

chapter 12 bankruptcy are still farming and 61 percent of farmers who went through chapter 12 believe that chapter 12 was helpful in getting farmers back on their feet.

In conclusion, chapter 12 works and it works well. Let's make sure that we keep this safety net for family farmers in place. I urge my colleagues to think of this bill as a low-cost insurance policy for an important part of America's economy and America's heritage.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MACK, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1025. A bill to provide for a study of the south Florida high-intensity drug trafficking area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXPANSION OF SOUTH FLORIDA HIDTA TO INCLUDE I-4 CORRIDOR LEGISLATION

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill, cosponsored by Mr. MACK and Mr. GRASSLEY, which will expand the existing south Florida high-intensity drug trafficking area [HIDTA], to include the Interstate 4 corridor which runs between Daytona Beach and the Tampa Bay area in my home State of Florida.

Illegal drug activities continue to plague the State of Florida. In 1994, more than \$5 billion in funds from cocaine traffic were laundered through south Florida and the I-4 corridor. Over 23 metric tons of cocaine were seized during that same time period. Over 250 organized drug trafficking groups have been identified as operating between south Florida and the I-4 corridor. These statistics are staggering. While some progress is being made to limit the spread of illegal drugs, there is still a lot of work to be done. I continuously hear from the law enforcement personnel operating along the I-4 corridor that they are being overwhelmed by the growth in drug trafficking activities in that area. Drug traffickers are becoming increasingly proficient in distributing drugs. They are using high technology equipment to evade detection. They have an extensive communications network, and almost unlimited funds with which to pursue their illegal activities. Current law enforcement assets are simply no match for the highly organized drug operators. Seized assets from drug traffickers in this area during 1996 included over \$425 million in currency and property. The basic problem is how do we compete with these highly funded and well equipped drug trafficking organizations?

I repeatedly hear the same story from the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Customs Service, the FBI, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; they need help. This is a problem which impacts not only the State of Florida, but it also impacts the entire Nation as illegal drugs are distributed from the I-4 corridor to other parts of the country.

The statistics on the growth of the drug industry along the I-4 corridor are

sobering. Nationwide, cheap, high purity heroin is making a comeback in popularity, and demand is on the rise. The drug syndicates are meeting the growing demands. Cocaine continues as a popular recreational drug. As long as there is a demand, drug dealers continue to find ways to meet that demand. Despite a massive education and public awareness campaign to warn teenagers about the dangers of drug use, teen drug arrests have more than doubled in the past 5 years. Some of those arrested are as young as 12 years old. In the Orlando area, over 1,500 teens between the ages of 12 and 17 years old were arrested for using or selling illegal drugs in 1995. The city of Orlando, through which the I-4 corridor runs, ranked fifth in the Nation for cocaine-related deaths per capita in 1995. Other crimes such as shootings, carjackings, robbery, and gang activities are byproducts of the drug problem, and are also on the rise in our local communities. We are truly battling for the lives of our young people.

There is a general feeling of despair among the various agencies trying to combat this problem. We need to be proactive in helping them. Because of its central location, the I-4 corridor is emerging as a hub used increasingly by international drug syndicates to distribute their goods throughout the Nation. This is a problem which affects us all. The use of illegal drugs and drug related deaths are increasing at an alarming rate.

As we saw with the establishment of a HIDTA in south Florida, a coordinated Federal, State, and local effort is the key to bringing this problem under control. This HIDTA has proven itself as a model of efficiency and effectiveness in controlling the expansion of drug activities in the area. The existing south Florida HIDTA is a model of the results which can occur when the various law enforcement agencies mount a coordinated battle with a unified strategy of engagement. We have seen moderation in the drug related incidents since the south Florida HIDTA was established in 1990. In fact, the success of the south Florida HIDTA is partially responsible for the increase in illegal drug activity along the I-4 corridor.

Expanding this successful HIDTA to include the I-4 corridor makes common sense. It will allow us to devote additional resources to combat a problem which has nationwide implications. By implementing a coordinated enforcement strategy directed at combating the problems of illegal drugs and violent crime, we demonstrate to the drug community that we are dedicated to facing this battle head on—and finally, it will show that we are committed protecting the future of our young people.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr.

REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to establish a bipartisan national commission to address the year 2000 computer problem.

S. 25

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 25, a bill to reform the financing of Federal elections.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 852, a bill to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, non-repairable, and rebuilt vehicles.

S. 885

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit fees charged by financial institutions for the use of automatic teller machines, and for other purposes.

S. 951

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control in the Environmental Protection Agency.

S. 977

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 977, a bill to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and related laws to strengthen the protection of native biodiversity and ban clearcutting on Federal lands, and to designate certain Federal lands as Ancient Forests, Roadless Areas, Watershed Protection Areas, Special Areas, and Federal Boundary Areas where logging and other intrusive activities are prohibited.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. THOMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to provide for the guarantee of the payment of interest on loans to certain air carriers for the purchase of regional jet aircraft to improve air transportation to underserved markets, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1013, supra.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 30, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Republic of China should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 38

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] were added as co-sponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 38, a concurrent resolution to state the sense of the Congress regarding the obligations of the People's Republic of China under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law to ensure that Hong Kong remains autonomous, the human rights of the people of Hong Kong remain protected, and the government of the Hong Kong SAR is elected democratically.

SENATE RESOLUTION 108—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE

Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 108

Whereas, The Boeing Company and McDonnell Douglas have announced their merger; and

Whereas, The Department of Defense has approved that merger as consistent with the national security of the United States; and

Whereas, The Federal Trade Commission has found that merger not to violate the anti-trust laws of the United States; and

Whereas, The European Commission has consistently criticized and threatened the merger before, during and after its consideration of the facts; and

Whereas, The sole true reason for the European Commission's criticism and imminent disapproval of the merger is to gain an unfair competitive advantage for Airbus, a government owned aircraft manufacturer;

Now therefore, It is the Sense of the Senate that any such disapproval on the part of the European Commission would constitute an unwarranted and unprecedented interference in a United States business transaction that would threaten thousands of American aerospace jobs; and

The Senate suggests that the President take such actions as he deems appropriate to protect U.S. interests in connection therewith.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

McCONNELL (AND LEAHY)  
AMENDMENT NO. 876

Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 955) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 27, line 15 insert the following new sections:

(Q) None of the funds appropriated under this heading or in prior appropriations legislation may be made available to establish a joint public-private entity or organization

engaged in the management of activities or projects supported by the Defense Enterprise Fund.

(R) 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of AID shall report to the Committees on Appropriations on the rate of obligation and risk and anticipated returns associated with commitments made by the U.S. Russia Investment Fund. The report shall include a recommendation on the continued relevance and advisability of the initial planned life of project commitment.

LEAHY (AND McCONNELL)  
AMENDMENTS NOS. 877-879

Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. LEAHY, for himself and Mr. McCONNELL) proposed three amendments to the bill, S. 955, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 877

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AUTHORITY

For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans and loan guarantees in support of the development objectives of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA), up to \$10,000,000, which amount may be derived by transfer from funds appropriated by this Act to carry out part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and funds appropriated by this Act under the heading "Assistance for Eastern Europe and the Baltic States", to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of this amount, up to \$1,500,000 for administrative expenses to carry out such programs may be transferred to and merged with "Operating Expenses of the Agency for International Development": *Provided further*, That the provisions of section 107A(d) (relating to general provisions applicable to development credit authority) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by section 306 of H.R. 1486 as reported by the House Committee on International Relations on May 9, 1997, shall be applicable to direct loans and loan guarantees provided under this paragraph: *Provided further*, That direct loans or loan guarantees under this paragraph may not be provided until the Director of the Office of Management and Budget has certified to the Committees on Appropriations that the Agency for International Development has established a credit management system capable of effectively managing the credit programs funded under this heading, including that such system: (1) can provide accurate and timely provision of loan and loan guarantee data, (2) contains information control systems for loan and loan guarantee data, (3) is adequately staffed, and (4) contains appropriate review and monitoring procedures.

AMENDMENT No. 878

On page 20, line 14, after the word "paragraph" insert the following: "*Provided further*, That up to \$22,000,000 made available under this heading may be transferred to the Export Import Bank of the United States, and up to \$8,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading may be transferred to the Micro and Small Enterprise Development Program, to be used for the cost of direct loans and loan guarantees for the furtherance of programs under this heading: *Provided further*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974".

AMENDMENT No. 879

On page 97, line 5, strike the words "between the United States and the Government of Indonesia".

On page 97, line 6, insert a comma after the word "sale" and strike the word "or".

On page 97, line 7, after the word "transfer" insert ", or licensing".

On page 97, line 7, after the word "helicopter" insert "for Indonesia entered into by the United States".

McCONNELL (AND LEAHY)  
AMENDMENTS NOS. 880-882

Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) proposed three amendments to the bill, S. 955, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 880

On page 102, line 9, after the word "1998.", insert the following:

EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES FOR CERTAIN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

SEC. 575. Section 105 of Public Law 104-164 (110 Stat. 1427) is amended by striking "1996" and 1997" and inserting "1998 and 1999".

SEC. 576. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO STOCKPILING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

(a) VALUE OF ADDITIONS TO STOCKPILES.—Section 514(b)(2)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: "and \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 1998".

(b) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THAILAND.—Section 514(b)(2)(B) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "Of the amount specified in subparagraph (A) for fiscal year 1998, not more than \$40,000,000 may be made available for stockpiles in the Republic of Korea and not more than \$20,000,000 may be made available for stockpiles in Thailand."

SEC. 577. DELIVERY OF DRAWDOWN BY COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

Section 506 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2318) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking the period and inserting the following: ", including providing the Congress with a report detailing all defense articles, defense services, and military education and training delivered to the recipient country or international organization upon delivery of such articles or upon completion of such services or education and training. Such report shall also include whether any savings were realized by utilizing commercial transport services rather than acquiring those services from United States Government transport assets.";

(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d); and

(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

"(c) For the purpose of any provision of law that authorizes the drawdown of defense or other articles or commodities, or defense or other services from an agency of the United States Government, such drawdown may include the supply of commercial transportation and related services that are acquired by contract for the purposes of the drawdown in question if the cost to acquire such commercial transportation and related services is less than the cost to the United States Government of providing such services from existing agency assets."

AMENDMENT No. 881

On page 34, line 21, after the word "Act" insert the following: ": *Provided further*, That funds made available under this paragraph shall be obligated upon apportionment in accordance with paragraph (5)(C) of title 31, United States Code, section 1501(a)."

AMENDMENT No. 882

On page 24, line 9 insert after the word "resolution" the following: "*Provided further*,