enactment of the guarantees of the 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution

A memorial to Dr. King erected in the nation's Capital will provide continuing inspiration to all who visit it, and particularly to the thousands of students and young people who visit Washington, DC every year. While these young people may have no personal memory of the condition of civil rights in America before Dr. King, nor of the struggle in which he was the major figure, they do understand that there is much more that still needs to be done. As Coretta King said so articulately:

Young people in particular need nonviolent role models like him. In many ways, the Civil Rights movement was a youth movement. Young people of all races, many of whom were jailed, were involved in the struggle, and some gave their lives for the cause. Yet none of the youth trained by Martin and his associates retaliated in violence, including members of some of the toughest gangs of urban ghettos in cities like Chicago and Birmingham. This was a remarkable achievement. It has never been done before; it has not been duplicated since.

It is our hope that the young people who visit this monument will come to understand that it represents not only the enormous contribution of this great leader, but also two very basic principles necessary for the effective functioning of our society. The first is that change, even every fundamental change, is to be achieved through nonviolent means; that this is the path down which we should go as a nation in resolving some of our most difficult problems. The other basic principle is that the reconciliation of the races, the inclusion into the mainstream of American life of all its people, is essential to the fundamental health of our Nation.

Mr. President, Martin Luther King, Jr., dedicated his life to achieving equal treatment and enfranchisement for all Americans through nonviolent means. As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, I urge all of my colleagues to join Senator WARNER and me in this effort to ensure that the essential principles taught and practiced by Dr. King are never forgotten.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 198

At the request of Mr. Chafee, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. McCain] was added as a cosponsor of S. 198, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit medicare select policies to be offered in all States, and for other purposes.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. McConnell, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. Cohen] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to repeal the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, and for other purposes.

S. 233

At the request of Mr. McCAIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee

[Mr. Thompson] was added as a cosponsor of S. 233, a bill to provide for the termination of reporting requirements of certain executive reports submitted to the Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 277

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE], the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. Pressler], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS], the Senator from Colorado [Mr. BROWN], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. Lott], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCon-NELL], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. Inhofe], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND], from Senator Idaho KEMPTHORNE], the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. THOMPSON], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of S. 277, a bill to impose comprehensive economic sanctions against Iran.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. Shelby, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. Grassley] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. Stevens] were added as cosponsors of S. 356, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. Breaux] was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to apply the antitrust laws to major league baseball in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 248

At the request of Mr. DORGAN his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 248 proposed to H.J. Res. 1, a joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS] and the Senator from Illinois [Ms. Moseley-Braun] were added as cosponsors of Amendment No. 248 proposed to H.J. Res. 1, supra.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7—RELATIVE TO THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

Ms. SNOWE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES.

Whereas the United States has strong and enduring economic, political, and strategic ties with the Hellenic Republic of Greece;

Whereas Greece has been a strategic ally of the United States in the Eastern Mediterranean during every major conflict in this century;

Whereas historical and archaeological evidence demonstrates that the ancient Macedonians were Greek;

Whereas Macedonia is a Greek name that has designated the northern area of Greece for over 2,000 years;

Whereas in 1944, the United States opposed the changing of the name of the Skopje region of Yugoslavia by Marshall Tito from Vardar Banovina to Macedonia as part of a campaign to gain control of the Greek province of Macedonia, and the major port city of Salonika;

Whereas the regime in Skopje has persisted in inflaming tensions between it and Greece through a sustained propaganda campaign and the continued use of an ancient Greek symbol, the Star of Vergina, in its flag;

Whereas the Skopje regime has refused to remove paragraph 49 from its constitution, a reference to the 1944 declaration by the then communist regime calling for the "unification" of neighboring territories in Greece and Bulgaria with the "Macedonian Republic":

Whereas Greece has no claim on the territory of the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia and has repeatedly reaffirmed the inviolability of all borders in the area of the 2 countries; and

Whereas it is in the best interest of the United States to oppose any expansionist or irredentist policies in order to promote peace and stability in the area: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the President should not have extended diplomatic recognition to the Skopje regime that insists on using the Greek name of Macedonia; and

(2) the President should reconsider this decision and withdraw diplomatic recognition until such time as the Skopje regime renounces its use of the name Macedonia, removes objectionable language in paragraph 49 of its constitution, removes symbols which imply territorial expansion such as the Star of Vergina in its flag, ceases propaganda against Greece, and adheres fully to Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe norms and principles.

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED

BALANCED BUDGET CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

BYRD AMENDMENTS NOS. 252-258

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BYRD submitted seven amendments intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1) proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 252

On page 2, line 3, strike beginning with "unless" through "vote" on line 6 and insert "unless the Congress shall provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts".

AMENDMENT No. 253

On page 2, strike lines 15 through 17.

AMENDMENT NO. 254

On page 2, line 8, strike beginning with through "vote" on line 10 and insert "unless Congress provides by law for such an increase"

AMENDMENT No. 255

On page 2, line 14, strike the period and in-'and any alternative proposed budget for the fiscal year that the President determines to be appropriate for that fiscal year.".

AMENDMENT No. 256

On page 2, lines 24 and 25, strike ", adopted by a majority of the whole number of each

AMENDMENT No. 257

On page 3, line 10, strike "2002" and insert

AMENDMENT No. 258

On page 3, line 1, strike beginning with "enforce" through "receipts" on line 3 and insert "implement this article by appropriate legislation".

GRAHAM AMENDMENT NO. 259

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

On page 2, line 8, strike "held by the public''.

LEAHY (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 260

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

LEAHY (for himself. Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. BUMPERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

On page 1, lines 4 and 5, strike "is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which" and inserting "shall be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States and submitted to the States for ratification upon the completion by the General Accounting Office of a detailed analysis of the impact of the article on the economy and budget of each State

ROCKEFELLER (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 261

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. AKAKA, and WELLSTONE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

At the end of section 6, add the following: "However, no legislation to enforce or implement this Article may impair any payment or other benefit based upon a death or disability incurred in, or aggravated by, service in the Armed Forces if such payment or other benefit was earned under a program established before the ratification of this Arti-

WELLSTONE AMENDMENTS NOS. 262-266

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. WELLSTONE submitted five amendments intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 262

On page 2, line 3, following the word "unless", insert the following:

"(a) compliance with this requirement would result in-

(i) substantial reductions in the quality of, or access to, health care for veterans, or

(ii) substantial reductions in compensation provided to veterans for service-connected illnesses or injuries, or

AMENDMENT No. 263

On page 2, line 3, following the word "unless", insert the following:

"(a) a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress shall determine that compliance with this requirement would re-

(i) substantial reductions in the quality of, or access to, health care for veterans, or

(ii) substantial reductions in compensation provided to veterans for service-connected illnesses or injuries, or

AMENDMENT No. 264

On page 2, line 3, following the word "unless", insert the following:

"(a) compliance with this requirement would result in significant reductions in assistance to students who want to attend college, or (b)''

AMENDMENT No. 265

On page 2, line 3, following the word "unless", insert the following:

"(a) a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress shall determine that compliance with this requirement would result in significant reductions in assistance to students who want to attend college, or

AMENDMENT No. 266

On page 2, line 3, following the word "unless'', insert the following:

"(a) a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress shall determine that compliance with this requirement would increase the number of hungry or homeless children, or

KENNEDY (AND JOHNSTON) AMENDMENT NO. 267

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. JOHNSTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

On page 3, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

SEC. 8. Nothing in this article shall authorize the President to impound funds appropriated by Congress by law, or to impose taxes, duties, or fees.

GRAMM (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 268

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. COATS, and Mr. ABRAHAM) submitted amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

Strike section 4 of the amendment and insert the following:

"SEC. 4. No bill to increase receipts shall become law unless approved by a three-fifths majority of the whole number in each House of Congress.

BRADLEY AMENDMENT NO. 269

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BRADLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

"That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission to the States for ratification:

"ARTICLE -

"SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts by a rollcall vote.

SECTION 2. The limit on the debt of the United States held by the public shall not be increased, unless three-fifths of the whole number of each House shall provide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

'SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the United States Government for that fiscal year in which total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

'SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become law unless approved by a majority of the whole number of each House by a rollcall vote.

"SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law.

'SECTION 6. This article shall be enforced only in accordance with appropriate legislation, which may rely on estimates of outlays and receipts, enacted by Congress.

'SECTION 7. Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States Government except for those for repayment of debt principal and those dedicated to a capital budget. The capital budget shall include only major public physical capital investments. For each fiscal year, outlays dedicated to the capital budget shall not exceed an amount equal to 10 percent of the total outlays for that year, which amount shall not be counted for purposes of section 2. Three-fifths of each House may provide by law for capital budget outlays in excess of 10 percent for a fiscal year.

Total receipts shall include all receipts of the United States Government except those derived from borrowing and the disposition of major public physical capital assets.

'SECTION 8. The receipts (including attributable interest) and outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, or any successor trust funds shall not

be counted as receipts or outlays for purposes of this article.

"SECTION 9. This article shall take effect beginning with fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year beginning after its ratification, whichever is later."

BRADLEY (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 270

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BRADLEY (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

On page 3, strike lines 4 through 8, and insert the following:

"SEC. 7. Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States Government except for those for repayment of debt principal and those dedicated to a capital budget. The capital budget shall include only major public physical capital investments. For each fiscal year, outlays dedicated to the capital budget shall not exceed an amount equal to 10 percent of the total outlays for that year, which amount shall not be counted for purposes of section 2. Three-fifths of each House may provide by law for capital budget outlays in excess of 10 percent for a fiscal year.

"Total receipts shall include all receipts of the United States Government except those derived from borrowing and the disposition of major public physical capital assets.

BROWN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 271

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. Brown Viz:

On page 1, line 3, strike beginning with "(two-thirds" through the end of the resolution and insert the following:

SECTION 1. BALANCED BUDGET OR NO PAY.

- (a) REPORT.—On September 30, 1999, the Director of the OMB shall—
- (1) determine whether the Federal budget for fiscal year 2000 will be a balanced budget; and
- (2) if the Director determines that there will be a budget deficit for fiscal year 2000, notify the President and Congress of the amount of such deficit.
- (b) PAY SUSPENDED.—If the Director of OMB notifies the President and Congress that there is a budget deficit pursuant to subsection (a)(2)—
- (1) the President shall suspend pay for employees of the executive branch subject to confirmation by the Senate, and the President and Vice President; and
- (2) the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate shall suspend pay for Members of Congress and congressional staff;

until such time as the Director of OMB reports that the deficit for fiscal year 2000 has been eliminated.

SEC. 2. BALANCED BUDGET.

For purposes of this Act, the term "balanced budget" with respect to a fiscal year is a budget in which total outlays for that fiscal year do not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year. Total receipts shall include all receipts of United States Government except those derived from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States

Government except for those for repayment of debt principal.

SEC. 3. WAIVER.

The Congress may waive the provisions of this Act if a declaration of war is in effect. The provisions of this Act may be waived if the United States is engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law.

JOHNSTON (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 272

Mr. JOHNSTON (for himself, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. PRYOR) proposed an amendment to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

At the end of Section 6, add the following: "No court shall have the power to order relief pursuant to any case or controversy arising under this article, except as may be specifically authorized in implementing legislation pursuant to this section."

LEVIN AMENDMENT NO. 273

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

On page 1, lines 4 and 5, strike "is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which" and insert "shall be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution and submitted to the States for ratification upon the enactment of legislation specifying the means for implementing and enforcing the provisions of the amendment, which amendment".

FEINSTEIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 274

(Ordered to lie on the table)

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. FORD, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. BUMPERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following: "That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission to the States for ratification:

"ARTICLE —

"SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts by a rollcall vote.

"SECTION 2. The limit on the debt of the United States held by the public shall not be increased, unless three-fifths of the whole number of each House shall provide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote

"SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the United States Government for that fiscal year in which total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

"Section 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become law unless approved by a majority of the whole number of each House by a rollcall vote.

"Section 5. The Congress may waive the provisions of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law.

"SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and implement this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely on estimates of outlays and receipts.

"SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts of the United States Government except those derived from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States Government except for those for repayment of debt principal. The receipts (including attributable interest) and outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund used to provide old age, survivors, and disabilities benefits shall not be counted as receipts or outlays for purposes of this article.

"SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning with fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year beginning after its ratification, whichever is later."

CONRAD AMENDMENT NO. 275

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CONRAD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

On page 2, strike line 18 and all that follows through line 25, and insert the following:

"SEC. 5. This article shall be suspended for any fiscal year and the first fiscal year thereafter if a declaration of war is in effect or if the Congress declares an economic emergency. The provisions of this article may be waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security and it is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress, that becomes law."

KERRY AMENDMENT NO. 276

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

On page 2, beginning on line 3, strike "year, unless" and all that follows through line 25 on page 2, and insert the following: "year, unless a majority of the whole number of each House shall provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts by a rollcall vote.

"SEC. 2. The limit on the debt of the United States held by the public shall not be increased, unless a majority of the whole number of each House shall provide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

"SEC. 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the United States Government for that fiscal year, in which total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

"Sec. 4. The Congress may waive the provisions of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is engaged in military conflict which causes an

imminent and serious military threat to national security and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law

"SEC. 5. The provisions of this article may be waived for any fiscal year during which the United States suffers from a serious economic recession which causes an imminent and serious threat to the nation's economy and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law."

KERRY AMENDMENT NO. 277

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him, to a motion to House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

I move to commit H.J. Res. 1 to the Budget Committee, to report back forthwith the following substitute amendment:

It is the Sense of the Congress that the Congress of the United States currently possesses all necessary power and authority to adopt at any time a balanced budget for the United States Government, in that its outlays do not exceed its receipts, and to pass and submit to the President all legislation as may be necessary to implement such a balanced budget, including legislation reducing expenditures for federally-funded programs and agencies and increasing revenues.

It is further the Sense of the Congress that the Congress should, prior to August 15, 1995, adopt a concurrent resolution on the budget establishing a budget plan to balance the budget by fiscal year 2002 consisting of the items set forth below:

(a)(1) a budget for each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 1996 and ending with fiscal year 2002 containing—

(A) aggregate levels of new budget authority, outlays, revenues, and the deficit or surplus;

(B) totals of new budget authority and outlays for each major functional category;

(C) new budget authority and outlays, on an account-by-account basis, for each account with actual outlays or offsetting receipts of at least \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 1994; and

(D) an allocation of Federal revenues among the major sources of such revenues;

- (2) a detailed list and description of changes in Federal law (including laws authorizing appropriations or direct spending and tax laws) required to carry out the plan and the effective date of each such change; and
- (3) reconciliation directives to the appropriate committees of the House of Representatives and Senate instructing them to submit legislative changes to the Committee on the Budget of the House or Senate, as the case may be, to implement the plan set forth in the concurrent resolution, with the cited directives deemed to be directives within the meaning of section 310(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and with the cited committee submissions combined without substantive revision upon their receipt by the Committee on the Budget into an omnibus reconciliation bill which the Committee shall report to its House where it shall be considered in accord with procedures set forth in section 310 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.
- (c) the budget plan described in section (a)(1) shall be based upon Congressional Budget Office economic and technical assumptions and estimates of the spending and revenue effects of the legislative changes descried in subsection (a)(2).

BIDEN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 278

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. KERRY) proposed an amendment to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

On page 3, strike lines 4 through 8, and insert the following:

"SEC. 7. Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States Government except for those for repayment of debt principal and those dedicated to a capital budget. The capital budget shall include only major public physical capital investments. For each fiscal year, outlays dedicated to the capital budget shall not exceed an amount equal to 10 percent of the total outlays for that year, which amount shall not be counted for purposes of section 2. Three-fifths of each House may provide by law for capital budget outlays in excess of 10 percent for a fiscal year.

"Total receipts shall include all receipts of the United States Government except those derived from borrowing and the disposition of major public physical capital assets."

WELLSTONE AMENDMENTS NOS. 279–284

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. WELLSTONE submitted six amendments intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution, House Joint Resolution 1, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 279

At the end of the amendment, add the following:

"Sec. . The provisions of this article may be waived if a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress determines that compliance with the first clause of Section I would result in significant reductions in assistance to students who want to attend college."

AMENDMENT No. 280

At the end of the amendment, add the following:

"SEC. . The provisions of this article may be waived if a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress determines that compliance with the first clause of Section 1 would result in an increase in the number of hungry or homeless children."

Amendment No. 281

At the end of the amendment, add the following:

"SEC. . The provisions of this article may be waived if a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress determines that compliance with the first clause of Section 1 would result in—

(a) substantial reductions in the quality of, or access to, health care for veterans, or

(b) substantial reductions in compensation provided to veterans for service-connected illnesses or injuries.''

AMENDMENT No. 282

Strike all after the first word and insert the following:

"The provisions of this article may be waived if a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress determines that compliance with the first clause of Section 1 would result in significant reductions in assistance to students who want to attend college."

Amendment No. 283

Strike all after the first word and insert the following:

"The provisions of this article may be waived if a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress determines that compliance with the first clause of Section 1 would result in an increase in the number of hungry or homeless children."

AMENDMENT No. 284

Strike all after the first word and insert the following:

"The provisions of this article may be waived if a majority of the whole number of each House of Congress determines that compliance with the first clause of Section 1 would result in—

(a) substantial reductions in the quality of, or access to, health care for veterans, or

(b) substantial reductions in compensation for service-connected illnesses or injuries."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 15, 1995, at 9:30 a.m. in open session to consider the following nominations for the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission: Mr. Alton W. Cornella; Ms. Rebecca G. Cox; General James B. Davis, USAF (ret.) Mr. S. Lee Kling; Rear Admiral Benjamin F. Montoya, USN (ret.); Ms. Wendi L. Steele.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 1995, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the President's fiscal year 2996 budget for the Forest Service.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to meet Wednesday, February 15, 1995, at 2 p.m., to receive testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, on the Environmental Protection Agency's fiscal year 1996 budget request.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be permitted to meet Wednesday, February 15, 1995, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on the tax treatment of capital gains.

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