

to include an amendment to this magnificent document that would ensure that the rights of the roughly 43 million people victimized by crime each year will be protected.

Our ongoing effort to include a victims' rights amendment in the Constitution has been at times frustrating, while at other times exhilarating. Each sentence, each word, and each comma has undergone hours of deliberation and questioning.

Having said that, I must tell this body and share with my colleagues that this latest resolution is still a work in progress—let me be perfectly clear, we anticipate modifications. Three principal issues remain unresolved:

First, whether there should be an effective remedy when crime victims are denied rights regarding sentences or pleas.

Second, whether to include non-violent crimes ("other crimes"), and if these crimes are included, whether they should be defined by Congress or by Congress and the States.

Third, whether to have a right to a "final disposition free from unreasonable delay", whether to limit this right to trial proceedings, or whether to exclude this altogether.

Mr. President, Senator KYL and I believe that the latest resolution before us is much better than the version than was previously introduced for a number of reasons. The language describing these rights has changed—and we continue to welcome suggestions to ensure that this amendment pass with the largest majority.

Unfortunately, there was precious little time to advance the amendment in this Congress, and once it became clear that the other Chamber would not proceed with the amendment this session, Senators KYL and BIDEN and I decided not to press for Senate action in the last few weeks of the Congress, but, rather, to spend the next few months continuing to work to fine tune the amendment and build a consensus for its passage.

We implore Members of this body to examine this amendment, and to help to secure passage of this monumental piece of legislation. After 200 years, doesn't this Nation owe something to the millions of victims of crime? I believe that is our obligation and should be our highest priority—not only for the crime victims, but, for all Americans—to ensure passage of a victims' rights constitutional amendment.

I want to personally thank Senator KYL for his tireless efforts to accomplish this amendment, and to say that I look forward to continuing to work with him in the months to come.

I thank my colleagues and I yield the floor.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 553

At the request of Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, the name of the Senator from

New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to reinstate an exemption for certain bona fide hiring and retirement plans applicable to State and local firefighters and law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 1233

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to assure equitable coverage and treatment of emergency services under health plans.

S. 1385

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB], and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1385, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of periodic colorectal screening services under Part B of the medicare program.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1726, a bill to promote electronic commerce by facilitating the use of strong encryption, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. PRESSLER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to permit the interstate distribution of State-inspected meat under appropriate circumstances.

S. 1911

At the request of Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage economic development through the creation of additional empowerment zones and enterprise communities and to encourage the cleanup of contaminated brownfield sites.

S. 1949

At the request of Mr. PRESSLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1949, a bill to ensure the continued viability of livestock producers and the livestock industry in the United States.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. FORD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1951, a bill to ensure the competitiveness of the United States textile and apparel industry.

S. 1965

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine.

S. 2030

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2030, a bill to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the ti-

ling and registration of salvage, non-repairable, and rebuilt vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 2086

At the request of Mr. PRESSLER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2086, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain rules relating to the taxation of United States business operating abroad, and for other purposes.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. PRESSLER, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to provide for small business and agriculture regulatory relief.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit certain tax free corporate liquidations into a 501(c)(3) organization and to revise the unrelated business income tax rules regarding receipt of debt-financed property in such a liquidation.

S. 2143

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2143, a bill to authorize funds for construction of highways, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 306—RELATIVE TO THE PEOPLE OF OKINAWA

Mr. ROTH (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. NUNN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 306

Whereas the Senate finds that the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan is critical to the security interests of the United States, Japan and the nations of the Asian Pacific region;

Whereas the bilateral security relationship is the foundation for U.S. security strategy in Asia and the Pacific;

Whereas strong bilateral security ties provide a key stabilizing influence in an uncertain post-Cold War world;

Whereas the bilateral security relationship makes it possible for the United States to preserve its interest in the Asia Pacific region;

Whereas U.S. forward-deployed forces are welcomed by our allies in the region because they are critical for maintaining stability in East Asia;

Whereas the recognition by our allies of the importance of American troops for regional security confers on the United States irreplaceable good will and diplomatic influence in the Asia Pacific;

Whereas Japan's host nation support is a key element in the U.S. ability to maintain forward-deployed forces;

Whereas the people of Okinawa have borne a disproportionate share of the burdens of Japan's host nation support for America's bases in Japan;

Whereas the Government's of the United States and Japan have made a commitment to reducing the burdens of U.S. forces of the people of Okinawa;

Whereas gaining the support of the people of Okinawa in this process is crucial to effective implementation of the Treaty: Now, therefore, it is the sense of the Senate that:

(1) the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan remains vital to American and Japanese security interests as well as the security interests of the nations of the Asia-Pacific region; and

(2) the people of Okinawa deserve special recognition and gratitude for their contributions toward ensuring the Treaty's implementation.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of myself and Senators THOMAS and NUNN to submit a sense of the Senate Resolution expressing our gratitude to the Okinawan people for their contributions toward ensuring the viability of Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States of America and Japan.

Mr. President, that treaty forms the core of our bilateral security arrangements with Japan and of our overall security strategy for the Asia-Pacific region. Those arrangements have helped provide the peace and stability that have undergirded the region's economic success—from which the United States has benefited directly.

Japan provides our forces based in that country with significant host nation support. And no one in Japan shoulders a more disproportionate share of that burden than the people of Okinawa. For their many contributions to the U.S.-Japan relationship and the peace and stability of all of the Asia-Pacific region, the Okinawan people justly deserve our recognition and our sincerest thanks. That is precisely what this resolution does. But it also goes further: The resolution makes it clear that the continued support of the Okinawan people is crucial if we are to maintain a bilateral relationship that serves both our countries' interests, as well as those of the Asia-Pacific and the entire world.

Mr. President, I know time is short in this Congress, but I urge all my colleagues to join me in making passage of this resolution possible before we adjourn.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE PENSION CHOICE AND SECURITY ACT OF 1996

McCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 5420

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. McCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 4000) to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote availability of private pensions upon retirement; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

TITLE II—DEPOT-LEVEL ACTIVITIES

SEC. 201. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERFORMANCE OF CORE LOGISTICS FUNCTIONS.

Section 2464(a) of title 10, United States Code is amended by striking out paragraph

(2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(2) The Secretary of Defense shall maintain within the Department of Defense those logistics activities and capabilities that are necessary to provide the logistics capability described in paragraph (1). The logistics activities and capabilities maintained under this paragraph shall include all personnel, equipment, and facilities that are necessary to maintain and repair the weapon systems and other military equipment identified under paragraph (3).

“(3) The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall identify the weapon systems and other military equipment that it is necessary to maintain and repair within the Department of Defense in order to maintain within the department the capability described in paragraph (1).

“(4) The Secretary shall require that the core logistics functions identified pursuant to paragraph (3) be performed in Government-owned, Government-operated facilities of the Department of Defense by Department of Defense personnel using Department of Defense equipment.”.

SEC. 202. INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE LIMITATION ON CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE OF DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKLOADS.

(a) FIFTY PERCENT LIMITATION.—Section 2466(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking out “40 percent” in the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “50 percent”.

(b) INCREASE DELAYED PENDING RECEIPT OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.—(1) Notwithstanding the first sentence of section 2466(a) of title 10, United States Code (as amended by subsection (a)), until the strategic plan for the performance of depot-level maintenance and repair is submitted under section 205, not more than 40 percent of the funds made available in a fiscal year to a military department or a Defense Agency for depot-level maintenance and repair workload may be used to contract for the performance by non-Federal Government personnel of such workload for the military department or the Defense Agency.

(2) In paragraph (1), the term “depot-level maintenance and repair workload” has the meaning given such term in section 2466(f) of title 10, United States Code.

SEC. 203. REPORT ON DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

Subsection (e) of section 2466 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(e) REPORT.—(1) Not later than February 1 of each year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report identifying, for each military department and Defense Agency—

“(A) the percentage of the funds referred to in subsection (a) that were used during the preceding fiscal year for performance of depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by Federal Government personnel; and

“(B) the percentage of the funds referred to in subsection (a) that were used during the preceding fiscal year to contract for the performance of depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by non-Federal Government personnel.

“(2) Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Secretary submits the annual report under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services and on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committees on National Security and on Appropriations of the House of Representatives the Comptroller's views on whether the Department of Defense has complied with the requirements of subsection (a) for the fiscal year covered by the report.”.

SEC. 204. DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKLOAD DEFINED.

Section 2466 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKLOAD DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘depot-level maintenance and repair workload’—

“(1) means material maintenance requiring major overhaul or complete rebuilding of parts, assemblies, or subassemblies, and testing and reclamation of equipment as necessary, including all aspects of software maintenance;

“(2) includes those portions of interim contractor support, contractor logistics support, or any similar contractor support for the performance of services described in paragraph (1); and

“(3) does not include ship modernization and other repair activities that—

“(A) are funded out of appropriations available to the Department of Defense for procurement; and

“(B) were not considered to be depot-level maintenance and repair workload activities under regulations of the Department of Defense in effect on February 10, 1996.”.

SEC. 205. STRATEGIC PLAN RELATING TO DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

(a) STRATEGIC PLAN REQUIRED.—(1) As soon as possible after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives a strategic plan for the performance of depot-level maintenance and repair.

(2) The strategic plan shall cover the performance of depot-level maintenance and repair for the Department of Defense in fiscal years 1998 through 2007. The plan shall provide for maintaining the capability described in section 2464 of title 10, United States Code.

(b) ADDITIONAL MATTERS COVERED.—The Secretary of Defense shall include in the strategic plan submitted under subsection (a) a detailed discussion of the following matters:

(1) For each military department, as determined after consultation with the Secretary of that military department and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the depot-level maintenance and repair activities and workloads that are necessary to perform within the Department of Defense in order to maintain the core logistics capability required by section 2464 of title 10, United States Code.

(2) For each military department, as determined after consultation with the Secretary of that military department and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the depot-level maintenance and repair activities and workloads that the Secretary of Defense plans to perform within the Department of Defense in order to satisfy the requirements of section 2466 of title 10, United States Code.

(3) For the activities identified pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2), a discussion of which specific existing weapon systems or other existing equipment, and which specific planned weapon systems or other planned equipment, are weapon systems or equipment for which it is necessary to maintain a core depot-level maintenance and repair capability within the Department of Defense.

(4) The core capabilities, including sufficient skilled personnel, equipment, and facilities, that—

(A) are of sufficient size—