

(e) PROHIBITION ON RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.—No benefits may be paid to any person by reason of section 1414 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), for any period before the effective date applicable under subsection (d).

SA 698. Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

At the end of title VI, add the following:

Subtitle F—Citizenship for Servicemembers

SEC. 661. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the "Citizenship for Servicemembers Act of 2003".

SEC. 662. REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURALIZATION THROUGH SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) REDUCTION OF PERIOD FOR REQUIRED SERVICE.—Section 328(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439(a)) is amended by striking "three years" and inserting "2 years".

(b) PROHIBITION ON IMPOSITION OF FEES RELATING TO NATURALIZATION.—Title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 328(b)—

(A) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking "honorable. The" and inserting "honorable (the)"; and

(ii) by striking "discharge." and inserting "discharge); and"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) notwithstanding any other provision of law, no fee shall be charged or collected from the applicant for filing a petition for naturalization or for the issuance of a certificate of naturalization upon citizenship being granted to the applicant, and no clerk of any State court shall charge or collect any fee for such services unless the laws of the State require such charge to be made, in which case nothing more than the portion of the fee required to be paid to the State shall be charged or collected."; and

(2) in section 329(b)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) notwithstanding any other provision of law, no fee shall be charged or collected from the applicant for filing a petition for naturalization or for the issuance of a certificate of naturalization upon citizenship being granted to the applicant, and no clerk of any State court shall charge or collect any fee for such services unless the laws of the State require such charge to be made, in which case nothing more than the portion of the fee required to be paid to the State shall be charged or collected.".

(c) NATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS OVERSEAS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any applications, interviews, filings, oaths, ceremonies, or other proceedings under title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) relating to naturalization of members of the Armed Forces are available

through United States embassies, consulates, and as practicable, United States military installations overseas.

(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 328(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439(b)(3)) is amended by striking "Attorney General" and inserting "Secretary of Homeland Security".

SA 699. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 100, recognizing the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Ford Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations, and a revolutionary industrial and global institution, and congratulating Ford Motor Company for its achievements; as follows:

In the third clause of the preamble, strike " , which was advertised as the 'Fordmobile' and had" and insert "with".

In the ninth clause of the preamble, strike " , completed in 1925,".

In the tenth clause of the preamble, strike "196" and insert "199".

In the twelfth clause of the preamble, strike "models through 1937 (Ford and Lincoln)" and insert "automotive brands (Ford and Lincoln) through 1937".

In the seventeenth clause of the preamble, strike "the first major change in a Ford body since 1922,".

In the seventeenth clause of the preamble, strike the comma after "1932".

In the eighteenth clause of the preamble, strike "Ford 'woodies'".

In the eighteenth clause of the preamble, strike "Galaxy" and insert "Galaxie".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I announce that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will conduct a business meeting on May 21, 2003 in SR-328A at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider the nominations of Glen Klippenstein, Julia Bartling, and Lowell Junkins to be members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation and Tom Dorr to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation and to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my legislative fellow, John Beaver, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on the National Defense Authorization Act.

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

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Carol Madonna, my legislative fellow, be allowed floor privileges for the duration of the debate on this bill.

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

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further action on S. Res. 100 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 100) recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of Ford Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations, and a revolutionary industrial and global institution, and congratulating Ford Motor Company for its achievements.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 699

Mr. WARNER. There is an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], for Mr. MCCONNELL, proposes an amendment numbered 699.

(Purpose: To make technical corrections)

In the third clause of the preamble, strike " , which was advertised as the 'Fordmobile' and had" and insert "with".

In the ninth clause of the preamble, strike " , completed in 1925,".

In the tenth clause of the preamble, strike "196" and insert "199".

In the twelfth clause of the preamble, strike "models through 1937 (Ford and Lincoln)" and insert "automotive brands (Ford and Lincoln) through 1937".

In the seventeenth clause of the preamble, strike "the first major change in a Ford body since 1922,".

In the seventeenth clause of the preamble, strike the comma after "1932".

In the eighteenth clause of the preamble, strike "Ford 'woodies'".

In the eighteenth clause of the preamble, strike "Galaxy" and insert "Galaxie".

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the amendment to the preamble be agreed to, the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements regarding this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 100) was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 699) was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

(The resolution will be printed in a future entry in the RECORD.)

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 44, and that