

(1) in subsections (a) and (b), by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “coupons, or accept electronic benefits transfer cards,”; and

(2) in subsection (a)(1)(B), by striking “coupon business” and inserting “electronic benefits transfer cards and coupon business”.

(g) Section 10 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2019) is amended—

(1) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

“REDEMPTION OF COUPONS OR ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARDS”;

and

(2) in the first sentence—

(A) by inserting after “provide for” the following: “the reimbursement of stores for program benefits provided and for”;

(B) by inserting after “food coupons” the following: “or use their members’ electronic benefits transfer cards”; and

(C) by striking the period at the end and inserting the following: “, unless the center, organization, institution, shelter, group living arrangement, or establishment is equipped with a point-of-sale device for the purpose of participating in the electronic benefits transfer system.”.

(h) Section 11 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by striking “coupons” and inserting “electronic benefits transfer cards or coupons,”;

(2) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking “a coupon allotment” and inserting “an allotment”; and

(ii) by striking “issuing coupons” and inserting “issuing electronic benefits transfer cards or coupons”;

(B) in paragraph (7), by striking “coupon issuance” and inserting “electronic benefits transfer card or coupon issuance”;

(C) in paragraph (8)(C), by striking “coupons” and inserting “benefits”;

(D) in paragraph (9), by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “electronic benefits transfer cards or coupons”;

(E) in paragraph (11), by striking “in the form of coupons”;

(F) in paragraph (16), by striking “coupons” and inserting “electronic benefits transfer card or coupons”;

(G) in paragraph (17), by striking “food stamps” and inserting “benefits”;

(H) in paragraph (21), by striking “coupons” and inserting “electronic benefits transfer cards or coupons”;

(I) in paragraph (24), by striking “coupons” and inserting “benefits”; and

(J) in paragraph (25), by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “electronic benefits transfer cards or coupons”;

(3) in subsection (h), by striking “face value of any coupon or coupons” and inserting “value of any benefits”; and

(4) in subsection (n)—

(A) by striking “both coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits under this Act”; and

(B) by striking “of coupons” and inserting “of benefits”.

(i) Section 12 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2021) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “electronic benefits transfer cards or coupons”;

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the first sentence—

(i) by inserting after “redeem coupons” the following: “and to accept electronic benefits transfer cards”; and

(ii) by striking “value of coupons” and inserting “value of benefits and coupons”; and

(B) in the third sentence, by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”; and

(3) in the first sentence of subsection (f)—

(A) by inserting after “to accept and redeem food coupons” the following: “electronic benefits transfer cards, or to accept and redeem food coupons,”; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “or program benefits”.

(j) Section 13 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2022) is amended by striking “coupons” each place it appears” and inserting “benefits”.

(k) Section 15 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2024) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “issuance or presentment for redemption” and inserting “issuance, presentment for redemption, or use of electronic benefits transfer cards or”;

(2) in the first sentence of subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by inserting after “coupons, authorization cards,” each place it appears the following: “electronic benefits transfer cards,”; and

(B) by striking “coupons or authorization cards” each place it appears and inserting the following: “coupons, authorization cards, or electronic benefits transfer cards”;

(3) in the first sentence of subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “coupons” and inserting “a coupon or an electronic benefits transfer card”;

(B) by striking “such coupons are” and inserting “the payment or redemption is”;

(4) in subsection (d), by striking “Coupons” and inserting “Benefits”;

(5) in subsection (e), by inserting “or electronic benefits transfer card” after “coupon”;

(6) in subsection (f), by inserting “or electronic benefits transfer card” after “coupon”;

(7) in the first sentence of subsection (g), by inserting after “coupons, authorization cards,” the following: “electronic benefits transfer cards,”; and

(8) by adding at the end the following:

“(h) GOVERNING LAW.—Fraud and related activities related to electronic benefits transfer shall be governed by section 1029 of title 18, United States Code.”.

(l) Section 16 (7 U.S.C. 2025) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or electronic benefits transfer cards” after “coupons”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting after “households” the following: “, including the cost of providing equipment necessary for retail food stores to participate in an electronic benefits transfer system”;

(2) by striking subsection (d);

(3) by redesignating subsections (e) through (j) as subsections (d) through (i), respectively;

(4) in subsection (g)(5) (as redesignated by paragraph (3))—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “(A)”;

and

(B) by striking subparagraph (B);

(5) in subsection (h) (as redesignated by paragraph (3)), by striking paragraph (3); and

(6) by striking subsection (i) (as redesignated by paragraph (3)).

(m) Section 17 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2026) is amended—

(1) in the last sentence of subsection (a)(2), by striking “coupon” and inserting “benefit”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking the last sentence;

(3) in subsection (c), by striking the last sentence;

(4) in subsection (d)(1)(B), by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”;

(5) in subsection (e), by striking the last sentence;

(6) by striking subsection (f); and

(7) by redesignating subsections (g) through (k) as subsections (f) through (j), respectively.

(n) Section 21 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2030) is amended—

(1) by striking “coupons” each place it appears (other than in subsections (b)(2)(A)(ii) and (d)) and inserting “benefits”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii), by striking “coupons” and inserting “electronic benefits transfer cards or coupons”; and

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “Coupons” and inserting “Benefits”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “in food coupons”.

(o) Section 22 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2031) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (3)(D)—

(i) in clause (ii), by striking “coupons” and inserting “benefits”; and

(ii) in clause (iii), by striking “coupons” and inserting “electronic benefits transfer benefits”;

(B) in paragraph (9), by striking “coupons” and inserting “benefits”; and

(C) in paragraph (10)(B)—

(i) in the second sentence of clause (i), by striking “Food coupons” and inserting “Program benefits”; and

(ii) in clause (ii)—

(I) in the second sentence, by striking “Food coupons” and inserting “Benefits”; and

(II) in the third sentence, by striking “food coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”;

(2) in subsection (d), by striking “coupons” each place it appears and inserting “benefits”;

(3) in subsection (g)(1)(A), by striking “coupon”; and

(4) in subsection (h), by striking “food coupons” and inserting “benefits”.

(p) Section 1956(c)(7)(D) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting “electronic benefits transfer cards or” before “coupons having”.

(q) This section and the amendments made by this section shall become effective on the date that the Secretary of Agriculture implements an electronic benefits transfer system in accordance with section 7 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2016) (as amended by this Act).

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 309

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 309, a bill to reform the concession policies of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 593

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] were added as cosponsors of S. 593, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize the export of new drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 692

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from Maine [Mr. COHEN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE] were added as cosponsors of S. 692, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve family-held forest lands, and for other purposes.

S. 770

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 770, a bill to provide for the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and for other purposes.

S. 833

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 833, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to more accurately codify the depreciable life of semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SIMON, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 3, a concurrent resolution relative to Taiwan and the United Nations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 147

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. HOLLINGS], the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN], the Senator from Illinois [Mr. SIMON], the Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON], and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 147, a resolution designating the weeks beginning September 24, 1995, and September 22, 1996, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week," and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 149

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM], the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN], and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 149, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the recent announcement by the Republic of France that it intends to conduct a series of underground nuclear test explosions despite the current international moratorium on nuclear testing.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

KYL (AND INHOFE) AMENDMENT NO. 2077

Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) proposed an amendment to the bill (S.

1026) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 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; as follows:

On page 371, below line 21, add the following:

SEC. 1062. SENSE OF SENATE ON PROTECTION OF UNITED STATES FROM BALLISTIC MISSILE ATTACK.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles presents a threat to the entire World.

(2) This threat was recognized by Secretary of Defense William J. Perry in February 1995 in the Annual Report to the President and the Congress which states that "[b]eyond the five declared nuclear weapons states, at least 20 other nations have acquired or are attempting to acquire weapons of mass destruction—nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons—and the means to deliver them. In fact, in most areas where United States forces could potentially be engaged on a large scale, many of the most likely adversaries already possess chemical and biological weapons. Moreover, some of these same states appear determined to acquire nuclear weapons."

(3) At a summit in Moscow in May 1995, President Clinton and President Yeltsin commented on this threat in a Joint Statement which recognizes "... the threat posed by worldwide proliferation of missiles and missile technology and the necessity of counteracting this threat ...".

(4) At least 25 countries may be developing weapons of mass destruction and the delivery systems for such weapons.

(5) At least 24 countries have chemical weapons programs in various stages of research and development.

(6) Approximately 10 countries are believed to have biological weapons programs in various stages of development.

(7) At least 10 countries are reportedly interested in the development of nuclear weapons.

(8) Several countries recognize that weapons of mass destruction and missiles increase their ability to deter, coerce, or otherwise threaten the United States. Saddam Hussein recognized this when he stated, on May 8, 1990, that "[o]ur missiles cannot reach Washington. If they could reach Washington, we would strike it if the need arose."

(9) International regimes like the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the Biological Weapons Convention, and the Missile Technology Control Regime, while effective, cannot by themselves halt the spread of weapons and technology. On January 10, 1995, Director of Central Intelligence, James Woolsey, said with regard to Russia that "... we are particularly concerned with the safety of nuclear, chemical, and biological materials as well as highly enriched uranium or plutonium, although I want to stress that this is global problem. For example, highly enriched uranium was recently stolen from South Africa, and last month Czech authorities recovered three kilograms of 87.8 percent-enriched HEU in the Czech Republic—the largest seizure of near-weapons grade material to date outside the Former Soviet Union."

(10) The possession of weapons of mass destruction and missiles by developing countries threatens our friends, allies, and forces abroad and will ultimately threaten the United States directly. On August 11, 1994,

Deputy Secretary of Defense John Deutch said that "[i]f the North Koreans field the Taepo Dong 2 missile, Guam, Alaska, and parts of Hawaii would potentially be at risk."

(11) The end of Cold War has changed the strategic environmental facing and between the United States and Russia. That the Clinton Administration believes the environment to have changed was made clear by Secretary of Defense William J. Perry on September 20, 1994, when he stated that "[w]e now have the opportunity to create a new relationship, based not on MAD, not on Mutual Assured Destruction, but rather on another acronym, MAS, or Mutual Assured Safety."

(12) The United States and Russia have the opportunity to create a relationship based on trust rather than fear.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that all Americans should be protected from accidental, intentional, or limited ballistic missile attack.

NUNN AMENDMENT NO. 2078

Mr. NUNN proposed an amendment to amendment No. 2077 proposed by Mr. KYL to the bill S. 1026, supra; as follows:

On page 5, beginning with "attack," strike out all down through the end of the amendment and insert in lieu thereof the following: "attack. It is the further sense of the Senate that frontline troops of the United States armed forces should be protected from missile attacks."

(c) FUNDING FOR CORPS SAM AND BOOST-PHASE INTERCEPTOR PROGRAMS.—

"(1) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, of the funds authorized to be appropriated by section 201(4), \$35.0 million shall be available for the Corps SAM/MEADS program."

"(2) With a portion of the funds authorized in paragraph (1) for the Corps SAM/MEADS program, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study to determine whether a Theater Missile Defense system derived from Patriot technologies could fulfill the Corps SAM/MEADS requirements at a lower estimated life-cycle cost than is estimated for the cost of the U.S. portion of the Corps SAM/MEADS program."

"(3) The Secretary shall provide a report on the study required under paragraph (3) to the congressional defense committees not later than March 1, 1996."

"(4) Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by section 201(4), not more than \$3,403,413,000 shall be available for missile defense programs within the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization."

"(d) Section 234(c)(1) of this Act shall have no force or effect."

BOXER AMENDMENT NO. 2079

Mrs. BOXER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1026, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

RELEVANT AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. . ETHICS HEARINGS.

The Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate shall hold hearings in any pending or future case in which the Select Committee (1) has found, after a review of allegations of wrongdoing by a senator, that there is substantial credible evidence which provides substantial cause to conclude that a violation within the jurisdiction of the Select Committee has occurred, and (2) has undertaken an investigation of such allegations. The Select Committee may waive this requirement by an affirmative record vote of a majority of the members of the Committee.