

any tax cut provided in the reconciliation bill to families with incomes less than \$100,000.”.

BAUCUS (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2786

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. REID) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2099, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3 . APPLICATION OF LIMITATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN LAWS.

Any prohibition or limitation in this Act on the implementation or enforcement of any law administered by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall not apply if the Administrator determines that application of the prohibition or limitation would diminish the protection of human health or the environment otherwise provided by law.

MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 2787

Mr. MCCAIN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2099, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

SEC. . PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF HEALTH CARE RESOURCES BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) PLAN.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop a plan for the allocation of health care resources (including personnel and funds) of the Department of Veterans Affairs among the health care facilities of the Department so as to ensure that veterans having similar economic status, eligibility priority and, or, similar medical conditions who are eligible for medical care in such facilities have similar access to such care in such facilities regardless of the region of the United States in which such veterans reside.

(2) The Plan shall reflect, to the maximum extent possible, the Veterans integrated Service Network, as well as the Resource Planning and Management System developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to account for forecasts in expected workload and to ensure fairness to facilities that provide cost-efficient health care, and shall include procedures to identify reasons for variations in operating costs among similar facilities and ways to improve the allocation of resources so as to promote efficient use of resources and provision of quality health care.

(3) The Secretary shall prepare the plan in consultation with the Under Secretary of Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) PLAN ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall set forth—

(1) milestones for achieving the goal referred to in that subsection; and

(2) a means of evaluating the success of the Secretary in meeting the goals through the plan.

(c) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall submit to Congress the plan developed under subsection (a) not later than

180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary shall implement the plan developed under subsection (a) within 60 days of submitting such plan to Congress under subsection (b), unless within such period the Secretary notifies the appropriate Committees of Congress that such plan will not be implemented along with an explanation of why such plan will not be implemented.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet Tuesday, September 26, 1995, beginning at 9 a.m. in room SH-216, to conduct a mark up of spending recommendations for the budget reconciliation legislation.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 26, 1995, at 2 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for an executive session, during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 26, 1995, at 9 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY,
AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to meet during a session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 26, 1995, at 10 a.m., in Senate Dirksen room 106, on “Ruby Ridge Incident”.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION BY
THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
ETHICS UNDER RULE 35, PARAGRAPH 4, REGARDING EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

• Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, it is required by paragraph 4 of rule 35 that I place in the CONGRESSIONAL

RECORD notices of Senate employees who participate in programs, the principal objective of which is educational, sponsored by a foreign government or a foreign educational or charitable organization involving travel to a foreign country paid for by that foreign government or organization.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Walter Lohman, a member of the staff of Senator MCCAIN, to participate in a program in India sponsored by the Confederation of Indian Industry from August 26 to September 3, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Lohman in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Sean O'Donnell, a member of the staff of Senator GORTON, to participate in a program in Hong Kong sponsored by the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce from August 28 to September 4, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. O'Donnell in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Steve Phillips, a member of the staff of Senator HELMS, to participate in a program in Korea sponsored by the Korean Government from August 19-25, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Philips in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Russell Rockwell, a member of the staff of Senator SANTORUM, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Tamkang University from August 16-23, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Rockwell in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Holidae Hayes, a member of the staff of Senator D'AMATO, to participate in a program in Mexico sponsored by the Mexican Business Coordinating Council from August 22-25, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Hayes in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Corbin Stone, a member of the staff of Senator SIMON, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Chinese Culture University from August 17-24, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Stone in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Mark Ashby, a member of the staff of Senator BREAUX, to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs from August 14-27, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mark Ashby in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Brent Franzel, a member of the staff of Senator D'AMATO, to participate in a program in Mexico sponsored by the

Mexican Business Coordinating Council from August 22–25, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Franzel in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Amy Dunathan, a member of the staff of Senator CHAFFEE, to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs from August 15–27, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Dunathan in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Derek Schmidt, a member of the staff of Senator KASSEBAUM to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs from August 15–27, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Schmidt in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for William Triplett, a member of the staff of Senator BENNETT, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Tamkang University from August 16–23, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Triplett in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Eric Silagy, a member of the staff of Senator JOHNSTON, to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese People's Institute for Foreign Affairs from August 19–27, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Silagy in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Randy Rydell, a member of the staff of Senator GLENN, to participate in a program in India sponsored by the Confederation of Indian Industry from August 26 to September 3, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Rydell in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for T. Scott Bunton, a member of the staff of Senator KERRY, to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese Culture University from August 17–24, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Bunton in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Chad Calvert, a member of the staff of Senator SIMPSON, to participate in a program in Hong Kong sponsored by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce from August 28 to September 4, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Calvert in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Daniel Bob, a member of the staff of Senator ROTH, to participate in a program in Japan sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs from September 11–17, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Bob in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Andrew Brack, a member of the staff of Senator HOLLINGS, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by Tamkang University from August 16–23, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Brack in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Senators MURKOWSKI, SIMPSON, HEFLIN, LOTT, BRYAN, BURNS, and AKAKA, and their respective spouses; and Gregg Renkes, David Garman, Karen Hunsicker, David Fish, Bob Simon, members of the staff of Senator MURKOWSKI; and Jan Paulk, member of the staff of Senator DOLE, to participate in a program in Sweden sponsored by the United States and Swedish Governments from April 17–24, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Senators and staff in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for William Triplett, a member of the staff of Senator BENNETT, to participate in a program in India sponsored by the Confederation of Indian Industry from August 27 to September 3, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Triplett in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Sharon Soderstrom, a member of the staff of Senator COATS, to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese People's Institute for Foreign Affairs from August 15–29, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Soderstrom in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Tamera Santon, a member of the staff of Senator ROCKEFELLER, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Chinese Culture University from August 17–24, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Santon in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Lori Staley, a member of the staff of Senator BURNS, to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese People's Institute for Foreign Affairs from August 13–19, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Staley in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Paul Matulic, a member of the staff of Senator HATCH, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Chinese Cultural University from August 17–24, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Matulic in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Kraig Siracuse, a member of the staff of Senator D'AMATO, to participate in a program in Korean sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from August 19–26, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Siracuse in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Ellen Cahill, a member of the staff of Senator MCCAIN, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Soochow University from August 20–26, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Cahill in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for William Rosenau, a member of the staff of Senator SPECTER, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by Tamkang University from August 20–26, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Rosenau in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Robert Carey, a member of the staff of Senator ABRAHAM, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by Tamkang University from August 23–30, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Carey in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Kristin Peck, a member of the staff of Senator HELMS, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Chinese Culture University from August 17–24, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Peck in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for John Mashburn, a member of the staff of Senator ASHCROFT to participate in a program in Mexico sponsored by the Mexican Business Coordinating Council from August 22–25, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Mashburn in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Molly Dye, a member of the staff of Senator COVERDELL, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Tamkang University from August 16–23, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Dye in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Daniel Bob, a member of the staff of Senator ROTH, to participate in a program in Japan sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs from September 11–17, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Bob in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Elizabeth Wilson, a member of the staff of Senator HELMS, to participate in a program in Germany sponsored by Friendship in Freedom from September 2–9, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Wilson in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Senator and Mrs. BRADLEY to participate in a program in Italy sponsored by the Ambrosetti Group from September 1–5, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Senator and Mrs. Bradley in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Elizabeth Lambird, a member of the staff of Senator HELMS, to participate in a program in Hong Kong sponsored by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce from August 28 to September 4, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Lambird in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Marc Thiessen, a member of the staff of Senator HELMS, to participate in a program in Hong Kong sponsored by the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce from August 28 to September 4, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Thiessen in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Gregory McGinity, a member of the staff of Senator COCHRAN, to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese Culture University from August 22-29, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. McGinity in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Sean O'Donnell, a member of the staff of Senator GORTON, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Soochow University from August 6-12, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. O'Donnell in this program.●

JASON REESE—YOUTH OF THE YEAR

● Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, Jason Reese is a remarkable young man who is attending the University of Tennessee as a national merit scholar. He was named last week as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America "Youth of the Year." I join all my fellow Tennesseans in saluting Jason, and wishing him well as he enters college.

I ask that an article that appeared in the October 2, 1995, edition of U.S. News & World Report be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

[From the U.S. News & World Report, Oct. 2, 1995]

BOOTSTRAPS—TRYING IN TENNESSEE

(By Dorian Friedman)

As an introverted child from a troubled family, Jason Reese never imagined himself as a role model. So when a young neighbor saw him recently on TV and told him "he wanted to grow up to be like me, it just about made me cry." Jason wasn't alone: There were more than a few teary-eyed admirers in a Capitol Hill audience last week when the Boys & Girls Clubs of America named the 18-year-old its National Youth of the Year.

Abandoned by his father as an infant and shuttled between grandparents and a struggling single mother, Jason was raised in "the projects" of Morristown, Tenn., a neighborhood where drug dealing and gunfire were not uncommon. A haven where Jason found surrogate fathers and friends was the local Boys & Girls Club. There, he tutored the younger school kids, helped run park cleanups and food drives and pitched in at a nursing home. He also worked at a local auto-parts company, tended to his two little brothers so their mother could finish college and maintained nearly perfect grades in school. He graduated from Morristown High West this year as a National Merit scholar and drew a full scholarship to the University of Tennessee, where he will study biology and chemistry in hopes of becoming a doctor.

As Youth of the Year, he voiced a message to other teenagers: "Stay determined, pursue your dreams and never let anybody tell you that you can't get there." That approach was taken long ago by another Boys Club product—originally from a place called Hope—who told Jason and the other finalists how proud he was of them in the Oval Office.●

PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS BILL PERTAINING TO TURKEY

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, the Senate recently adopted two amendments to the foreign operations appropriations bill which I think deserve further comment.

The first of these, an amendment offered by Senator DOLE, will prohibit U.S. assistance from going to any country that impedes the delivery of U.S. humanitarian assistance. I am a cosponsor of this amendment, as well as of the original legislation on the subject, the Humanitarian Aid Corridors Act, and I believe strongly in the principle which it reflects. Countries that block our humanitarian efforts should not be receiving our foreign aid. I wish that such legislation were not necessary, but unfortunately the third largest recipient of United States foreign aid, Turkey, continues to prevent the delivery of most humanitarian assistance to neighboring Armenia. We can no longer ignore this situation.

After enduring mass slaughter at the hands of the Ottoman Empire, and more than 60 years under the repressive rule of the Soviet Union, Armenia has been embroiled since achieving independence 4 years ago in a bloody dispute with Azerbaijan to its east and has been subjected to an economic blockade by Turkey on the west. The United States and the rest of the Western community have provided humanitarian aid to help reduce the severe shortages of fuel, food, and other essential supplies. Unfortunately, Turkey has maintained a blockade on the most efficient land routes, thereby greatly complicating this relief effort.

I had hoped that diplomacy alone could ensure the delivery of the much-needed assistance to Armenia. However, the lack of progress on the diplomatic front and my commitment to ensuring the unrestricted delivery of humanitarian assistance to Armenia—and my commitment to the important principle of permitting unrestricted humanitarian assistance to the civilian casualties of any nation—have convinced me that Senator DOLE's legislation is necessary. I believe it is the most effective avenue to bring pressure to bear on those hindering the delivery of humanitarian assistance to Armenia.

The second amendment I wish to discuss also affected Turkey and, had it been adopted, would have capped United States economic assistance to Turkey at \$21 million. I also cosponsored this amendment, offered by Senator D'AMATO as a way of expressing to our Turkish allies our extreme disappointment with their continued intransigence in Cyprus, their deplorable human rights record in dealing with the Kurdish insurgency in southeastern Turkey, and their continuing land blockade of Armenia.

I am well aware of the important strategic role that Turkey played during the cold war and of its role in the

international coalition during the Persian Gulf war. I appreciate the significant contributions Turkey has made to reasonable action and discourse in the Moslem world. I would like for Turkey and the United States to be close co-operating friendly allies. I do not relish the idea of taking punitive measures against a valued NATO ally, but we must look at the relationship across a spectrum of issues and in many areas Turkey comes up short. The Turkish occupation in Cyprus just entered its third decade and there seems to be little movement toward a settlement. The United States State Department reported that, despite constant urgings from the Western community, human rights abuses in Turkey worsened last year. This behavior is incompatible with Turkey's drive for inclusion in the European Union. Because all other means of delivering the message and securing altered behavior have failed, I agree that we are reduced to using the few remaining vehicles available to deliver our message, a reduction of our assistance.

Like many of my colleagues, I want Turkey to continue as a trusted ally, but we cannot let our desire for good relations blind us to Turkey's flaws. I am pleased that Senator DOLE's amendment was adopted and I hope that the Turkish leadership receives the message sent by both amendments—our relationship since the cold war has changed and Turkey's strategic location is no longer enough to shield them from the bright light of international scrutiny. I also hope that Turkey's response will not be intransigence and obstinacy, but instead will be recognition that this message comes from a nation and a people that values our friendship and wants our future relations to be friendly and cooperative and will ensure they are friendly and cooperative if Turkey will comport itself in accord with established standards of behavior for sovereign states.●

MEMORIAL TO M. SGT. CARL BILLIG

● Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, this morning, the family of retired M. Sgt. Carl Billig said their final farewells to this devoted husband, father, and war veteran who passed away on Friday, September 22, 1995.

Sergeant Billig's dying wish was to receive his long-sought military awards and medals. After more than a year of trying to track down those medals, they finally arrived 2 days before his death. In a touching ceremony, Sergeant Billig's family gathered at the home around his bed where he lie terminally ill with cancer. The family looked on as Maj. Martin Harris presented Sergeant Billig with 14 military medals and badges—including the Purple Heart and the Award of Meritorious Service in recognition of his 23 years of service spanning World War II through the Vietnam conflict.