

Forty million dollars was saved by selling nitric acid stored in the Plutonium Uranium Extraction Finishing Plant to British Nuclear Fuels in England.

Getting that nitric acid out of PUREX will cut 10 months off the former chemical processing plant's deactivation schedule. The first shipment of nitric acid arrived in Great Britain this month. Two shipments will leave Hanford each week until December, when all 190,000 gallons will have been removed.

The Uranium Oxide Plant deactivation is done, which means the former processing plant is ready for final cleanup and disposition. This project was done four months early and \$800,000 under budget. Deactivation reduced the annual cost of maintenance from \$4 million to \$40,000.

This so-called interim sludge stabilization program was completed at the Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) 85 days early. That was the first major step in the eventual cleanup of the plant.

The work was done inside two small furnaces in a PFP glovebox. Moist, chemically reactive plutonium scraped from 236 containers was heated to 1,000 degrees Celsius, converting it into about 30 kilograms of impure plutonium oxide that was sealed in containers and placed in PFP's shielded vaults. Stabilizing this material reduced total worker radiation exposures by 25 percent.

Fuel was removed from the Fast Flux Test Facility four months ahead of schedule and \$475,000 under budget.

An evaporator was constructed and has reduced the amount of radioactive liquids in underground tanks from 61 million gallons to 55 million gallons. By evaporating a portion of the water and thus concentrating the remaining liquid waste in double-shell tanks, there will be more available storage space for wastes to be transferred out of other troublesome tanks.

The extra tank space provided by the evaporation means six new tanks, at an estimated cost of \$378 million, won't be needed.

With evaporation, only water is removed. The condensate water is being piped to nearby basins to await final processing.

In the N Reactor complex, 13 of 32 buildings have been deactivated and are ready for final disposal. Cleanup of the N Reactor's fuel basin is to be done in 1997.

Two effluent disposal facilities have been built in central and southern Hanford to treat contaminated liquids. The liquids will no longer be dumped into the soil; a practice that began in 1943.

The 200 Area Treated Effluent Disposal Facility was \$25 million under budget and fulfilled 12 TPA milestones.

Reduced annual overhead costs by \$200 million and infrastructure costs by \$22 million.

The \$31 million Waste Sampling and Characterization Facility was built, a laboratory to provide analysis of Hanford's wastes. The complex includes an analytical laboratory, nuclear spectroscopy laboratory and solid-waste storage facility. Nonradioactive and low-level radioactive samples can be analyzed, as can samples that cannot be sent to commercial laboratories.

250,000 pounds of carbon tetrachloride will soon have been removed from the soil in the 200 Areas, nearly 34 million gallons of contaminated ground water will have been treated, 56,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil excavated and 52 buildings decontaminated and decommissioned.

A new drilling technology now in use at Hanford is safer, three times faster and minimizes wastes better than conventional drilling methods while producing higher-quality samples.

K Reactor water basins have been converted into fish-rearing ponds to revive Co-

lumbia River salmon runs. The project is in cooperation with the Yakama Indian Nation.

The Hanford Advisory Board was created to provide public direction on cleanup from stake-holders throughout the Northwest.

A super landfill was created in central Hanford to receive debris and soil from the planned riverside cleanup.

Numerous buildings, including the B Reactor water treatment plant, have been demolished.

Construction is under way on the \$230 million Environmental and Molecular Sciences Laboratory, a 200,000-square-foot building that will house equipment and programs to study molecular interactions and likely will lead to improved cleanup technology.

The Fitzner-Eberhardt Arid Lands Ecology reserve and the North Slope have been cleaned. Combined, they make up 45 percent of the 560-square-mile site. The lands, which had contained no radiological contamination, are to be turned back to the public, but a debate continues on who will get the land. By 1997, another 65 square miles along the Columbia River will be available for other uses.

Additionally, several new technologies are in use. They include:

Virtual reality, a simplified version of a special stereoscopic viewing system to inspect Hanford tanks. The system gives operators the feeling they're actually in the tank looking for structural flaws.

A high-temperature melter system to allow for more "waste loading" during eventual vitrification of tank waste. Increased operating temperatures allow greater flexibility to incorporate more volume of waste into the glass, thus reducing the number of radioactive glass logs to be sent to a permanent repository.

A device that for the first time measured the amount of gas in tank 101-SY.

a tungsten ball, about the size of a softball, that has been suspended into that tank on a wire cable to provide information on the thickness of waste inside.

WAS CONGRESS IRRESPONSIBLE? CONSIDER THE ARITHMETIC

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, as of the close of business yesterday, Monday, July 31, the Federal debt stood at \$4,960,151,653,142.55. On a per capita basis, every man, woman and child in America owes \$18,828.82 as his or her share of that debt.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANTORUM). Under the previous order, the hour of 10 a.m. having arrived, morning business is now closed.

FOREIGN RELATIONS REVITALIZATION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the pending business.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 908) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 1996 through 1999, and to abolish the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the Agency for International Development, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Dole amendment No. 2025, to withhold certain funds for international conferences if funds were expended for U.S. participation in the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women while Harry Wu was being detained in China.

Helms amendment No. 2031, to authorize reduced levels of appropriations for foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

Kerry (for Boxer) amendment No. 2032 (to Amendment No. 2025), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the arrest of Harry Wu by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

Hutchison amendment No. 2033 (to Amendment No. 2025), to express the sense of the Congress that the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in Beijing, China, should promote a representative American perspective on issues of equality, peace and development.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will now report the motion to invoke cloture.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on S. 908, the State Department reorganization bill:

Senators Dan Coats, Spencer Abraham, Nancy Kassebaum, Rick Santorum, Jesse Helms, Judd Gregg, Rod Grams, Olympia Snowe, Bob Dole, Thad Cochran, Paul Coverdell, Larry Craig, Phil Gramm, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Don Nickles, Trent Lott.

CALL OF THE ROLL

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on S. 908, the State Department reorganization bill, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 55, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 345 Leg.]

YEAS—55

Abraham	Gorton	Murkowski
Ashcroft	Gramm	Nickles
Bennett	Grams	Packwood
Bond	Grassley	Pell
Brown	Gregg	Pressler
Burns	Hatch	Roth
Campbell	Hatfield	Santorum
Chafee	Helms	Shelby
Coats	Hutchison	Simpson
Cochran	Inhofe	Smith
Cohen	Jeffords	Snowe
Coverdell	Kassebaum	Specter
Craig	Kempthorne	Stevens
D'Amato	Kyl	Thomas
DeWine	Lott	Thompson
Dole	Lugar	Thurmond
Domenici	Mack	Warner
Faircloth	McCain	
Frist	McConnell	

NAYS—45

Akaka	Feingold	Leahy
Baucus	Feinstein	Levin
Biden	Ford	Lieberman
Bingaman	Glenn	Mikulski
Boxer	Graham	Moseley-Braun
Bradley	Harkin	Moynihan
Breaux	Heflin	Murray
Bryan	Hollings	Nunn
Bumpers	Inouye	Pryor
Byrd	Johnston	Reid
Conrad	Kennedy	Robb
Daschle	Kerry	Rockefeller
Dodd	Kerry	Sarbanes
Dorgan	Kohl	Simon
Exon	Lautenberg	Wellstone

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 55 and the nays are 45. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The Senator from Washington is recognized.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for 5 minutes as if in morning business.

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

Mr. GORTON. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. GORTON pertaining to the introduction of S. 1099 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

FOREIGN RELATIONS REVITALIZATION ACT

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 2033

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, what is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The pending business is amendment No. 2033 offered by the Senator from Texas.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, Senator HUTCHISON's amendment providing guidance to the U.S. delegation to the U.N. Conference on Women in Beijing is important for the signal it sends to the administration—and to the United Nations.

The upcoming Beijing Conference offers a smorgasbord for radicals who are constantly fighting against traditional family values—paid for, in part, by American taxpayers. Organizers of this

U.N. Women's Conference are determined to peddle their bizarre views of the family and the role of women. There is already too much kowtowing to fringe elements at the United Nations in New York and that is why this amendment is necessary.

The Senator from Texas and the Senator from Indiana clearly explained the amendment yesterday. It simply urges the U.S. delegation to the Beijing Conference to promote genuine women's rights and traditional family values, and not the agenda of a few activists who have captured the hearts and minds of U.N. bureaucrats.

In all honesty, Mr. President, it is astounding that an amendment even needs to be offered to protect the institutions of motherhood and the family. But, experience has shown that if Congress ignores the Beijing Conference, the United Nations will soon be pushing every country in the world to accept the United Nations strange notion of motherhood and family and even gender.

Some ideas promoted in the Beijing Conference "Platform for Action" are too bizarre to be believed, as I will explain in a moment. But, the American people know exactly what is going on, thanks to a multitude of news stories in the Christian and secular media.

You may remember, Mr. President, that some folks—but not this Senator—were sold a worthless bill of goods before last year's U.N. Conference on Population Control in Cairo. Senators and Congressmen were assured, promised, and guaranteed that Cairo Conference organizers and the U.S. delegation would not promote abortion-on-demand as a so-called international "reproductive right." But that is exactly what happened thanks to Tim Wirth, who was being advised by former Congresswoman Bela Abzug.

Senator HUTCHISON's amendment does not address this issue. But, it should come as no surprise that organizers of the Beijing Conference are determined to repeat what happened at the Cairo Conference—that is, they will attempt to coerce prolife foreign governments into creating a so-called "right" to abortion-on-demand.

Making matters worse, Mr. President, is the fact that this conference on women's issues is to take place in China of all places, where women are routinely forced to undergo abortions and sterilizations against their will, in the name of population control. Holding the Conference in China is nothing less than a slap in the face to women everywhere. It sends the clear signal that the United Nations finds China's grotesque behavior acceptable.

Let anyone think that I have exaggerated the extent to which the United Nations has pandered to extremists, ask yourself why the word "mother" is virtually nonexistent in the Conference "Platform for Action" document. This is a conference on women, after all. Conference organizers prefer "care-

taker." The reason: because they dare not condemn—indeed they probably endorse—so-called homosexual marriages.

Ask yourself, Mr. President, why Beijing Conference organizers refuse to agree to a definition of the word "gender" as meaning only male and female. The United Nations apparently has decided that the world is made up of five genders: male, female, homosexual, bisexual, and transsexual—whatever that is. The U.N. Conference Secretariat stated that, "gender is relative." What in the world does that mean?

This administration is also on record stating that "gender differences" are "cultural—changeable, variable." [AID "Gender Analysis Tool Kit"]. And what is worse, Mr. President, they arrogantly want to shove this nonsense down the throats of American taxpayers, and ask them to pay for it.

It is obvious what is going on. These strange ideas and values may be acceptable to U.N. bureaucrats or even to some in this administration, but they are not acceptable to the American people, and that is why this amendment is important. I urge Senators to support Senator HUTCHISON's amendment.

It is my understanding that the distinguished Senator, the manager on the other side, is willing to accept the amendment.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, we have looked at this amendment. We will be happy to accept it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment? If not, the question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment (No. 2033) was agreed to.

Mr. HELMS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

AMENDMENT NO. 2041

(Purpose: To express the sense of Congress regarding the consolidation and reinvention of the foreign affairs agencies of the United States)

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask it be stated. It is already at the desk. I ask that the clerk read it slowly because the amendment speaks for itself.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to setting aside the pending amendment? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) proposes an amendment numbered 2041.

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING CONSOLIDATION AND REINVENTION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGENCIES.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that it is necessary in order to make the Government more efficient and to realize significant budgetary savings for the American taxpayer—

(1) to consolidate and reinvent foreign affairs agencies of the United States within the Department of State;