

criminal law; it is leading to the early release of hundreds of violent criminals. Before this Supreme Court's error of judgment, in the Bailey versus U.S. decision, armed criminals committing violent or drug trafficking felonies were jailed for an additional 5 years, regardless of whether they actively employed their weapons. Now, as a result of the Court's decision, the prison revolving door is in full swing. Yet another roadblock has been erected between a savage criminal act and swift, certain punishment.

Mr. President, now that the word is out, prisoners already are preparing and filing motions to get out of jail as fast as they can write. U.S. attorneys are receiving petitions from criminals every day—for example consider the case of Lancelot Martin, who ran a drug trafficking operation out of Raleigh, NC: In 1992, Martin had attempted to use the U.S. Postal Service to receive and sell drugs. Martin was arrested by a Raleigh crime task force. The authorities obtained a warrant, searched his apartment, seized his drugs and recovered a 9 mm. semi-automatic pistol that Martin used to protect his drug business.

Martin was convicted of drug trafficking charges and received a 5 year sentence for using the gun. But Monday, well before his sentence expired, Martin walked free, simply because his gun and a hefty supply of drugs were found—but the Court somehow held that the gun was not actively employed during his drug trafficking crime.

So, Mr. President, my bill will ensure that future criminals possessing guns, like Lancelot Martin, serve real time when they use a gun in furtherance of a violent or drug trafficking crime. There are many other examples similar to the episode involving Lancelot Martin.

As a result of the Court's decision, any thug who hides a gun under the back seat of his car, or who stashes a gun with his drugs, may now get off with a slap on the wrist. Or if a criminal stores a sub-machinegun in a crack-house where he runs a drug trafficking operation, he can now avoid the additional penalty. The fact is, Mr. President, that firearms are the tools of the trade of most drug traffickers. Weapons clearly facilitate the criminal transactions and embolden violent thugs to commit their crimes.

I believe that mere possession of a firearm, during the commission of a violent felony—even if the weapon is not actively used—should nonetheless be punished—because of the heightened risk of violence when firearms are present. In its opinion, the Supreme Court observed, "Had Congress intended possession alone to trigger liability . . . it easily could have so provided." That, Mr. President, is precisely the intent of this legislation—to make clear that "possession alone" does indeed "trigger liability."

This legislation will increase the mandatory—repeat, mandatory—sen-

tences for violent armed felons from 5 to 10 years—and if the firearm is discharged, the term of imprisonment is 20 years. This legislation also increases to 25 years the mandatory sentences for second and subsequent offenses.

Mr. President, this bill is a necessary and appropriate response to the Supreme Court's judicial limitation of the mandatory penalty for gun-toting criminals. According to Sentencing Commission statistics, more than 9,000 armed violent felons were convicted from April, 1991, through October, 1995. In North Carolina alone, this statute was used to help imprison over 800 violent criminals. We must strengthen law enforcement's ability to use this strong anticrime provision.

Fighting crime is, and should be, a top concern in America. It has been estimated that in the United States one violent crime is committed every 16 seconds. And with youth-related violent crime at an all-time high, we must fight back with the most severe punishment possible for those who terrorize law-abiding citizens.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1612

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. INCREASED MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR CRIMINALS POSSESSING FIREARMS.

Section 924(c)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(c)(1)(A) Except to the extent a greater minimum sentence is otherwise provided by any other provision of this subsection or any other law, a person who, during and in relation to any crime of violence or drug trafficking crime (including a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime which provides for an enhanced punishment if committed by the use of a deadly or dangerous weapon or device) for which a person may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, possesses a firearm shall, in addition to the punishment provided for such crime of violence or drug trafficking crime—

"(i) be punished by imprisonment for not less than 10 years;

"(ii) if the firearm is discharged, be punished by imprisonment for not less than 20 years; and

"(iii) if the death of a person results, be punished by the death penalty or by imprisonment for not less than life.

"(B) If the firearm possessed by a person convicted under this subsection is a machinegun or a destructive device, or is equipped with a firearm silencer or firearm muffler, such person shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than 30 years.

"(C) In the case of a second or subsequent conviction under this subsection, such person shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than 25 years, and if the firearm is a machinegun or a destructive device, or is equipped with a firearm silencer or firearm muffler, to life imprisonment without release.

"(D) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall not place on probation or suspend the sentence of any person convicted of a violation of this subsection, nor

shall the term of imprisonment imposed under this subsection run concurrently with any other term of imprisonment including that imposed for the crime of violence or drug trafficking crime in which the firearm was possessed."

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 581

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK] was added as a cosponsor of S. 581, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to repeal those provisions of Federal law that require employees to pay union dues or fees as a condition of employment, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY] and the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] were added as cosponsors of S. 948, a bill to encourage organ donation through the inclusion of an organ donation card with individual income refund payments, and for other purposes.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. ROTH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of black revolutionary war patriots.

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] were added as cosponsors of S. 953, supra.

S. 1483

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. EXON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1483, a bill to control crime, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 43

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 43, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proposed missile tests by the People's Republic of China.

SENATE RESOLUTION 226

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 226, a resolution to proclaim the week of October 13, through October 19, 1996, as "National Character Counts Week."

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 46—RELATIVE TO THE LATE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN

Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MACK, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. FORD, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. CRAIG) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 46

Whereas the late Prime Minister Rabin was an outstanding Ambassador during his service in the United States;

Whereas the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was a chief architect of the military and nonmilitary ties between the United States and Israel;

Whereas the late Prime Minister Rabin was one of the leading and more consistent and reliable friends of the United States in the world;

Whereas the late Prime Minister Rabin was a cornerstone of the alliance between the United States and Israel in the face of terrorism and radicalism;

Whereas the late Prime Minister Rabin strengthened the values of democracy, pluralism, and market economy, which are at the foundation of both the United States and Israel;

Whereas the late Prime Minister Rabin, the courageous warrior, dedicated most of his life to Israel's independence and security;

Whereas the late Prime Minister Rabin devoted the latter part of his life to the pursuit of lasting peace between Israel and its neighbors;

Whereas the American Promenade in Israel is a privately funded project, expressing Israel's appreciation toward the United States and commemorating the unique bonds of friendship between the two countries;

Whereas the American Promenade had earned the bipartisan support of the top Israeli leadership, including the late Prime Minister Rabin, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, and Likud Chairman Benjamin Netanyahu, as well as the leadership of the United States Congress;

Whereas the American Promenade will consist of 50 marble, 20 foot high monuments bearing the flags and the official seals of the 50 States of this country and the United States-Israel Friendship Botanical Garden, featuring biblical and State trees and flowers; and

Whereas the late Prime Minister Rabin served as the Honorary Chairman of the American Promenade: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That—

(1) the Congress expresses its admiration of the legacy of the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his contribution to the special relationship between the United States and Israel; and

(2) it is the sense of the Congress that the American Promenade in Israel be named in memory of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as

an extraordinary leader who served the cause of peace and who furthered the special relationship between the United States and Israel.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE 1996 BALANCED BUDGET DOWN PAYMENT ACT, II

MCCONNELL (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 3480

Mr. DOLE (for Mr. MCCONNELL for himself, Mr. DOLE, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. D'AMATO, and Mr. BURNS) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 3466 proposed by Mr. HATFIELD to the bill (H.R. 3019) making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes; as follows:

No funds may be provided under this Act until the President certifies to the Committee on Appropriations that:

(1) The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is in full compliance with Article III, Annex 1A of the Dayton Agreement; and

(2) Intelligence cooperation between Iranian officials and Bosnian officials has been terminated.

MCCONNELL (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 3481

Mr. DOLE (for Mr. MCCONNELL for himself, Mr. DOLE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. D'AMATO, and Mr. BURNS) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 3466 proposed by Mr. HATFIELD to the bill H.R. 3019, supra; as follows:

On page 751, section entitled "Agency for International Development, Assistance for Eastern Europe and the Baltics," insert at the appropriate place, the following: "Provided further, That funds appropriated by this Act may only be made available for projects, activities, or programs within the sector assigned to American forces of the NATO military Implementation Force (IFOR) and Sarajevo: *Provided further*, That Priority consideration shall be given to projects and activities designated in the IFOR "Task Force Eagle civil military project list": *Provided further*, That No funds made available under this Act, or any other Act, may be obligated for the purposes of rebuilding or repairing housing in areas where refugees or displaced persons are refused the right of return due to ethnicity or political party affiliation: *Provided further*, That No funds may be made available under this heading in this Act, or any other Act, to any banking or financial institution in Bosnia and Herzegovina unless such institution agrees in advance, and in writing, to allow the United States General Accounting Office access for the purposes of audit of the use of U.S. assistance: *Provided further*, That effective ninety days after the date of enactment of this Act, none of the funds appropriated under this heading may be made available for the purposes of economic reconstruction in Bosnia and Herzegovina unless the President determines and certifies in writing to the Committees on Appropriations that the bilateral contributions pledged by non-U.S. donors are at

least equivalent to the U.S. bilateral contributions made under this Act and in the FY 1995 and FY 1996 Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations bills.

LAUTENBERG (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 3482

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 3466 proposed by Mr. HATFIELD to the bill H.R. 3019, supra; as follows:

On page 781, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

TITLE V—ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

CHAPTER 1—RESTORATIONS FOR
PRIORITY ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND
RELATED AGENCIES

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

In addition to funds provided elsewhere in this Act, \$72,137,000, to remain available until December 31, 1996.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY

An additional \$14,500,000 for the stewardship incentive program.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENERGY CONSERVATION

In addition to funds provided elsewhere in this Act, \$75,000,000, to remain available until expended.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

An additional \$5,000,000 for the Agricultural Research Service for the purpose of carrying out additional research related to a replacement for methyl bromide.

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

In addition to funds provided elsewhere in this Act, \$37,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1997.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

In addition to funds provided elsewhere in this Act, \$148,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1997.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

In addition to funds provided elsewhere in this Act, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, EPA is authorized to establish and construct a consolidated research facility at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, at a maximum total construction cost of \$232,000,000, and to obligate such monies as are made available by this Act, and hereafter, for this purpose.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND

In addition to funds provided elsewhere in this Act, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended, as authorized by section 517(a) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), as amended by Public Law 101-508.

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

In addition to funds provided elsewhere in this Act, \$440,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$365,000,000 shall be for making capitalization grants for State revolving funds to support water infrastructure financing, and \$75,000,000 shall be for