

(1) A substantial but undetermined number of asylum seekers who have escaped from Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, and who are now detained in refugee camps throughout Asia, have had their refugee claims rejected because of corruption, hostility to asylum seekers, or other defects in refugee screening processes.

(2) Others have had their claims rejected because the standard which was applied did not recognize persecution on account of close association with the United States war effort as sufficient to establish refugee status.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress, as follows:

(1) United States tax dollars should not support any program or activity that involves involuntary repatriation to Vietnam, Laos, or Cambodia of persons who fought on the side of the United States or who were otherwise closely identified with the United States war effort, victims of religious persecution, or other persons who are refugees under United States law.

(2) Within numerical limitations provided by law, refugees described in paragraph (1) should be permitted to resettle in the United States and in other free countries.

(3) To the extent necessary to ensure that genuine refugees are not involuntarily repatriated to Vietnam, Laos, or Cambodia, persons now detained in refugee camps should be offered access to rescreeing under a process genuinely calculated to determine whether they are refugees. The procedures, standards, and personnel employed in such a process should be such as to ensure that the risk of return to persecution is no greater than in the process available under United States law to determine the asylum claims of persons physically present in the United States. It would be preferable to conduct such rescreeing in the countries in which the asylum seekers are currently detained. If this should prove impossible, rescreeing should be offered to asylum seekers immediately upon their voluntary repatriation to their countries of nationality, if their safety can be ensured during the process of rescreeing and resettlement.

(c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term "involuntary repatriation" includes return because of force, threat of force, duress, or any other means calculated or likely to effect such return without genuine regard for the wishes of the person returned.

THE ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

FRIST (AND THOMPSON) AMENDMENTS NOS. 2019-2024

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON) submitted six amendments intended to be proposed by them to the bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2019

On page 20, line 23, before the colon insert "Provided, That of this amount, no funds shall be available for construction of the Tokamak Physics Experiment, number 94-E-200, until a fair and impartial competitive site selection process has been completed by the Department of Energy."

AMENDMENT NO. 2020

On page 20, line 23, before the colon insert "Provided, That of this amount, no funds

shall be available for construction of the Elise project, number 96-E-310, until a fair and impartial competitive site selection process has been completed by the Department of Energy."

AMENDMENT NO. 2021

On page 25, line 17, before the period insert "Provided, That of this amount, no funds shall be available for construction of the National Ignition Facility, project number 96-D-111, until a fair and impartial competitive site selection process has been completed by the Department of Energy."

AMENDMENT NO. 2022

On page 25, line 17, before the period insert "Provided, That of this amount, no funds shall be available for construction of the ATLAS project, number 96-D-103, until a fair and impartial competitive site selection process has been completed by the Department of Energy."

AMENDMENT NO. 2023

On page 25, line 17, before the period insert "Provided, That of this amount, no funds shall be available for construction of the Process and Environmental Technology Laboratory, project number 96-D-104, until a fair and impartial competitive site selection process has been completed by the Department of Energy."

AMENDMENT NO. 2024

On page 20, line 23, before the colon insert "Provided, That of this amount, no funds shall be available for construction of the Center for Biomedical Technology Innovation until a fair and impartial competitive site selection process has been completed by the Department of Energy."

THE FOREIGN RELATIONS REVITALIZATION ACT OF 1995

DOLE (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2025

Mr. DOLE (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. D'AMATO) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 908, supra; as follows:

On page 81, line 3, add the following:

(c) FURTHER CONDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—

(1) Of the funds authorized to be appropriated for Fiscal year 1996, in (a), \$3,500,000 shall be withheld from obligation until the Secretary of State certifies to the appropriate congressional committees, with respect to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women being held in Beijing, that no funds available to the Department of State were obligated or expended for United States participation in the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women while Harry Wu, a United States citizen, was detained by the People's Republic of China.

(2) If the Secretary of State cannot make the certification in Section 301(c)(1), the withheld funds shall be returned to the U.S. Treasury.

HELMS AMENDMENT NO. 2026

Mr. HELMS proposed an amendment to amendment No. 2025 proposed by Mr. DOLE to the bill S. 908, supra; as follows:

At the end of the pending amendment, add the following:

SEC. . UNITED NATIONS DIPLOMATIC DEBTS.

Of the funds authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1996 in section 201 and section

301, not less than \$20,000,000 shall be withheld from obligation until the Secretary of State reports to the Congress—

(1) the names of diplomatic personnel accredited to the United Nations or foreign missions to the United Nations, which have accrued overdue debts to businesses and individuals in the United States; and

(2) that the United Nations Secretary General is cooperating fully with the United States or taking effective steps on his own, including publishing the names of debtors, to resolve overdue debts owned by diplomats and missions accredited to the United Nations.

THE ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

BINGAMAN AMENDMENTS NOS. 2027-2028

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BINGAMAN submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 1905) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2027

On line 17, line 2, before the period insert "Provided further, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be made available for the construction of the Animas-La Plata project, Colorado and New Mexico, until the Secretary of the Interior reports to Congress regarding the feasibility of the Animas-La Plata project and completes a study and reports to Congress regarding feasible alternatives that may be available to fulfill the water rights of affected Indian tribes and the reasonably foreseeable water needs of communities in southwestern Colorado and northwestern New Mexico (including the feasibility of assigning water rights held in trust by the Secretary for New Mexico beneficiaries to appropriate New Mexico entities for their own use and development)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2028

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . ENERGY SAVINGS AT FEDERAL FACILITIES.

(a) REDUCTION IN FACILITIES ENERGY COSTS.—The head of each agency for which funds are made available under this Act shall take all actions necessary to achieve during fiscal year 1996 a 5 percent reduction, from fiscal year 1995 levels, in the energy costs of the facilities used by the agency.

(b) USE OF COST SAVINGS.—An amount equal to the amount of cost savings realized by an agency under subsection (a) shall remain available for obligation through the end of fiscal year 1997, without further authorization or appropriation, as follows:

(1) CONSERVATION MEASURES.—Fifty percent of the amount shall remain available for the implementation of additional energy conservation measures and for water conservation measures at such facilities used by the agency as are designated by the head of the agency.

(2) OTHER PURPOSES.—Fifty percent of the amount shall remain available for use by the agency for such purposes as are designated by the head of the agency, consistent with applicable law.

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31, 1996, the head of each agency described in

subsection (a) shall submit a report to Congress specifying the results of the actions taken under subsection (a) and providing any recommendations as to how to further reduce energy costs and energy consumption in the future.

(2) CONTENTS.—Each report shall—

(A) specify the total energy costs of the facilities used by the agency;

(B) identify the reductions achieved; and

(C) specify the actions that resulted in the reductions.

THE FOREIGN RELATIONS REVITALIZATION ACT OF 1995

NICKLES (AND KASSEBAUM) AMENDMENT NO. 2029

Mr. NICKLES (for himself and Mrs. KASSEBAUM) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1977 proposed by Mr. KENNEDY to the bill S. 908, supra; as follows:

Strike all after the word "that" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "that the Senate should debate and vote on comprehensive welfare reform before the end of the first session of the 104th Congress."

KERRY AMENDMENT NO. 2030

Mr. KERRY proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1977 proposed by Mr. KENNEDY to the bill S. 908, supra; as follows:

"SEC. .

It is the sense of the Senate that:

(1) the current economic recovery has generated record profits for industry, but hourly wages have grown at a below average rate;

(2) the minimum wage has not been raised since April 1, 1991, and has lost more than 10% of its purchasing power since then;

(3) the average minimum wage worker provides 50% of her family's weekly earnings;

(4) nearly two-thirds of minimum wage workers are adults, and 60% are women;

(5) a full-time, year-round worker who is paid the minimum wage earns \$8,500 a year, less than a poverty level income for a family of two;

(6) there are 4.7 million Americans who usually work full-time but who are, nevertheless, in poverty, and 4.2 million families live in poverty despite having one or more members in the labor force for at least half the year;

(7) the 30% decline in the value of the minimum wage since 1979 has contributed to Americans' growing income inequality and to the fact that 97% of the growth in household income has accrued to the wealthiest 20%;

(8) legislation to raise the minimum wage to \$5.15 an hour was introduced on February 14, 1995, but has not been debated by the Senate; and

(9) the Senate should debate and vote on whether to raise the minimum wage before the end of the first session of the 104th Congress."

HELMS AMENDMENT NO. 2031

Mr. HELMS proposed an amendment to the bill S. 908, supra; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following new division:

DIVISION C—FOREIGN AID REDUCTION

SEC. 2001. SHORT TITLE.

This division may be cited as the "Foreign Aid Reduction Act of 1995".

TITLE XXI—DEFENSE AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE

CHAPTER 1—FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM

SEC. 2101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated for grant assistance under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763) and for the subsidy cost, as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, of direct loans under such section—

(1) \$3,185,000,000 for fiscal year 1996; and

(2) \$3,160,000,000 for fiscal year 1997.

SEC. 2102. LOANS FOR GREECE AND TURKEY.

Of the amounts made available for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763)—

(1) \$26,620,000 shall be made available for fiscal year 1996, and up to \$26,620,000 may be made available for fiscal year 1997, for the subsidy cost, as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, of direct loans for Greece; and

(2) \$37,800,000 shall be made available for fiscal year 1996, and up to \$37,800,000 may be made available for fiscal year 1997, for the subsidy cost, as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, of direct loans for Turkey.

CHAPTER 2—INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

SEC. 2121. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated \$39,781,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997 to carry out chapter 5 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2347 et seq.).

CHAPTER 3—ANTITERRORISM ASSISTANCE

SEC. 2131. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1996 and \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1997 to carry out chapter 8 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2349aa et seq.).

(b) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a) are authorized to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 4—NARCOTICS CONTROL ASSISTANCE

SEC. 2141. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$213,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997 to carry out chapter 8 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291 et seq.).

(b) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a) are authorized to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 5—PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

SEC. 2151. PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.

Section 552(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2348a(a)) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) There are authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry out the purposes of this chapter, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes, \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 1996 and \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 1997."

TITLE XXII—TRADE AND EXPORT DEVELOPMENT

SEC. 2201. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 661(f)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2421(f)(1)) is amended to read as follows: "There are authorized to be appropriated to the President for purposes of this section, in addition to funds otherwise available for such purposes, \$67,000,000 for fiscal year 1996 and \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 1997."

(b) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 661(f) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2421(f)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

"(2) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) are authorized to remain available until expended."

TITLE XXIII—PRIVATE SECTOR, ECO- NOMIC, AND DEVELOPMENT ASSIST- ANCE

CHAPTER 1—PRIVATE SECTOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

SEC. 2301. SUPPORT FOR PRIVATE SECTOR EN- TERPRISE FUNDS.

Chapter 1 of part III of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by inserting after section 601 (22 U.S.C. 2351) the following new section:

"SEC. 601A. PRIVATE SECTOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS.

"(a) AUTHORITY.—(1) The President may provide funds and support to Enterprise Funds designated in accordance with subsection (b) that are or have been established for the purposes of promoting—

"(A) development of the private sectors of eligible countries, including small businesses, the agricultural sector, and joint ventures with United States and host country participants; and

"(B) policies and practices conducive to private sector development in eligible countries;

on the same basis as funds and support may be provided with respect to Enterprise Funds for Poland and Hungary under the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989.

"(2) Funds may be made available under this section notwithstanding any other provision of law.

"(b) COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the President is authorized to designate a private, nonprofit organization as eligible to receive funds and support pursuant to this section with respect to any country eligible to receive assistance under part I of this Act in the same manner and with the same limitations as set forth in section 201(d) of the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989.

"(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the authority of paragraph (1) shall not apply to any country with respect to which the President is authorized to designate an enterprise fund under section 498B(c) of this Act or section 201 of the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989.

"(B) The prohibition of subparagraph (A) shall not apply to the Trans-Caucasus Enterprise Fund established under subsection (c).

"(c) TRANS-CAUCASUS ENTERPRISE FUND.—The President shall designate a private, nonprofit organization under subsection (b) to carry out this section with respect to the Trans-Caucasus region of the former Soviet Union. Such organization shall be known as the 'Trans-Caucasus Enterprise Fund'.

"(d) TREATMENT EQUIVALENT TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR POLAND AND HUNGARY.—Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, the provisions contained in section 201 of the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (excluding the authorizations of appropriations provided in subsection (b) of that section) shall apply to any Enterprise Fund that receives funds and support under this section. The officers, members, or employees of an Enterprise Fund that receive funds and support under this section shall enjoy the same status under law that is applicable to officers, members, or employees of the Enterprise Funds for Poland and Hungary under the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989.