

## NAYS—57

Abraham	Fitzgerald	McConnell
Allard	Frist	Murkowski
Ashcroft	Gorton	Nickles
Baucus	Gramm	Roberts
Bennett	Grams	Rockefeller
Bond	Grassley	Roth
Brownback	Gregg	Santorum
Bunning	Hagel	Sarbanes
Burns	Hatch	Sessions
Byrd	Helms	Shelby
Campbell	Hutchinson	Smith (NH)
Chafee	Inhofe	Smith (OR)
Cochran	Jeffords	Snowe
Coverdell	Kyl	Stevens
Craig	Lincoln	Thomas
Crapo	Lott	Thompson
DeWine	Lugar	Thurmond
Domenici	Mack	Voinovich
Enzi	McCain	Warner

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Are there any other Senators wishing to vote or change their vote? If not, on this vote the yeas are 43, and the nays are 57. Two-thirds of the Senators voting, and a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. REID addressed the Chair.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. May we have order in the Chamber, please?

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The Senate will be in order.

## ORDER FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I move that we now go into closed session for the purpose of Senators debating the motion to dismiss.

The motion was agreed to.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. The Chair, pursuant to rule XXXV, now directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to clear the galleries, close the doors of the Chamber, and exclude all the officials of the Senate not sworn to secrecy.

## RECESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. Chief Justice, I ask unanimous consent that we take a 10-minute break for the purposes of closing the doors and preparing for the debate.

There being no objection, at 5:23 p.m., the Senate recessed until 5:50 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Chief Justice.

## CLOSED SESSION

(At 5:50 p.m., the doors of the Chamber were closed. The proceedings of the Senate were held in closed session until 9:51 p.m., at which time, the following occurred.)

## OPEN SESSION

(At 9:51 p.m., the doors of the Chamber were opened and the Senate resumed proceedings in open session.)

Mr. NICKLES. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now return to open session.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NICKLES. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate adjourns, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 12 noon on Tuesday, and I further ask consent that during the remainder of the trial it be in order for Members to submit unanswered questions to the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. NICKLES. On tomorrow, we will resume and begin debate on the motion to subpoena. I now ask unanimous consent that the time for argument be reduced to 4 hours, equally divided, as provided for under Senate resolution 16.

The CHIEF JUSTICE. Is there objection? It is so ordered.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. Chief Justice, for the information of all colleagues, tomorrow we will begin the debate at 12 noon instead of 1 o'clock.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. NICKLES. I ask that the Senate stand in adjournment as under the previous order.

There being no objection, at 9:51 p.m., the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, adjourned until Tuesday, January 26, 1999, at 12 noon.

(Under a previous order, the following material was submitted at the desk during today's session.)

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-926. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated December 30, 1998; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-927. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on two violations of the Antideficiency Act involving the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Salaries and Expenses Account and the Working Capitol Fund Account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-928. A communication from the Executive Director of the Northeast Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-929. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veteran's Appeals: Rules of Practice-Revision of Decisions on Grounds of Clear and Unmistakable Error" (RIN2900-AJ15) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-930. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an unauthorized transfer of U.S.-origin defense articles to a private firm by the Government of Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-931. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Depart-

ment of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States (98-186 to 98-189); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-932. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States (99-1 to 99-4); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-933. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report on Defense purchases from foreign entities for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-934. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Order for Supplies or Services" (Case 97-D024) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-935. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Para-Aramid Fibers and Yarns" (Case 98-D310) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-936. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Simplified Acquisition Procedures" (Case 97-D306) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-937. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Announcement of Proposal Deadline for the Competition for the 1999 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots" (FRL6220-7) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-938. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6213-9) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-939. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois" (FRL6216-4) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-940. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois" (FRL6215-3) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-941. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision,

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6214-5) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-942. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List for Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites" (FRL6220-6) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-943. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandatory Seizure of Certain Plastic Explosives" (RIN1515-AC33) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-944. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Stock Ownership Plans; Section 411(d)(6) Protected Benefits (Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997); Qualified Retirement Plan Benefits" (RIN1545-AV94) received on January 8, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-945. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Loss With Respect to Stock and Other Personal Property; Application of Selection 904 to Income Subject to Separate Limitations" (RIN1545-AQ43) received on January 8, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-946. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Administration actions and expenses related to the national emergency with respect to the Governments of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), and the Republic of Serbia with respect to Kosova (Executive Order 13088); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-947. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulemaking for the EDGAR System" (RIN3235-AG97) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-948. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Capital Distributions" (RIN1550-AA72) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-949. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendments" (No. 98-121) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-950. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Segment Reporting" (RIN3235-AH43) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-951. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Disclosure by Clinical Investigators" (RIN0910-AB77) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-952. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the annual report of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-953. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, an audit of the American Red Cross for the year ended June 30, 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-954. A communication from the Associate General Counsel of the Corporation for National Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Costs for Learn and Serve America and Americorps Grants Programs" received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-955. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dental Devices; Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval; Temporomandibular Joint Prostheses" (Docket 97N-0239) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-956. A communication from the Director of the Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corrections and Updating to Certain Regulations of the Office of Government Ethics" (RIN3209-AA00) received on January 8, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-957. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the extension of locality-based comparability payments to categories of positions that are in more than one executive agency; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-958. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-959. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report for fiscal years 1998 and 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-960. A communication from the Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-961. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-962. A communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-963. A communication from the Chairman and the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-964. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Ad-

ministration's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-965. A communication from the Chairman of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-966. A communication from the Director of the Policy and Communications Staff, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-967. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of General Accounting Office reports issued or released in November 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-968. A communication from the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Institution's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-969. A communication from the President of the National Endowment for Democracy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Endowment's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-970. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-971. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Endowment's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-972. A communication from the Office of Administration, Director of the Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the personnel employed in the White House Office, the Executive Residence at the White House, the Office of the Vice President, the Office of Policy Development (Domestic Policy Staff) and the Office of Administration; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-973. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-974. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report under the Inspector General Act for the period from April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-975. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Duty Pay" (RIN3206-A1) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-976. A communication from the Acting Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's annual report under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-977. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's annual report under the Government in the Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-978. A communication from the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tolerances for Moisture Meters" (RIN0580-AA60) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-979. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Nebraska-Western Iowa Marketing Area; Termination of Certain Provisions of the Order" (Docket DA-98-11) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-980. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Quality and Handling Requirements and Entry Procedures for Imported Peanuts for 1999 and Subsequent Import Periods" (Docket FV98-999-1 FR) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-981. A communication from the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Administrative Regulations; Interpretations of Statutory and Regulatory Provisions" received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-982. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Certification; Accreditation of Non-Government Facilities" (Docket 95-071-2) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-983. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pseudorabies in Swine; Payment of Indemnity" (Docket 98-123-2) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-984. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterinary Services User Fees; Embryo Collection Center Approval Fee" (Docket 98-005-2) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-985. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report on aircraft cabin air quality; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-986. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Ancillary or Supplementary Use of Digital Television Spectrum Pursuant to Section 336(e)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996" (Docket 97-247) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-987. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National

Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High Seas Fishing Compliance Act; Vessel Identification and Reporting Requirements; OMB Control Numbers" (I.D. 040197B) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-988. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; 1999 Specifications" (I.D. 101598B) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-989. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Interim 1999 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish" (I.D. 122198A) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-990. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Interim 1999 Harvest Specifications" (I.D. 121698B) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-991. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fishery; Minimum Clam Size for 1999" (I.D. 122398E) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-992. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closures of Specific Groundfish Fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 122898B) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-993. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closures of Specified Groundfish Fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 122898C) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-994. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Last-in, First-out Inventories" (Rev. Rul. 99-4) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

#### 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. TORRICELLI:

S. 302. A bill for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 303. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 304. A bill to improve air transportation service available to small communities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 305. A bill to reform unfair and anti-competitive practices in the professional boxing industry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 306. A bill to regulate commercial air tours overflying the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 303. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE SATELLITE TELEVISION ACT OF 1999

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, over the past several years some satellite TV companies routinely broke the law by selling customers distant network stations when they weren't authorized to.

These customers bought the service in good faith. For many, especially those in rural areas, these distant network stations are the only source of decent network TV reception. For others, they provide a window on life in a distant city.

Despite the fact that these satellite TV customers had no intention of breaking the law, and despite the fact that many welcome the added diversity these distant network stations provide, and despite the fact that the law prevents satellite TV companies from transmitting local network stations, many of these customers—perhaps as many as two million of them—are within weeks of losing their distant network stations, thanks to a court order secured by local TV stations, and TV network broadcasters. And the way the law is written, there's not much the FCC or anybody else can do to stop it—unless we change the law.

Mr. President, that's what I propose to do. Today, with the cosponsorship of Senator CONRAD BURNS, I am introducing the Satellite Television Act of 1999. Together with legislation introduced earlier this week by myself and Senators HATCH, LEAHY, DEWINE, KOHL,