue to help win him the election? No.

I may have to have multiple charts about all these issues on which the President simply is just not participating. I do not know how many easels they have here, but hopefully they have enough easels to hold up all the different charts. I had to have more numbers made about just where the President simply is not going to participate in the process.

I am not talking about whether to name the national flower the rose or something here. I am talking about welfare reform, balancing the budget, cutting spending—pretty fundamental issues to the domestic debate in this country—and he is AWOL, absent without leadership.

What are some of his friends in the media saying?

Well, on welfare, Brit Hume said, ''He no longer has a welfare reform plan of his own, but would like to shape what Congress produces—and doesn't like what he sees.''

NPR's Liaison said, ''Since President Clinton's own welfare reform plan died in Congress last year, he's made only intermittent attempts to influence the debate.''

His friends on the editorial staff at the Baltimore Sun said, ''Clinton has a 'long interest' in welfare issues.''

They are saying this lamentingly.

They say he ''knows more than any previous President, and yet, in midterm, he has become almost irrelevant as Congress speeds toward changes * * *''

''Almost irrelevant.'' Does it ring a bell? Almost irrelevant to the fundamental issue that helped him get elected—welfare. Irrelevant to providing any source of suggestions or vision or leadership in moving forward on a balanced budget. The President of the United States of America, the leader of the free world.

We can do better. We can do better. I am hopeful that as we continue this visual—as I will between now and the end of September—that we can encourage the President to engage, to understand that the country wants the executive branch, the President and the Congress, to work together to solve the problems that they were elected to change Washington, to move this country forward, to set priorities, and to create opportunities for our citizens. In the measures that I talked about, they are all fundamental to the revolution that is occurring in this country and, hopefully, here in Washington, DC.

I can only ask that the President stop me from coming back, and that he comes forward and quits playing cat and mouse with the press and proposes a budget resolution, comes forward with a welfare reform plan, with spending cuts, to get the ball rolling right away and begin to lead America into the next generation and the next millennium.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, June 8, 1995.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:42 p.m., recessed until Thursday, June 8, 1995, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 7, 1995:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

JOHN JOSEPH CALLAHAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE KENNETH S. APFEL, RESIGNED.

FEDERAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND

STEPHEN G. KELLISON, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS, VICE DAVID M. WALKER, TERM EXPIRED.

MARILYN MOON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS, VICE STANFORD G. ROSS, TERM EXPIRED.

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND

STEPHEN G. KELLISON, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS, VICE DAVID M. WALKER, TERM EXPIRED.

MARILYN MOON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS, VICE STANFORD G. ROSS, TERM EXPIRED.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OUR COMMITMENT TO HIGHER EDUCATION: A VIEW FROM THE ''TRENCHES''

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend to my colleagues an article in The Record of Hackensack written by Dr. Robert A. Scott, President of Ramapo College in Mahwah, New Jersey. In his article Dr. Scott advocates the importance of maintaining student loan funding while also encouraging alternatives such as college work study programs. Dr. Scott has committed his professional life to the betterment of higher education. I am proud to relay that this commitment was first developed during his undergraduate experience at my alma mater, Bucknell University.

I greatly respect the accomplishments and commitment of Dr. Scott and recommend his article to all interested in higher education.

[From The Record, Hackensack, NJ, Apr. 10, 1995]

DON'T UNDERCUT OUR COMMITMENT TO HIGHER EDUCATION

(By Robert A. Scott)

The House of Representatives has voted to cut more than $200 million in funding for higher education. These cuts and some promises in the Contract With America contain elements that could seriously weaken our commitment to social mobility and civic stability through higher education.

For more than 200 years, higher education has been an important strategy for population dispersal, scientific agriculture and food production, services to less populated regions, veteran's readjustment, advancement of the middle class, national defense, and upward mobility for low-income, urban, and rural citizens.

One of the proposals introduced by the House is to eliminate the in-school interest exemption on federal loans, an important feature of student loan programs for four decades, and a multimillion-dollar form of federal assistance to New Jersey college students. Interest exemptions are essential while students are enrolled in college. Loans are a part of a package of aid consisting of campus work, grants, and both student and family contributions, all of which require sacrifice.

The consequences of charging debt service while a student is in college, or charging for the in-school portion of debt service after a student has left college, are encouraging part-time study, thus delaying career entry; encouraging even greater loans, in order to pay the increased debt service; or delaying college entry entirely.

I believe we rely on loans too much and that we should streamline our financial system. But the House Republicans propose to eliminate some of the best alternatives to loans, such as work study. We should put greater priority on College Work Study as an alternative to student loans. After all, pursuit of a college education is a good investment.

Over the past 20 years, federally subsidized loan volume has increased more than 2,000 percent while College Work Study has remained constant. Yet work study results in positive student learning experiences, bonding with adults who value education, no loan defaults, payment for services rendered, discipline in meeting obligations, and assistance to colleges trying to provide service with reduced public support. Cuts in work study are a serious mistake because they affect society for decades.

I understand and recognize the need to streamline the national budget, and especially to reduce the deficit, but I strongly disagree with proposals to reduce opportunities for college.

From coast to coast, students are facing reduced prospects. In Virginia, state officials are trying to conceive ways to accommodate 68,000 more college-eligible students with less state support. In California, policy-makers are trying to plan for an additional 300,000 college-eligible students with fewer resources.

To cope with recent cutbacks, spaces for nearly 200,000 students were eliminated, thus making a potential of 500,000 students seeking higher education in a shrinking system. Many of these students are from minority groups, which are underrepresented in today's colleges and universities.

How sad it is that the federal government now seems bent on reducing access to upward mobility. This, after all, will be the result if student financial aid is reduced and college access is dependent more on the ability to pay than on the ability to learn.

The House position is a mistake. We should keep college affordable. We should stop the growth in loans, and start the growth in jobs. Work study is beneficial to students, colleges, and the community. And it is much wiser than simply cutting the $20 million in-school interest exemption, which helped provide college access to 163,000 New Jersey residents this year.

TRIBUTE TO BEN WAXMAN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in saluting my dear uncle, Ben Waxman, on his 80th birthday which will be celebrated on June 11, 1995 at the home of his deeply devoted daughter and son-in-law, Audrey and Jerry Sandler, in Boca Raton, FL.

Ben Waxman was born 80 years ago in Montreal, Canada. Before he retired to Florida, he was a long-time resident of the Los Angeles area as a distinguished attorney, philanthropist, Democratic Party activist, and community leader.

Ben earned his law degree at the Southwestern Law School Night Program and he developed a thriving law practice. Prior to his legal career, he worked with his brother Al S. Waxman as a journalist and editor for the Los Angeles Reporter. Ben always had great concern for public policy and he contributed to his community in myriad ways. He was a leader in the B'nai B'rith, he belonged to the Masonic Order, and he diligently worked on behalf of the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Loving parents of twin sons, David and the late Joel, Ben and his wife Muriel were among the most active participants in the Questers organization. The Questers successfully developed techniques for allowing the developmentally disabled and others to realize their maximum potential through innovative programs for independent living. Joel and David, as well as David's wife Sherry Waxman, were active in this group.

As a Democratic Party activist, Ben was especially close to the late Vice President Hubert Humphrey. He and Muriel were his special guests at the inauguration of President Lyndon Johnson and Vice President Humphrey in 1965.

Since his retirement, Ben has found a most useful role for his decades of legal experience and longstanding concern for youth. He serves as a volunteer referee with the Boca Raton courts, working to keep juveniles out of the criminal justice system and in school and involved in productive community service.

Among the friends and relatives who will celebrate Ben's birthday are his devoted sister-in-law, Sandi Steinberg; Sandi's sons, Rusty, Michael, and Andy, who will be coming from Los Angeles; Muriel's sister, Shirley Rosenbloom, who will be coming from St. Paul, MN; Ben's son, David, and his daughter-in-law, Sherry from Portland, OR; and Ben's adored granddaughters, Carrie and Lisa.

The hostess of this celebration will be Ben's beloved wife, Muriel, who has been his trusted help-mate, inspiration, and greatest strength for five decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ben Waxman on this momentous occasion and in wishing him happiness, good health, and the energy to continue his humanitarian work.

HONORING THOMAS E. MCEWAN

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, if anyone wonders about America's ability to compete in the world marketplace, they need look no further than Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The Lawrence Livermore Lab has been on the leading edge of technology research for decades, and is continuing this tradition today.

Recently, one of the Lawrence Livermore Lab's key researchers received a most prestigious award here on Capitol Hill. Thomas E. McEwan was given the Distinguished Inventor Award by the Intellectual Property Owners organization for his invention of an ultra-band radar motion sensor. Called radar on a chip by Popular Science magazine, the device fits on a 1.5 inch square circuit board and transmits

about a million ultra short pulses each second at extremely low power levels. The device samples pulses reflected from distances of up to 20 feet.

This remarkable device, which can be run on a pair of AA batteries for up to 8 years, is inexpensive to construct and has many practical applications. Among those to whom Lawrence Livermore Lab has issued licenses, one licensee plans to use the invention on automobiles to signal if there are vehicles in a driver's blind spot, which promises substantial enhancement of roadway safety. Other possible applications include intrusion alarms, instruments for locating wall studs in wood and rebar in concrete, light switches, liquid level senors, medical monitors and, safety shutoff valves.

Thomas McEwan's invention is critical to America's technology future. He deserves high praise and credit for his superlative work, and for his reminder that the initiative and creativity that have helped make America the land of economic promise are alive and well. It is a pleasure for me to commend him and thank him for his most important work.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS IN CHARGE OF OUR GOVERNMENT?

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, let me commend to you the following article written by a constituent of mine, Mr. John Mark Hancock. Citing House Speaker NEWT GINGRICH, House majority leader DICK ARMEY, and Senator PHIL GRAMM as examples, this insightful commentary discusses the important role former college and university professors are playing in defining the 104th Congress.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS IN CHARGE OF OUR GOVERNMENT

(By John Mark Hancock)

One of the ironic and perhaps overlooked facts about the sweeping Republican victory in last November's elections is that former college professors are actually taking control of our federal government. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, and Senator Phil Gramm, a frontrunner for the 1996 GOP Presidential nomination, are all former teachers from various universities.

Since academia has long been the province of self-righteous, bleeding hearts, and the centers of most of our liberal thought, and even Marxist views, on government and social policy, it is especially gratifying to conservatives that these new leaders have come from that realm. It must be galling to the majority of college professors to know that the architects and engineers of the Republican ''Contract With America'' are from their domain, one they have long sought to preserve as a bastion of liberal ideology.

The ivory towers of America's colleges and universities have for too long now been dominated by leftist views. These professors have promoted such themes as Keynesian economic theory, big government social policies, gay ''rights'', prisoner's ''rights'', animal ''rights'', and studies which glorified Communism, by imparting such ideas to their students in class and in their policies of hiring others of their number, despite a decided trend in the opposite direction on a worldwide scale, with the breakup of the Soviet Union and the fall of the Berlin Wall.

It is therefore especially satisfying to those of us who have received a great deal of higher education to find that the dream does indeed rise to the top. Our nation's voters have found that the voice of the conservative Christian minority on campuses nationwide is actually the voice of the overall majority of Americans.

As a former member of Young Americans for Freedom and the College Republicans during my student days in the 1970's, it was hard for me to find professors who agreed with what has become the mainstream philosophy of people who are fed up with government's intrusion into their lives. Having served as president of the graduate student body at my school in 1979–81, it was disconcerting to find so many professors wanting to preserve the status quo on campus.

Perhaps this pervasive liberal attitude is to be expected from institutions that thrive on government monies and assistance for their very livelihood. Without huge taxpayer funded mandates, colleges and universities would be unable to help minorities, assist students in paying fees, pay premium salaries to certain professors, achieve research contracts, and perpetuate bloated bureaucracies that are top-heavy with useless administrators.

Cutbacks in government will inevitably mean that our educational institutions will suffer. But, maybe that's not so bad if it weeds out some of the deadwood that some schools have been harboring for too long. The views they hold are the main hindrances and stumbling blocks to us bringing about a better America, one in which government gets out of our lives and pocketbooks, and off of our land.

America was founded as a nation of independent ideas and rugged individualism. It has become a nation dominated by the government that was intended to serve the people, rather than having the people serve its ends. It is long past time for the pendulum to swing back in the other direction.

We have long been a people known for plain speaking and straight talking. The failed policies of FDR's New Deal and LBJ's Great Society programs have finally come home to roost. Their net result is a country that is bankrupt, financially, morally, and spiritually.

Newt Gingrich, Dick Armey, and Phil Gramm are shining examples of political leaders who are teaching us all in their academic style, polished in their years as professors, that dependency on government leads to a lack of self-esteem and a country that perpetuates a permanent underclass. They will lead us out of the abyss we have created by deluding ourselves into thinking government is the answer to all of our problems. As Abraham Lincoln once said, ''You can't help the poor by weakening the rich.'' How true.

TRIBUTE TO DEDICATION OF ANTHONY R. DEMARCO & GLADYS ALLOWAY DEMARCO MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN WOODLAND TOWNSHIP

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the new, beautiful Anthony R. DeMarco and Gladys Alloway DeMarco Municipal Building in Woodland Township, NJ which will be officially dedicated on June 15.

This new facility, Mr. Speaker, is a particularly unique structure designed to reflect the community's cultural traditions and rich history.

The new one story town hall was inspired by the architectural detailing and shingle style of the original saloon building and the surviving historic houses located throughout the town. The building materials reflect those used in the area. Hand split cedar shakes with cedar facias are the predominant materials used on the exterior. Pine end grain flooring with oak wanscot and trip were used extensively on the interiors.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, the township has chosen to dedicate the facility as a tribute to Anthony R. DeMarco and Gladys Alloway DeMarco. It is truly a fitting dedication, Mr. Speaker.

Upon Anthony's passing in 1964, a local newspaper published a memorial column. In part, it reads as follows:

Few men thought more of Woodland Township and even fewer had more friends within the Township than Anthony R. DeMarco. Even though he was never a formal resident of Woodland, he passed most of his life in this area, either as a young laborer on cranberry bogs, or, in his mature years, as the owner and operator of a large blueberry and cranberry plantation. He took a keen interest in all aspects of Woodland Township civil and social activities and was an avid student of Burlington County history and of Pineland lore. As 'Tony' grew older he spent even more time in Woodland Township enjoying the sort of tranquility and peacefulness that can only be found in an area uncorrupted by sprawling residential developments or by industrial complexes.

Gladys Alloway DeMarco was born and raised in the Chatsworth area and was a teacher in the Chatsworth school. Her roots in the region extend back to the days of William Penn.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, there are a number of community leaders who deserve special recognition for assuring that the vision for this important project became a reality.

Woodland's Mayor, John Bowker, chaired the Building Committee that included the Township's two Committeemen, Robert DePetris and Thomas Davis, Township Clerk, Carol Cobb, and J. Garfield DeMarco.

And, Mr. Speaker, the DeMarco Family generously supported the project and provided the assurance that it would be a facility the town will be proud of for generations to come. Very special thanks are due to J. Garfield DeMarco, Mark A. DeMarco, and Anna Lynne DeMarco Papinchak.

MEMORIAL DAY IS A TIME TO REMEMBER

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, this Memorial Day, as we observe the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, we have an excellent opportunity to recognize the contributions of more than 28 million living American veterans. Furthermore, it is a good opportunity to improve citizen awareness of the sacrifices

made, and the service given, by our veterans in defense of our Constitution and the liberties it guarantees.

All too often, we take our freedoms for granted. These precious freedoms were defended by those who sacrificed their lives in times of war. They are preserved by those who exercise their rights in defense of peace.

When I think of what my freedom means to me, I recall the memory of when my family came to the United States after surviving the horrors of World War II. My parents were not attracted by the flag or the Statue of Liberty, for other nations have flags and monuments; it was and is the American Constitution, and the freedom which it embodies, which sets the United States apart from so many other nations.

As a Member of Congress, I am pleased to be in a position to honor our veterans. The willingly went to war to defend our freedoms and the American dream we all strive to achieve. In this time of restricted budgets and divisive rhetoric, we must pause to recall the commitment given to us by those veterans and we must honor the commitments we have made to them.

Today, there are more living American veterans than at any point in history. They are among the reasons that the United States is the mightiest, wealthiest, most secure nation on the earth today. They are the reason the United States has been, and will continue to be, the bastion of support and solace for those in a world still searching for freedom and human rights.

Memorial Day is a time to remember all those men and women who gave their lives and livelihoods for their country. Let this 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II signal a rededication to our commitment to honor the service of our Nation's veterans.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BLASTS CLINTON AGAIN

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to call to your attention the following editorial, which appeared in the Lewistown Sentinel, located in my Ninth District of Pennsylvania. This well-written piece explores the manner in which transportation issues, in an unprecedented manner, have been crassly politicized by the Clinton administration. He was the candidate, recall, who won election on his promise to focus on the infrastructure of America. However, as the editorial states, the President now thinks that highway construction and improvement is just ''pork-barrel politics.''

This sad state of affairs is convincingly documented in this superb editorial and I commend it to all my colleagues.

[From the Sentinel, May 30, 1995]

DON'T CALL IT PORK UNTIL YOU TASTE IT

Pork, huh?

After years of waiting, studying lobbying, waiting some more and studying some more, those who have wanted improvements made to the ''Missing Link'' thought the badly needed highway was finally on its way to becoming a reality.

But, no, not so fast. Suddenly it's just another pork-barrel project. In a shameful game of political football, President Clinton and his staff have jumped on the ''special interest road projects'' in Rep. Bud Shuster's district. The money targeted for those projects, the president charged, would be better spent on teacher training.

Shuster, of course, is the area's representative in Congress. A long-time member of the House Transportation Committee, he rose to chair the panel when Republicans took over control of the House in the fall election. Now Shuster's efforts to bring road-building dollars to his district—something he has always been skilled at doing—are worthy targets for the Democratic president's darts.

We're sure Clinton didn't worry about stepping on a few GOP toes. We're also sure he didn't expect the screams to come from his own party. In a letter dashed off to the president, state Rep. Ruth C. Rudy, D-Centre Hall, challenged Clinton and his staff to take a drive through her district and see the Missing Link for themselves. Then let them decide if this is really just political pork-barreling.

We're just as disturbed by wasteful spending as anyone. To be sure, billions of federal dollars have been spent on worthless projects—including some roads—and we want to see that stopped. We also want to see money spent where it will do the most good, and the Missing Link is clearly a good investment. If the president and his talking heads would take a close look at the dangerous, congested stretch of road, perhaps they would agree.

Clinton should pay the Missing Link a visit. That worked on another Democrat, then Gov. Robert Casey, a few years ago. In fact, the Missing Link Committee, a citizens group that has long been pushing for improvements on the road, put up a big billboard with Casey's likeness on it, along with a plea for him to support the project.

Maybe Clinton will be the next to visit. Does anybody have a paint brush? Better get busy on that billboard.

REINTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION REQUESTING ACQUISITION OF WAIHEE MARSH (H.R. 429)

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I introduced H.R. 429 at the beginning of the 104th Congress which requests the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [FWS] to acquire the Waihee Marsh wetland and to establish a conservation easement on both sides of Waihee Stream located at Kahaluu, Island of Oahu, State of Hawaii. I developed the legislation at the request of a member of the county council of the city and county of Honolulu.

Thirty acres of the Waihee Marsh are currently on the 2-year priority acquisition list of FWS. The wetland functions as a flood control area and filtration system that protects adjacent lands and Kaneohe Bay. The marsh also serves as primary habitat for endangered water birds and migratory shorebirds. Community support is widespread for this proposed acquisition.

The Waihee Stream parcel proposed for acquisition had been recommended for conservation by the Kaneohe Bay Task Force, which maintained that the creation of a 100-foot buffer area around the stream would protect water quality and prevent flooding.

However, property owners of lands along Waihee Stream are concerned and opposed to the acquisition of the conservation easement. Because of this protest, I am deleting this particular provision from the bill, and resubmitting it for the marsh area alone.

I urge support of the Waihee Marsh, and urge its inclusion in the fiscal year 1996 budget for acquisition.

TRIBUTE TO FREDERICK DOUGLASS

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, recognizing Frederick Douglass in the centennial year of his death is an opportunity for the Nation to embrace its traditional American values of education, self-reliance, and public service through the life of this American patriot.

As biographer and author, Frederick Douglass wrote about his triumph over chattel slavery 150 years ago, and his story has become a reminder of the essential role of education in our democracy. As a journalist, he founded The North Star in 1847 and became an articulate witness for the indivisibility of freedom and citizenship for the slave and for the idea and image of freedom in America. As a public servant, Frederick Douglass advised Presidents from Lincoln to Harrison, ending his distinguished public career as Minister to the Dominican Republic in 1871 and to Haiti in 1889.

On February 1, 1895, Mr. Douglass gave his last public lecture at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. The University has honored this champion of freedom with a 2-year program and has helped to lead the Nation in commemorating his life. Frederick Douglass voiced hope and confidence in America during some of the most anxious moments in the Nation's history.

Our recognition of the life of Frederick Douglass is a testimony to his enduring faith that this Nation and all of its people will remain worthy of and committed to the highest principles of freedom and justice for all.

BISHOP STUDENT EXCELS IN NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the fine achievement of Will Baylies and the leadership of his teacher, Mrs. Irene Sorenson, from Home Street Middle School in Bishop, CA. Recently, this remarkable student joined other students from across the country at the University of Maryland to compete in National History Day sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation. The theme for this year's competition was ''Conflict and Compromise in History.''

Will qualified for the national competition by first winning at the local, regional, and State levels. Will placed first in California for his research paper titled, ''A Philosophical Conflict on Civil Rights, Integration or Separatism?

Correspondence Between Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.'' Will took took the original approach of creating a series of letters between these two men that express an understanding of their philosophies. In reality, King and Malcolm X did not correspond so the content of the letters reflect the research done as well as critical analysis by Will.

This outstanding student and Mrs. Sorenson are a tribute to our public school system which remains the finest in the world. Although this student lives in a community of less than 5,000 people located 200 miles from a major library or university, he completed extensive research in his subject area and was highly competitive with students from the large metropolitan area including Los Angeles County, San Bernardino County, and Riverside County. It is also remarkable that under the guidance of Mrs. Sorenson, a total of sixteen students made it all the way to the final State competition and exhibited their knowledge in seven of the possible eight categories.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and friends in recognizing the fine achievement of these individuals, Their work is a reflection of education at its best. It is fitting and appropriate that the House of Representatives pay tribute to them today.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAJOR APPLIANCE CONSUMER ACTION PROGRAM

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Major Appliance Consumer Action Program [MACAP]. I rise today, with my colleague, Representative BART GORDON, to offer appreciation to those who have voluntarily served on the panel to promote communication between consumers and industry for the past 25 years.

On January 8, 1969, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed a task force to investigate guarantees and servicing problems for major home appliances. He recognized the need for a greater, coordinated effort to serve the interest of consumers. President Nixon reactivated the task force on October 30, 1969, and called for a report of progress made by the appliance industry in implementing report recommendations. It was in early February 1970 that this industry launched a bold, new initiative called MACAP.

MACAP serves three primary purposes: First, to provide consumers with unbiased mediation of their unresolved major appliance complaints, second, to counsel the industry on ways to improve its customer relations practices, and third, to prevent consumer appliance problems through public education of proper appliance purchase.

The MACAP panel consists of professionals, independent of the appliance industry, representing various disciplines including family law and economics, technical knowledge of appliance operation and design, and the relationship of water/temperature/materials in laundry and dishwashing and consumer advocacy. Remarkably, the average time needed to bring a complaint to closure is about 60 days. The panel meets 10 to 12 times a year through face-to-face meetings and conference calls and reviews about 25 individual consumer complaints at each meeting. The panel's review of consumer complaints identifies trends and patterns that call for specific educational messages to the public.

Since MACAP's inception 25 years ago, the program has processed over 45,000 complaints with 80 percent reaching a resolution that was accepted by the consumer and the manufacturer.

We commend this very competitive industry for first recognizing a common problem that required the cooperation and dedicated interest of all the appliance companies. We are pleased to offer our expressions of deep gratitude and appreciation to the panel for their voluntary untiring efforts and devoted service and to the manufacturers for their visions, discernment and cooperation.

TRIBUTE TO OLGA S. LAW

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a very special lady. Mrs. Olga Sharpe Law of Merry Hill, NC, celebrated her 87th birthday on May 25 and was honored at a birthday celebration by the church family of Zion Bethlehem Baptist Church in Windsor, NC.

Mrs. Law, one of four children who was born in Portsmouth, VA, in 1908, has devoted her life to the service of others. After she graduated from Elizabeth City State Teachers College, now Elizabeth City State University, she taught 5 years in Virginia and then remained with the Bertie County school system for 39 years. As a former teacher myself, I can confirm that it takes a great deal of dedication and love to make a 39-year commitment to the children in her community. I can also confirm that Mrs. Law possesses these qualities in abundance. Her joy came in teaching the three R's—reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic. However, she got greater joy in teaching her students to respect themselves, and others. Many of her students still approach her to thank her for being a wonderful and inspirational teacher.

But teaching for Mrs. Law did not end with the school day. She has and continues to serve as an adult Sunday School teacher, Bible study teacher, a deaconess, and a missionary. In between all of this, she regularly attends three churches pastored by her late husband.

Mrs. Law is well known in the community for extending her hand to whomever is in need, and her deeds speak for themselves. Everyone knows that you do not have to call upon her for help, she often offers it.

On June 4, 1992, because of her love for the church and its congregation, her soft-spoken voice and firm manner, the Rev. John W. Barnes bestowed her with the honor of ''The Mother'' of Zion Bethlehem Church.

Mrs. Law remains very active in the woman's auxiliary to the West Roanoke Association and the Tri-County Minister's Wives and Widows' Association, both of which she has served as President. She has also served as worthy matron of the North Star Chapter Order of the Eastern Star No. 332 of Merry Hill.

Mr. Speaker, all too frequently, we do not take the time out to recognize people who have made significant contributions to our communities until it is too late. However, Mr. Speaker, today, I am proud to rise in honor of a woman who has served her community with distinction and tenacity, and also with great humility. Mrs. Law epitomizes the tenet of lifetime service to her community and to others. She often says, ''If I can help somebody—then my living will not be in vain,'' and fortunately for us all, it hasn't.

DRUG LEGALIZATION—THE MORAL EQUIVALENT OF GENOCIDE

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, our Nation's top drug enforcement official, Lee Brown, recently gave an important speech on drug legalization. While some liberals and libertarians would have you believe that legalization is a viable alternative to the war on drugs, Mr. Brown makes it very clear that drug legalization will never occur in the United States.

LEE BROWN'S ''WHY THE U.S. WILL NEVER LEGALIZE DRUGS''

When we look at the plight of many of our youth today, especially African American males, I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that legalizing drugs would be the moral equivalent of genocide.

Making addictive, mind altering drugs legal is an invitation to disaster for our communities that are already under siege.

Without laws that make drug use illegal, some experts estimate that we could easily have three times as many Americans using cocaine and crack—the proponents of legalization would have us believe that crime would go down if drug use was legal, but an honest look at the facts belie this argument.

Statistic tell us that almost half of those arrested for committing a crime test positive for the use of drugs at the time of their arrest. Making drugs more readily available could only propel more individuals into a life of crime and violence. Contrary to what the legalization proponents say, profit is not the only reason for the high rates of crime and violence that are associated with the drug trade * * * drugs are illegal because they are harmful—to both body and mind.

Those who can least afford further hardship in their lives would be much worse off if drug were legalized.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR DAVID JOHNSON, COACH, NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE, BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Johnson who is celebrating his 25th year as the National Forensic League coach at Bellaire High School. Under the direction of Mr. Johnson, Bellaire High School has become a highly recognized debate team. Among the many awards Bellaire has been honored with are the National Sweepstakes trophy, won in 1994 and the Bruno E. Jacob/PKD trophy. Bellaire has been awarded the Bruno Jacob trophy more than any other school in the Nation.

Debate teams teach students how to analyze information and prepare arguments. I believe this education will serve these students well and provide them with leadership training.

I congratulate Mr. Johnson on his 25-year dedication to Bellaire High School and its students. As a committed coach and educator he has become a role model to his students and other professionals in the education field.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM A. COBURN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. COBURN. Mr. Speaker, I unavoidably missed several votes on Tuesday, May 23, due to family reasons—my daughter's high school graduation. Had I been present, I would have voted ''aye'' on passage of H. Res. 155 (Roll Call Vote 347) and the Brownback Amendment to H.R. 1561 (Roll Call Vote 348).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADIES' VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY OF EAST HAMPTON ON THEIR CENTENNIAL

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ladies Village Improvement Society of East Hampton [LVIS] on their hundred-year anniversary. The LVIS was founded by 21 women on November 30, 1895 with the slogan, ''Keep East Hampton Beautiful.'' Since then, these women have kept their promise. Through the years, the LVIS has planted grass plots and trees, tended the village greens, exterminated harmful insects, lead clean up campaigns, and even started a college scholarship fund for high school students which totaled $23,000 in 1993.

I believe that volunteer work is an asset to any community. The women of the LVIS of East Hampton exemplify this spirit of altruism. Their service is a valuable contribution to improving the lives of everyone in the village of East Hampton.

Today, membership of LVIS has expanded to include many women who have professional careers, as well as part-time residents of East Hampton Village. These women are, and continue to be valuable members of their community. Congratulations on 100 years of dedication to making East Hampton beautiful.

HONORING JOHN KELLEJIAN

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, on a spring day in 1942, a handful of young Americans under the remarkable leadership of Jimmy Doolittle flew on a mission that has captivated the hearts and minds of Americans ever since. They did what was supposed to have been impossible: they successfully flew into Japanese airspace and bombed Tokyo.

One of the men on the famed Doolittle raid was John Kellejian. The devotion to duty and steely courage he displayed that memorial day are the stuff of legend. John's heroism was honored in May at a Pentagon ceremony in which he was recognized for his role in the ''60 seconds over Tokyo'' that live on in history. Today, I want to join in recognizing John for his contribution to the freedom we enjoy today.

With his gracious wife, Bev, John is a resident of my hometown of Danville, CA, and is commander of the Danville chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His life is a testimony to the virtues of family, freedom, and loyalty that have imbued our country with greatness for more than two centuries.

In our country, we seek to commemorate great acts of bravery, and well we should. They ennoble our heritage and inspire us in our daily lives. Yet our inspiration must be drawn not only from the sacrifices of war but from lives well lived in times of peace. John Kellejian's bravery made history, and his life helped build a country. He is richly deserving of America's thanks for all he has done for his community, his State, and his country.

STATEMENT OF LINDA SPANGLER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 2, I was privileged to attend the signing ceremony for a bill to increase the penalties in the cases of vehicular homicide in the State of Tennessee. This ceremony took place at the South Knox county home of the late Katie Spangler. Mrs. Spangler was killed by a drunk driver as she was stringing Christmas tree lights in her yard in December 1993.

Just before this bill was signed by Governor Don Sundquist, who had made it part of his crime package, Mrs. Spangler's daughter, Linda, made one of the most beautiful and moving statements I have ever heard. Her words touched me deeply, and I wish that everyone in this country would read them and think about what she had to say, especially as it relates to the nationwide tragedy of drunk drivers who kill people.

I would like to recall the statement of Linda Spangler to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Today my family and I with utmost humility would like to express to Governor Sundquist what an honor it is to welcome him to our home. Words fail us as we attempt to convey to our Governor our deep appreciation for signing a new vehicular homicide and DUI bill into law and arranging for funding for such a desperately needed law.

In an attempt to signify what this means to our family I would like to say that our mother, Katie Spangler was a Christian. My family and I are Christians. We believe that God is sovereign. At the time of mother's death each of us children began to question God as to why our mother had to die at the hands of a drunken driver. We agonized over the question ''why'' because we knew that God could have let mother die naturally, die in her sleep—a peaceful death. Because God had promised in his word that He would protect us ''Lest we cast our foot upon a stone,'' yet He had allowed our mother to die in such a horrifying way. What we had experienced would shatter the faith of the strongest Christian.

Well meaning Christians would tell us that we must not question God as to why. We felt this was not scriptural as the Bible says that Jesus while dying on the cross for our sins said My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me. God understands when we ask why from a broken heart.

God continued to love us even though we questioned Him. He held us in the palm of His hand, gave us strength for each day, guided us in decisions that needed to be made, gave us rest when there was no rest. God's grace was indeed sufficient for us.

Finally we concluded that we may never know why but that God does not make mistakes and that in His own way God would turn this horrible tragedy into something good.

We then entered into the criminal justice system for the first time seeking justice for the wrongful death of our mother. The person who killed our mother was given the maximum sentence of 6 years with 1 year in jail, 5 years probation. Our faith in the judicial system was at that moment destroyed.

There was a public outcry of protest against the sentencing. Petitions were signed and brought to us. People were very angry. We could not let their cries of outrage go unheard so we channeled these petitions to our representative, Wayne Ritchie, to whom we would like to say, Mr. Ritchie, you are the epitome of what it means to be a representative of the people, one who cares what the people in his district are interested in. Good luck to you always.

As a young person and a new Christian I sat through a sermon about testing the 2 spirits, the Holy Spirit and the evil spirit. I did not understand this sermon and I asked my mother to explain to me. She said that if I were trying to make a decision about one thing or another that the first thought I would have would be a positive thought, and that immediately I would have a second thought that would be negative. She said my first thought would be the Holy Spirit and the second thought would be the devil. She said I should always abide by my first thought.

My family and I feel that you, Governor Sundquist, along with all of those who voted to pass this legislation, and Mr. Wayne Ritchie, have listened to your ''first thought.''

In so doing no greater compliment could be paid to you than to know that God has used you as an instrument for turning a tragedy into something good and for us as a family it

answers our question ''Why?'' because God has used our mother's untimely death to have far reaching effects for the citizens of Tennessee and perhaps these new laws will prevent any other families from going through such agony and loss of a loved one.

Governor Sundquist, you and your administration are to be commended for your stand against crime. It is our prayer that God will give you the courage and the wisdom to make Tennessee a safer place in which to live for its citizens.

For the first time in 17 months some of our faith has been restored in the judicial system and we realize ''Why'' God took our mother in such a tragic way and are truly humbled that God could use mother and this family for His purpose.

We hope you get to meet our mother someday in heaven after Christ says to you ''Well done, thou good and faithful servant.''

These words are so feeble to express our deepest gratitude to you, Governor Sundquist, but please know they come from our heart.

May God bless you and watch over you.

We wish you Godspeed.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 1995, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.
Joint Economic
To hold hearings to examine certain issues relating to capitalism in the 21st century.
SD–106

JUNE 13

9:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To resume hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on commodity policy.
SR–328A

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on the nomination of Roberta L. Gross, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
SR–253

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings on S. 755, to provide for the privatization of the United States Enrichment Corporation.
SD–366

10:00 a.m.
Finance
Social Security and Family Policy Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the financial and business practices of the American Association of Retired Persons.
SD–215

Foreign Relations
To hold hearings on numerous treaties relating to conventions and protocols on avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and capital.
SD–419

10:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee
To hold hearings on issues relating to NASA's mission to Earth program.
SR–253

12:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, focusing on health programs.
SD–192

JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD–366

Labor and Human Resources
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD–430

JUNE 15

9:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Production and Price Competitiveness Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on commodity policy.
SR–328A

Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings on S. 871, to provide for the management and disposition of the Hanford Reservation, and to provide for environmental management activities at the Reservation.
SD–366

Rules and Administration
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Federal Election Commission.
SR–301

JUNE 19

12:00 p.m.
Governmental Affairs
Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee
To resume hearings on proposals to reform the Federal pension system.
SD–342

JUNE 20

9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, focusing on counternarcotic programs.
SD–192

JUNE 22

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs on S. 487, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.
SD–G50

JUNE 27

9:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, focusing on ballistic missiles.
SD–192

JUNE 28

9:30 a.m.
Labor and Human Resources
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD–430

Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 814, to provide for the reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
SR–485

JULY 13

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 479, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups.
SR–485

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7801–S7939

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 888–893. **Page S7918**

Measures Passed:

Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act: By 91 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 242), Senate passed S. 735, to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S7803–80**

Adopted:

(1) Hatch/Dole Amendment No. 1199, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7857**

(2) Hatch Amendment No. 1252, to provide that counsel must be provided in Capital trials and habeas cases. **Page S7817**

(3) Hatch/Biden Amendment No. 1254, to make technical and conforming corrections. **Pages S7850–51**

Rejected:

(1) Biden Amendment No. 1217 (to Amendment No. 1199), with respect to deleting habeas corpus for state prisoners. (By 67 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 237), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7805–08**

(2) Biden Amendment No. 1253 (to Amendment No. 1199), to allow the court appointed defense attorney to meet with the judge without the prosecutor being present to request funding for an investigator. (By 65 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 238), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7817–20, S7849**

(3) Levin Modified Amendment No. 1245 (to Amendment No. 1199), to retain an avenue for appeal in the case of prisoners who can demonstrate actual innocence. (By 62 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 239), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7823–28, S7849**

(4) By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 240), Kyl Amendment No. 1211 (to Amendment No. 1199), to improve habeas corpus reform by ensuring that a case in State courts can be reviewed in the State court system by providing adequate and effective remedies. **Pages S7828–40, S7849**

(5) Biden Amendment No. 1224 (to Amendment No. 1199), with respect to deleting the rule of deference for habeas corpus. (By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 241), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S7840–50**

Withdrawn:

Biden Amendment No. 1226 (to Amendment No. 1199), with respect to requiring counsel for Federal habeas proceedings. **Pages S7809–17**

Adoption Vitiated:

By unanimous consent, adoption of Biden (for Heflin) Amendment No. 1241 (to Amendment No. 1199), to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to list the nerve gases sarin and VX as hazardous waste, agreed to on Tuesday, June 6, was vitiated. **Page S7849**

Telecommunications Competition/Deregulation Act: Senate began consideration of S. 652, to provide for a pro-competitive, de-regulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S7881–S7912**

Adopted:

(1) Stevens Amendment No. 1256, to extend the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to use auctions for the allocation of radio spectrum frequencies for commercial use, and provide for private sector reimbursement of Federal governmental user costs to vacate commercially valuable spectrum. **Pages S7901–02, S7905**

(2) Pressler Amendment No. 1257 (to Amendment No. 1256), to provide for broadcast auxiliary spectrum relocation. **Page S7905**

Pending:

(1) Dole Amendment No. 1255, to provide additional deregulation of telecommunications services, including rural and small cable TV systems.

Pages S7898–S7901

(2) Pressler/Hollings Amendment No. 1258, to make certain technical corrections. **Page S7908**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, June 8.

Congressional Budget—Conferees: Pursuant to the order of Thursday, May 25, 1995, the Chair appointed conferees on the part of the Senate on H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, as follows: Senators Domenici, Grassley, Nickles, Lott, Brown, Gorton, Gregg, Exon, Hollings, Johnston, Lautenberg, and Simon. **Page S7937**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Joseph Callahan, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Stephen G. Kellison, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Stephen G. Kellison, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Marilyn Moon, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Marilyn Moon, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years. **Page S7939**

Petitions: **Pages S7912–18**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S7918–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S7924**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7924–32**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S7932–33**

Additional Statements: **Pages S7933–37**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total–242) **Pages S7808, S7849, S7850, S7857**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 9:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 8, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S7937.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE/SELECTIVE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Eli J. Segal, Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service; and Gil Coronado, Director, Selective Service System.

BOSNIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine recent developments in Bosnia and changes in United States policy toward the conflict in the region, receiving testimony from William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Martin Neil Baily, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, John D. Hawke Jr., of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Domestic Finance, Charles L. Marinaccio, of the District of Columbia, Deborah Dudley Branson, of Texas, Marianne C. Spraggins, of New York, and Albert J. Dwoskin, of Virginia, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Steve M. Hays, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, and Sheila Anne Smith, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Baily was introduced by Senator Sarbanes, Mr. Marinaccio was introduced by Representative LaFalce, Ms. Branson was introduced by Senators Bumpers and Moseley-Braun, Ms. Spraggins was introduced by Senator Moseley-Braun, Mr. Hays was introduced by Senator Frist, and Ms. Smith was introduced by Senators Simon and Moseley-Braun.

Also, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Tony Scallon, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings to review how the Departments of Energy and Interior and the U.S. Forest Service are implementing the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91–190), focusing on problems associated with Environmental Impact Statements, after receiving testimony from Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Robert R. Nordhaus, General Counsel, Department of Energy; David V. Garber, Big Horn Forest Grazing Permittees Association, Big Horn, Wyoming; Steve Silver, Robertson, Monagle and Eastaugh, Juneau, Alaska; Robert S. Lynch, Colorado River Energy Distributors Association, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Robert Dreher, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on issues relating to small business tax incentives, focusing on proposals to modify estate and gift taxation and expensing of equipment for small businesses under section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including H.R. 1215, S. 105, S. 628, S. 867, S. 161, and S. 692, receiving testimony from Cynthia G. Beerbower, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, on behalf of the National Bureau of Economic Research; Guy B. Maxfield, New York University Law School, New York; Edward J. McCaffrey, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; and Richard W. Rahn, Business Leadership Council, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to authorize reduced levels of appropriations for foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

GOVERNMENT PROGRAM STRUCTURING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine potential duplication, overlap and fragmentation in Federal Government programs, receiving testimony from Susan J. Irving, Associate Director, and Michael J. Curro, Assistant Director, both for Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; William E. Davis III, Executive Director, Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; and Janet L. Norwood and Thomas H. Stanton, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

JUVENILE CRIME

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Youth Violence concluded hearings to examine how welfare dependence and illegitimacy contribute to juvenile crime and violence, after receiving testimony from J.T. Marlin, Chattanooga Police Department, Hixson, Tennessee; Patrick F. Fagan, The Heritage Foundation, James Wootton, Safe Streets Alliance, Michael Tanner, CATO Institute, and Robert L. Maginnis, Family Research Council, all of Washington, D.C.; Donald Bersoff, Medical College of Pennsylvania and Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania; and M. Anne Hill, City University of New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 1753–1785; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 162–163, were introduced. **Pages H5689–91**

Reports Filed: Reports were filled as follows:

S. 523, to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner (H. Rept. 104–132);

H.R. 260, to provide for the development of a plan and a management review of the National Park System and to reform the process by which areas are considered for addition to the National Park System, amended (H. Rept. 104–133); and

H.R. 1070, to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as ''Trinity Lake'' (H. Rept. 104–134). **Page H5689**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Riggs to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5625**

Presidential Message—Nuclear Proliferation: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits a report on the activities of United States Government departments and agencies relating to the

prevention of nuclear proliferation—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

Pages H5631–32

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the five minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, Judiciary, National Security, and Science. **Page H5632**

Corning Fish Hatchery: House passed H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas. **Pages H5636–40**

Agreed to the committee amendment. **Page H5638**

Rejected the Miller of California amendment that sought to require the State of Arkansas to pay the Federal Government the fair market value of the property at the time ownership of the hatchery is transferred (rejected by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 356). **Pages H5638–40**

Fairport Fish Hatchery: House passed H.R. 584, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa. **Pages H5640–45**

Rejected the Miller of California amendment that sought to require the State of Iowa to pay the Federal Government the fair market value of the property at the time ownership of the hatchery is transferred. **Pages H5643–45**

New London Fish Hatchery: House passed H.R. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility. **Pages H5645–47**

Agreed to the committee amendment. **Page H5647**

American Overseas Interests Act: House continued consideration of H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, June 8. **Pages H5648–81**

Agreed to the Gilman en bloc amendment, as modified, that permits the Central Asian Enterprise Fund to establish citizen advisory councils; strikes approximately $500 million in funding for specifically earmarked programs; establishes foreign aid reporting requirements; authorizes the return and exchange of defense articles previously transferred pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act; makes permanent the Nuclear Nonproliferation Prevention Act; expresses the sense of the Congress regarding Syrain occupation of Lebanon; prohibits foreign assistance to foreign governments not implementing extradition treaties; expresses the sense of Congress that the President should impose economic sanctions on foreign entities or persons that trade with Iran; expresses the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Chechnya; permits the President to grant a waiver of the current prohibition on foreign assistance for Laos if he determines that the Government of Laos is fully cooperating on all outstanding POW/MIA cases involving Laos; requires the Secretary of State to report on the impact of United States trade and business as a result of foreign policy; expresses the sense of Congress that one delegate to the Fourth World Conference on Women should represent Tibetan women; requires the President to submit to the Congress an annual military assistance report; establishes restrictions on assistance for Guatemala; prohibits any assistance to Mauritania unless appropriate action is taken to eliminate Chattel slavery; increases the fiscal year 1997 authorization for the International Water Boundary Commission from $12.5 million to $22 million; expresses the sense of Congress that after the year 2000, the United States be able to maintain the security of the Panama Canal and its regular operation, consistent with the Panama Canal Treaty; restores $20 million annually to the Development Fund for Africa; requires the State Department to give equal treatment to employees of AID, USIA, and ACDA when competing for jobs related to a reduction in force; exempts South Africa from provisions canceling certain housing guarantees; expresses the sense of Congress that the President should encourage other nations to end the practice of female genital mutilation; and requires recipient countries of United States monetary aid to purchase American-made goods; **Pages H5648–55**

Rejected:

The Hyde amendment that sought to repeal the War Powers Resolution; and require the President to consult with the Congress in most cases before committing United States forces to imminent hostilities (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 359); and **Pages H5655–74**

The Ackerman amendment that sought to require the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed abolishment of AID, ACDA, and USIA before those agencies could be abolished and their functions consolidated into the State Department (rejected by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 360). **Pages H5674–80**

H. Res. 156, the rule providing for the further consideration of the bill, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 357. **Pages H5632–36, H5647–48**

Presidential Veto Message: Received and read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995; and explained his reasons therefor—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. No. 104–83).

Pages H5682–83

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 358), one yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5639–40, H5647–48, H5670, H5673–74, and H5680.

Adjournment: Met at noon and adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee action the military construction appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

HUD'S TAKEOVER—CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on HUD's Takeover of Chicago Housing Authority. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary; Joseph Schuldiner, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing; and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General; Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 1627, Food Quality Protection Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Lynn Goldman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; William Schultz, Deputy Commissioner, Policy, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Lawrence Elworth, Special Assistant, Pesticide Policy, USDA; and public witnesses.

CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS—IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, with emphasis on Title II, the Refomulated Gasoline Program. Testimony was heard from Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; John A. Riggs, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Planning, and Program Evaluation, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Held a hearing on Departmental Reorganization. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gunderson and Boehner; the following officials of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Wayne C. Riddle, Specialist in Education Finance, Education and Public Welfare Division; William Whittaker, Specialist, Economics Division; and Leslie Gladstone, Specialist, Government Division; and a public witness.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN: LAWYERS, LOBBYISTS VS. PEOPLE IN NEED?

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on the Combined Federal Campaign: Lawyers, Lobbyists vs. People in Need? Testimony was heard from Lorraine A. Green, Deputy Director, OPM; the following former officials of OPM: Donald J. Devine, Director; and Joseph A. Morris, General Counsel; Jeremiah J. Barrett, former Director, Operations, Combined Federal Campaign; and public witnesses.

LORTON CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX CLOSURE ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 461, Lorton Correctional Complex Closure Act. Testimony was heard from David Albo, Delegate, General Assembly, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Postal Service continued oversight hearings on the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 14.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 79, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the physical desecration of the United States; H.R. 587, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patents on biotechnological processes; H.R. 1170,

amended, to provide that cases challenging the constitutionality of measures passed by State referendum be heard by a three-judge court; S. 464, to make the reporting deadlines for studies conducted in Federal court demonstration districts consistent with the deadlines for pilot districts; and S. 532, to clarify the rules governing venue.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on United States policy toward the former Yugoslavia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William J. Perry, Secretary; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Heard testimony from Chairman Spence and Representatives Kasich, Bateman, Dornan, Buyer, Everett, Gilman, Clinger, Thomas, Johnson of Connecticut, Morella, Shays, Upton, Molinari, Schiff, Klug, Hoke, Smith of Michigan, Bilbray, Chrysler, English, Forbes, Ganske, Neumann, Dellums, Schroeder, Montgomery, Evans, Browder, Edwards, Harman, DeLauro, Kennedy, Markey, Gejdenson, Frank of Massachusetts, Bryant of Texas, Traficant, DeFazio, Skaggs, Reed, Maloney, Furse, Baldacci and Woolsey, but no action was taken on H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1601, International Space Station Authorization Act of 1995.

REGULATORY BARRIERS TO MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulation and Paperwork held a hearing on regulatory barriers to minority entrepreneurs. Testimony was heard from Representative Flake; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX REPLACEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on Replacing the Federal Income Tax. Testimony was heard from Senators Domenici and Nunn; Representative Cox of California; Leslie B. Samuels, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for military construction programs, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings to examine recent developments in Bosnia and changes in United States policy toward the conflict in the region, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine GATT financial services negotiations, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings to review the Forest Service reinvention proposal and the proposed National Forest planning regulations, 2 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine the earned income tax credit; to be followed by a hearing on pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the situation in Bosnia, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, business meeting, to mark up S. 269, to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigator personnel, improving the verification system for employer sanctions, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures, instituting a land border user fee, and to reduce the use of welfare by aliens, and S. 457, to update references in the classification of children for purposes of United States immigration laws, 2 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on S. 673, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1996 through 1998 to establish a youth development grant program, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hold hearings to examine recent court decisions affecting Department of Veterans Affairs regulations regarding veterans' benefits, 10 a.m., SR–418.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 436, to improve the economic conditions and supply of housing in Native American communities by creating the Native American Financial Services Organization, 9:30 a.m., SR–485.

NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1173 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing to review the Administration's proposals to reform the

Food Stamp Program and Commodity Distribution Programs, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, to continue hearings on the 1995 Farm Bill—Peanut Title, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, to mark up fiscal year 1996 appropriation bill, 2 p.m., H–144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Legislative, to mark up fiscal year 1996 appropriation bill, 10 a.m., H–144 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to continue hearings on the broad issue of regulatory burden relief as well as those matters addressed in H.R. 1362, Financial Institutions Regulatory Relief Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on the Transformation of the Medicaid Program, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, to continue joint hearings on H.R. 1062, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1995, 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, to mark up Title VI, Sec. 709, Higher Education provisions of H.R. 1617, Consolidated and Reformed Education, Employment, and Rehabilitation Systems Act, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Urban Education Reform and the District of Columbia Schools, 1 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the Fair Labor Standards Act, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on the Situation in Bosnia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on religious liberty and the Bill of Rights, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 632, to enhance fairness in compensating owners of patents used by the United States; H.R. 1732, Patent Reexamination Reform Act of 1995; and H.R. 1733, Patent Application Publication Act of 1995, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on alternatives for managing on-shore federal minerals, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on a number of fishery related issues, including H.R. 649, (S. 268), to authorize the collection of fees for expenses for triploid grass carp certification inspections; and an oversight hearing on the following: the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act of 1965; the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986; the Great Lakes and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990; and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Fisheries Authorization Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, hearing on the following: H.R. 799, and H.R. 599, Bonneville Power Administration Appropriations Refinancing Act; and legislation to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to extend the authorizations of appropriations through fiscal year 2000, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to continue consideration of H.R. 1530, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, time to be announced, H–313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to mark up the following: DOE R&D Authorization Act; NOAA Authorization Act; and EPA R&D Authorization Act, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Preventing Delays and Cost Overruns in the FAA's New Global Positioning (Satellite Navigation) System, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on Replacing the Federal Income Tax, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the recent economic slowdown and its effects on the national economy, 11 a.m., SD–628.

Conferees, on H. Con. Res. 67, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 2 p.m., SH–216.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, to hold hearings on the current crisis in Bosnia, 12:30 p.m., 340 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 652, Telecommunications Competition/Deregulation Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, June 8

House Chamber

Program For Thursday: Complete consideration of H.R. 1561, American Overseas Interest Act.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

Andrews, Robert E., N.J., E1167
Baker, Bill, Calif., E1167, E1171
Bentsen, Ken, Tex., E1171
Camp, Dave, Mich., E1170
Coburn, Tom A., Okla., E1171
Duncan, John J., Jr., Tenn., E1168, E1171
Fattah, Chaka, Pa., E1169
Forbes, Michael P., N.Y., E1171
Gejdenson, Sam, Conn., E1168
Gordon, Bart, Tenn., E1170
Lewis, Jerry, Calif., E1169
Mink, Patsy T., Hawaii, E1169
Payne, Donald M., N.J., E1170
Saxton, Jim, N.J., E1168
Shuster, Bud, Pa., E1169
Solomon, Gerald B.H., N.Y., E1170
Waxman, Henry A., Calif., E1167

Congressional Record The public proceedings of each House of Congress, as reported by the Official Reporters thereof, are printed pursuant to directions of the Joint Committee on Printing as authorized by appropriate provisions of Title 44, United States Code, and published for each day that one or both Houses are in session, excepting very infrequent instances when two or more unusually small consecutive issues are printed at one time. ¶The Congressional Record is available as an online database through *GPO Access*, a service of the U.S. Government Printing Office. The online database is updated each day the Congressional Record is published. The database includes both text and graphics from the beginning of the 103d Congress, 2d Session (January 1994) forward. It is available on a Wide Area Information Server (WAIS) through the Internet and via asynchronous dial-in. The annual subscription fee for a single workstation is $375. Six month subscriptions are available for $200 and one month of access can be purchased for $35. Discounts are available for multiple-workstation subscriptions. To subscribe, Internet users should telnet swais.access.gpo.gov and login as newuser (all lower case); no password is required. Dial in users should use communications software and modem to call (202) 512–1661 and login as swais (all lower case); no password is required; at the second login prompt, login as newuser (all lower case); no password is required. Follow the instructions on the screen to register for a subscription for the Congressional Record Online via *GPO Access*. For assistance, contact the *GPO Access* User Support Team by sending Internet e-mail to help@eids05.eids.gpo.gov, or a fax to (202) 512–1262, or by calling (202) 512–1530 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. ¶The Congressional Record paper and 24x microfiche will be furnished by mail to subscribers, free of postage, at the following prices: paper edition, $112.50 for six months, $225 per year, or purchased for $1.50 per issue, payable in advance; microfiche edition, $118 per year, or purchased for $1.50 per issue payable in advance. The semimonthly Congressional Record Index may be purchased for the same per issue prices. Remit check or money order, made payable to the Superintendent of Documents, directly to the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. ¶Following each session of Congress, the daily Congressional Record is revised, printed, permanently bound and sold by the Superintendent of Documents in individual parts or by sets. ¶With the exception of copyrighted articles, there are no restrictions on the republication of material from the Congressional Record.