

contributions to a member's family, school, community, and Boys and Girls Club, as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome.

At the Club, Aaron has served as president of the Toastmasters, treasurer of the Keystone Club, a teen leadership group, and peer leader of Smart Moves, a drug and sex prevention program. Aaron, a senior at Nashua High School, is also active in his community. He participated in the Teen Institute, a leadership seminar to educate teens about drug and alcohol abuse, violence, teen pregnancy, and family and community issues. He is also organizing a program for Parents and Children Together (P.A.C.T.) to help families resolve conflicts.

For the first time, winners of the 1998 State Youth of the Year honors will receive scholarships for post-secondary education from popular television personality Oprah Winfrey. A nationwide fund drive, known as "Oprah's Angel Network," was announced by Oprah on her nationally-syndicated television program last fall.

Boys and Girls Clubs of America comprises a national network of close to 2,000 neighborhood-based facilities annually serving some three million young people, primarily from disadvantaged circumstances. Known as "The Positive Place for Kids," the Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-18 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key Boys and Girls Club programs, such as Youth of the Year, emphasize character and leadership development, education and career enhancement, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation.

Aaron and other extraordinary young people from the Boys and Girls Clubs of America continue to keep alive the virtue of community service and inspire others to do the same. Their personal initiatives, dedicated service, and hard work have impacted the lives of many. In a time when young people seem to be less involved in their communities, these young Americans continue to defend and keep the spirit of community alive. I want to congratulate Aaron Lopez for his outstanding work and I am proud to represent him in the United States Senate.●

GENEROSITY OF ENTREPRENEURS LEADS WAY FOR SCHOOL CHOICE

● Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, due to the generosity of two entrepreneurs, the children of Kansas City, Kansas have become eligible for a new privately funded scholarship program to provide low-income children the choice of private, parochial or public school.

Last October, Ted Forstmann and John Walton each contributed \$3 million to create a fund for scholarships in Washington, D.C. Their programs were in such high demand—50,000 applications for 3,000 scholarships—that the

two businessmen have decided to greatly expand the scope of their scholarship programs.

Yesterday, Mr. Forstmann and Mr. Walton joined together to announce the Children's Scholarship Fund, a foundation to award \$200 million in scholarships to low-income children around the country, including Kansas. The Children's Scholarship Fund will partner with local entities in an effort to provide children the choice of private, parochial or public education.

I applaud the generosity of these two entrepreneurs, as well as urge corporate America to follow their lead and aid this effort in their own cities. I also hope that the eligible cities will do all they can to work with the Children's Scholarship Fund, which next year will send at least 50,000 low-income children to the schools of their choice.●

AUTHORIZATION THE TAKING OF A PHOTOGRAPH IN THE SENATE CHAMBER

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 246 submitted earlier today by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 246) authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. COLLINS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 246) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 246

Resolved, That paragraph 1 of Rule IV of the Rules for the Regulation of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol (prohibiting the taking of pictures in the Senate Chamber) be temporarily suspended for the sole and specific purpose of permitting an official photograph to be taken off the United States Senate in actual session on a date and time to be announced by the Majority Leader after consultation with the Democratic Leader.

SEC. 2. The Sergeant of Arms of the Senate is authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements therefor, which arrangements shall provide for a minimum of disruption to Senate proceedings.

ACKNOWLEDGING 1998 AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE OCEAN

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 405, House Concurrent Resolution 131.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 131) acknowledging 1998 as the International

Year of the Ocean and expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the ocean.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the concurrent resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation with an amendment.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee substitute be agreed to, the resolution be agreed to, the amendment to the preamble be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 131), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 131), as amended, together with its preamble, as amended, is as follows:

Resolved, That the resolution from the House of Representatives (H. Con. Res. 131) entitled "Concurrent resolution acknowledging 1998 as the International Year of the Ocean and expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the ocean," do pass with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert:

That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) *the ocean is of paramount importance to the economic future, environmental quality, and national security of the United States;*

(2) *the United States has a responsibility to exercise and promote comprehensive stewardship of the ocean and the living marine resources it contains; and*

(3) *Federal agencies are encouraged to take advantage of the International Year of the Ocean in 1998, to—*

(A) *review United States oceanography and marine resource management policies and programs;*

(B) *identify opportunities to streamline, better direct, and increase interagency cooperation in oceanographic research and marine resource management policies and programs;*

(C) *identify opportunities to further cooperation between the United States and other nations to enhance oceanographic research and exploration, and to strengthen international marine resource conservation policies and programs;*

(D) *in cooperation with academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and industry, develop scientific, educational, and resource management programs which will advance the exploration of the ocean, the conservation of marine habitats and species, and the sustainable use of ocean resources; and*

(E) *encourage participation in State, local, and private initiatives and programs that use education and the arts to increase public awareness of the ocean and the many benefits that it provides, and to foster understanding of the need to conserve and sustainably manage ocean resources.*

Strike out the preamble and insert:

Whereas the ocean, which comprises nearly three quarters of the Earth's surface, sustains a large part of the Earth's biodiversity, provides an important source of food, and interacts with and affects global weather and climate;

Whereas the ocean is critical to national security, is the common means of transportation

among coastal nations, and carries 95 percent of the United States foreign trade;

Whereas the ocean and sea floor contain vast energy and mineral resources that are critical to the economy of the United States and the world;

Whereas ocean resources are limited and susceptible to change as a direct and indirect result of human activities, and such changes can impact the ability of the ocean to provide the benefits upon which the Nation depends;

Whereas the vast majority of the deep ocean is unexplored and unknown, and the ocean is truly the last frontier on Earth for science and civilization;

Whereas there exists significant promise for the development of new ocean technologies for stewardship of ocean resources that will contribute to the economy through business and manufacturing innovations and the creation of new jobs;

Whereas any nation's use or misuse of ocean resources has effects far beyond that nation's borders;

Whereas it has been 30 years since the Commission on Marine Science, Engineering, and Resources (popularly known as the Stratton Commission) met to examine the state of United States ocean policy and issued recommendations that led to the present Federal structure for oceanography and marine resources management;

Whereas recent public opinion polls indicate that a large majority of Americans consider the condition of the oceans to be important, and that a large majority rate the overall health of the oceans negatively; and

Whereas the United Nations has declared 1998 to be the International Year of the Ocean, and in order to observe this occasion, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other Federal agencies, in cooperation with organizations concerned with ocean science and marine resources, have resolved to promote exploration, utilization, conservation, and public awareness of the ocean: Now, therefore, be it

FEDERAL REPORTS ELIMINATION ACT OF 1998

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 363, S. 1364.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1364) to eliminate unnecessary and wasteful Federal reports.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 1364

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Federal Reports Elimination Act of [1997] 1998".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Sec. 101. Reports eliminated.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Sec. 201. Reports eliminated.

TITLE III—EDUCATION

Sec. 301. Report eliminated.

TITLE IV—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Sec. 401. Reports eliminated.

Sec. 402. Reports modified.

TITLE V—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Sec. 501. Reports eliminated.

Sec. [502.] Reports modified.

TITLE VI—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Sec. 601. Reports eliminated.

Sec. 602. Reports modified.

TITLE VII—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Sec. 701. Reports eliminated.

TITLE VIII—INDIAN AFFAIRS

Sec. 801. Reports eliminated.

TITLE IX—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Sec. 901. Reports eliminated.

Sec. [901.] 902. Reports modified.

TITLE X—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Sec. 1001. Reports eliminated.

TITLE XI—NASA

Sec. 1101. Reports eliminated.

TITLE XII—NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sec. 1201. Reports eliminated.

Sec. 1202. Reports modified.

TITLE XIII—OMB, OPM, AND GSA

Sec. 1301. OMB.

Sec. 1302. OPM.

Sec. 1303. GSA.

TITLE XIV—TRADE

Sec. 1401. Reports eliminated.

TITLE XV—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Sec. 1501. Reports eliminated.

Sec. 1502. Reports modified.

TITLE XVI—NOAA

Sec. 1601. Reports eliminated.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SEC. 101. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) SECONDARY MARKET OPERATIONS.—Section 338(b) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (as redesignated by section 749(a)(2) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1988(b))) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (4); and
(2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4).

(b) PILOT PROGRAMS TO TEST MEASUREMENT OF NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.—Section 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended by striking subsection (c).

(c) ESTIMATE OF SECOND PRECEDING MONTH'S EXPENDITURES UNDER FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.—Section 18(a)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2027(a)(1)) is amended by striking the third and fourth sentences.

(d) ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—Section 1804 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2284) is repealed.

(e) FARMER-TO-CONSUMER DIRECT MARKETING ACT OF 1976.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 3005) is repealed.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 7(a) of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 3006(a)) is amended by striking "the provisions of sections 4 and 6" and inserting "section 4".

(f) AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AT LAND-GRANT COLLEGES.—Section 1445(g) of the Na-

tional Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3222(g)) is amended by striking paragraph (4).

(g) FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.—Section 5 of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 3504) is repealed.

(h) SUGAR PRICE INCREASES.—Section 6 of Public Law 96-236 (7 U.S.C. 3606) is repealed.

(i) HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 533 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490m) is amended by striking subsection (j).

(j) NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MATERNAL, INFANT, AND FETAL NUTRITION.—Section 17(k) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(k)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (4); and
(2) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SEC. 201. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) NOTIFICATIONS OF CONVERSION OF HEATING FACILITIES AT INSTALLATIONS IN EUROPE.—Section 2690(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking out "unless the Secretary—" and all that follows through the end of the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof "unless the Secretary determines that the conversion—

"(1) is required by the government of the country in which the facility is located; or
(2) is cost effective over the life cycle of the facility.".

(b) NOTIFICATIONS OF DISAGREEMENTS REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE HOUSING.—Section 2823 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking out subsection (b); and
(2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (b) and (c), respectively.

TITLE III—EDUCATION

SEC. 301. REPORT ELIMINATED.

Section 1411 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1992 is repealed.

TITLE IV—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

SEC. 401. REPORTS ELIMINATED.

(a) NUCLEAR TEST BAN READINESS REPORT.—Section 1436 of the National Defense Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1989 (Public Law 100-456; 42 U.S.C. 2121 note), is amended by striking subsection (e).

(b) REPORT ON RESUMPTION OF PLUTONIUM OPERATIONS AT ROCKY FLATS.—Section 3133 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993 (105 Stat. 1574) is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (c) and (d); and
(2) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (c).

(c) REPORT ON POTENTIAL FOR HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZING TIDAL CURRENTS.—The first section of the Act of August 30, 1935 (49 Stat. 1028, chapter 831), as amended by section 2409 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 3101), is amended by striking "The Secretary shall undertake a demonstration project to evaluate the potential for hydropower development, utilizing tidal currents;".

(d) ELECTRIC UTILITY PARTICIPATION STUDY.—Section 625 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13295) is repealed.

(e) REPORT ON STEEL AND ALUMINUM RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—The Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988 is amended—

(1) by striking section 8 (15 U.S.C. 5107); and
(2) by redesignating sections 9, 10, and 11 (15 U.S.C. 5108, 5109, and 5110) as sections 8, 9, and 10, respectively.

(f) REPORT ON METAL CASTING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.—Section 10 of the Department of Energy Metal Casting