

Always maintaining the highest degree of professionalism, Colonel Behler ensured that he and those under his direction responded to our queries quickly and completely. As the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I greatly appreciated the commitment that Colonel Behler and his staff made to their jobs and I hope that his successor will maintain the same sense of duty and responsibility.

Soon Colonel Behler will take command of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base, CA. This will certainly be an important and challenging assignment, but one I am confident he will quickly master and at which he will excel. I wish him the best of luck in his new assignment and in the remainder of his career.

THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, as of the close of business yesterday, September 7, the Federal debt stood at \$4,968,651,845,437.79. On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,861.09 as his or her share of that debt.

WELCOMING HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 169, submitted earlier today by Senator THOMAS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 169) expressing the sense of Senate welcoming his holiness the Dalai Lama on his visit to the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I am today joined by the distinguished chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee Senator HELMS, the equally distinguished ranking minority member Senator PELL, and Senators MACK and D'AMATO to introduce a resolution welcoming the visit to the United States this week and next of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

The story of the 14th Dalai Lama is one with which I believe we are all familiar. Exiled from his homeland along with over 100,000 of his fellow Tibetan citizens, repeatedly frustrated and rebuffed in his sincere efforts to resolve their differences with the Chinese Government, His Holiness has never wavered in his determination to bring freedom and the full panoply of human rights to his people. His commitment to nonviolence in pursuit of the goal, even in the face of consistent provocations, has never faltered and earned him the Nobel Peace Prize.

For 45 years since the forcible invasion and occupation of their country by the Chinese People's Liberation Army,

Tibetans have been subjected to systematic abuses and human rights violations. Those 45 years have seen the deaths of tens of thousands of Tibetans, the destruction of thousands of their temples and monasteries, the imprisonment of their religious and political figures, the forced sinocization of their country, and the systematic destruction of traditional Tibetan culture.

Despite hollow Chinese declarations to the contrary, the present state of human rights in Tibet is deplorable. The Chinese Government continues to arrest and imprison Tibetans solely for their religious beliefs or for the peaceful expression of political dissent. Yesterday, the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs which I chair held a hearing on Tibet. Witnesses presented ample evidence of these continuing abuses; Mr. Gendun Rinchen, a former political prisoner in Tibet, very recently escaped across the Himalayas into India and flew here this week to provide us with firsthand testimony on the plight of the Tibetan people.

Mr. President, the resolution is fairly self-explanatory. It extends the welcome of the Senate to His Holiness the Dalai Lama, urges the President to meet with His Holiness and to encourage the Chinese Government to sit down at the negotiating table with the Tibetan Government-in-exile, and reminds the Tibetan people that as they move forward in their struggle the Congress and the American people stand with them.

In closing, I note that one of the central tenets of Tibetans' Buddhist belief is that life and its sufferings are transitory; this has allowed them to remain remarkably restrained since the invasion. I sincerely hope that sometime soon the Chinese Government will see fit to sit down with His Holiness and negotiate an end to the present unacceptable and untenable situation so that the Tibetan people no longer have to be patient in their suffering.

Mr. President, I urge the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be considered and agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements related to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 169) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

Whereas historically Tibet has demonstrated those attributes which under international law constitute statehood: it has had a defined territory and a permanent population; it has been under the control of its own government; and it has engaged in, or had the capacity to engage in, formal relations with other states;

Whereas beginning in 1949 Tibet was forcibly and coercively invaded and occupied by the People's Republic of China;

Whereas under the principles of international law Tibet is an occupied country and its true representatives continue to be His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government-in-exile, which the Congress has recognized on several occasions;

Whereas the Tibetan people are historically, territorially, and culturally distinct from the Chinese population in the People's Republic of China and were forcibly incorporated into the People's Republic of China;

Whereas the Tibetan people are entitled to the right of self-determination as recognized in 1961 by the United Nations General Assembly in Resolution No. 1723;

Whereas instead of being afforded that right they have been subjected to repressive actions on the part of the Government of the People's Republic of China, which have resulted in the deaths of countless Tibetans, the destruction of over 6,000 temples and monasteries as well as much of Tibet's unique cultural and spiritual patrimony, the flight of the Dalai Lama and over 100,000 Tibetans from their homeland, the established in Tibet by the Chinese of a consistent and well-documented pattern of human rights abuses including numerous violations of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, and the settlement of thousands of Chinese in Tibet in an effort to reduce Tibetans to being a minority in their own land; and

Whereas this September His Holiness the Dalai Lama will be making his first extended visit to Washington, DC, since 1993; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) warmly welcomes His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the United States;

(2) urges the President to meet with His Holiness the Dalai Lama during his visit to discuss substantive issues of interest to our two respective governments, and to continue to encourage the Government of the People's Republic of China to meet with the Dalai Lama or his representatives to discuss a solution to the present impasse in their relations; and

(3) urges His Holiness the Dalai Lama to remind the Tibetan people that, as they move forward in their struggle toward preserving their culture and regaining their freedom, the Congress and the American people stand with them.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES— H.R. 1530

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair will appoint conferees on H.R. 1530.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH) appointed Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. COATS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. NUNN, Mr. EXON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. ROBB, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BRYAN conferees on the part of the Senate.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent following the third rollcall vote on Monday, the Senate resume consideration of the Feinstein amendment, No. 2469, there be 30 minutes to be equally divided between Senators HUTCHISON and FEINSTEIN, and that the vote occur on or in relation to that amendment following the conclusion or yielding back of time.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1995

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 10 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 1995, that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that the Senate then immediately resume consideration of H.R. 4, the welfare reform bill.

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. SANTORUM. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will resume consideration of the welfare reform bill on Monday. Under a previous consent agreement, a number of amendments will be debated throughout the day with a series of consecutive rollcall votes beginning at 5 p.m., therefore Senators should be aware that the first rollcall vote will begin at 5 p.m. Monday. Also, for the information of my colleagues, a large number of amendments have been offered to the bill, as stated by the Senator from New York, and will need to be disposed of before passage. Therefore, the majority leader has indicated that Senators should anticipate late night sessions next week in order to complete action on the welfare reform bill.

THE FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent we resume consideration of the welfare reform bill, H.R. 4.

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

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 2678 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2280

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I send to the desk an amendment on behalf of the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO]. I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM], for Mr. D'AMATO, proposes an amendment numbered 2678 to amendment No. 2280.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, in order for an eligible State

to receive funds pursuant to title I of this Act after April 1, 1996, the State shall enact legislation establishing a program fully conforming to the requirements of this Act by that date AND EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF THE STATE'S AFDC PROGRAM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 112 OF THIS ACT.

(2) In the case of a State whose legislature meets biennially, and does not have a regular session scheduled in calendar year 1996, the requirement contained in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be effective no later than the first day of the first calendar quarter beginning after the close of the first regular session of the State legislature that begins after the date of enactment of this Act.

Mr. SANTORUM. I ask unanimous consent the amendment be set aside.

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

AMENDMENTS NOS. 2679 AND 2680 TO AMENDMENT NO. 2280

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I send to the desk an amendment on behalf of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], and another for Mr. HARKIN, and ask for their immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN] for Mr. KERRY, proposes an amendment numbered 2679 and, for Mr. HARKIN, an amendment numbered 2680 to amendment No. 2280.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendments be dispensed with.

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

The amendments are as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2679

(Purpose: To provide supplemental security income benefits to persons who are disabled by reason of drug or alcohol abuse, and for other purposes)

On page 124, beginning on line 16, strike all through page 127, line 2.

On page 127, line 3, strike "SEC. 202." and insert "SEC. 201."

On page 128, line 14, strike "SEC. 203." and insert "SEC. 202."

On page 129, line 7, strike "SEC. 204." and insert "SEC. 203."

On page 129, beginning on line 9, strike all through line 12, and insert:

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1611(e) (42 U.S.C. 1382(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

On page 129, line 13, strike "(3)" and insert "(6)".

On page 131, line 6, strike "SEC. 205." and insert "SEC. 204."

On page 131, line 5, strike "Sections 201 and 202" and insert "Section 201".

On page 131, lines 7 and 8, strike "sections 201 and 202" and insert "section 201".

On page 131, line 21, strike "or 202".

On page 132, beginning on line 19, strike all through page 133, line 9.

On page 133, line 11, strike "sections 203 and 204" and insert "sections 202 and 203".

On page 133, lines 17 and 18, strike "as amended by section 201(a).",

AMENDMENT NO. 2680

(Purpose: To assure continued taxpayer savings through competitive bidding in WIC)

At the appropriate place insert the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR INFANT FORMULA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Senate finds that—

(1) the federal Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a proven success story, providing special nutrition and health assistance to at-risk pregnant women, infants and children;

(2) WIC has been shown to reduce the incidence of fetal death, low birthweight, infant mortality and anemia, to increase the nutritional and health status of pregnant women, infants and children and to improve the cognitive development of infants and children;

(3) research has shown that each dollar spent on WIC for pregnant women results in savings of \$1.92 to \$4.21 in Medicaid expenditures;

(4) because of funding limitations not all individuals eligible for WIC assistance are served by the program;

(5) infant formula is a significant item in the cost of WIC monthly food packages, amounting to approximately 26 percent of WIC food costs after subtracting manufacturer's rebates, but approximately 48 percent of food costs prior to applying rebates;

(6) rebates obtained through competitive bidding for infant formula have reduced the cost of infant formula for WIC participants by approximately \$4.1 billion through the end of fiscal year 1994, allowing millions of additional pregnant women, infants and children to be served by WIC with the limited funds available;

(7) the Department of Agriculture has estimated that in fiscal year 1995 rebates obtained through competitive bidding for infant formula will total over \$1 billion, which will enable WIC to serve approximately 1.6 million additional women, infants and children; and

(8) because of the very substantial cost savings involved, Congress enacted in 1989 legislation requiring that states administering the WIC program conduct competitive bidding for infant formula.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the Sense of the Senate that any legislation enacted by Congress should not eliminate or in any way weaken the present competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of infant formula with respect to any program supported wholly or in part by federal funds.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I ask the amendment be laid aside.

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

RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1995

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:05 p.m., recessed until Monday, September 11, 1995, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 8, 1995:

STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

ROBERT NELSON BALDWIN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 1998. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

JEFFREY R. SHAFER, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE LAWRENCE H. SUMMERS.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MELISSA T. SKOLFIELD, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE AVIS LAVELLE.