

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, pursuant to section 304(b) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. sec. 1384(b)), a notice of proposed rulemaking—extension for period for comment has been submitted by the Office of Compliance, U.S. Congress. The notice extends the period for public comment on a notice of proposed rulemaking relating to Section 220(e) of the Congressional Accountability Act, published in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD dated May 23, 1996.

Section 304(b) requires this notice to be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, therefore I ask unanimous consent that the notice be printed in the RECORD.

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

JUNE 7, 1996.

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING—EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR COMMENT

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [NPR] for the proposed regulations implementing Section 220(e) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, was published in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD dated May 23, 1996. This notice is to inform interested parties that the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance has extended the period for public comment on the NPR until July 1, 1996. Any questions about this notice may be directed to the Office of Compliance, LA 200 John Adams Building, Washington, DC 20540-1999; phone: (202)724-9250; fax: (202)426-1913.

Mr. ASHCROFT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent I have the opportunity to speak for up to 15 minutes.

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

Mr. ASHCROFT. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. ASHCROFT pertaining to the introduction of S. 1854 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

D-DAY

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I would like to just make reference to a statement about D-day, which I should have made a few days ago. I want to at least have it in the RECORD before I leave.

Mr. President, 52 years ago on June 6, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower made this dramatic announcement from London:

People of Western Europe: A landing was made this morning on the coast of France by

troops of the allied expeditionary force . . . the hour of your liberation is approaching.

As Eisenhower made that announcement, 130,000 American and Allied troops under his command, stormed onto the beaches along the coast of Normandy, France.

On that same day—June 6, 1944—another 23,000 British and American airborne forces were parachuted or taken by glider to secure critical inland areas.

The courage and dedication exhibited by these soldiers on that day and in the weeks that followed led to the liberation of Europe and the defeat of fascism.

As we mark the 52d anniversary of D-day, we must also look to the future, and remember the lessons that World War II taught us—and holds for us still.

We learned that we cannot turn our backs on what happens in the rest of the world.

We learned that we can never again allow our military to reach low levels of readiness and supplies.

We learned that we cannot appease tyrants and despots.

We learned the critical importance of American leadership.

And, perhaps above all, we learned that while leadership may carry a heavy price—it is a price well worth paying.

Mr. President, on this, my final D-day as a U.S. Senator, I would like to pay tribute to my colleagues who along with this Senator, served their country in World War II.

That rollcall includes the names of: Senator DANIEL AKAKA, U.S. Army; Senator DALE BUMPERS, U.S. Marine Corps; Senator JOHN CHAFEE, U.S. Marine Corps; Senator JAMES EXON, U.S. Army; Senator JOHN GLENN, U.S. Marine Corps; Senator MARK HATFIELD, U.S. Navy; Senator HOWELL HEFLIN, U.S. Marine Corps; Senator JESSE HELMS, U.S. Marine Corps; Senator ERNEST HOLLINGS, U.S. Army; Senator DANIEL INOUE, U.S. Army; Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG, U.S. Army; Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN, U.S. Navy Reserve; Senator CLAIBORNE PELL, U.S. Coast Guard; Senator BILL ROTH, U.S. Army; Senator TED STEVENS, U.S. Army Air Corps; Senator JOHN WARNER, U.S. Navy; and, of course, our colleague who landed a glider behind enemy lines on D-day, Senator STROM THURMOND, U.S. Army.

Mr. President, on June 6, and all the days to follow, we can best honor those who risked and gave their lives for freedom by rededicating ourselves to the promise that President Reagan made on behalf of America on the beaches of Normandy 12 years ago:

We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free.

SMALL BUSINESS AGENDA

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, this is Small Business Week, a time when we

honor the entrepreneurs and risktakers who make this country great. It is also a good time for taking stock of what we are doing to enable this Nation's small businesses to grow and prosper—especially without the Federal Government standing in the way. The administration has portrayed itself as a friend of small business, claiming numerous accomplishments. Not surprisingly, those claims are hollow. The Senate and House Small Business Committees each had oversight hearings during the last few days. These hearings were intended to examine implementation of the small business agenda, all of which were part of the final recommendations of the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business. In almost every case, on issues of paramount importance to small business, the administration has opposed its agenda by either threatening to veto legislation, by actually vetoing legislation that gets to the President's desk, and by failing to implement the legislation he has signed into law. One example of the administration's tendency to talk but not to follow through is implementation of the Paperwork Reduction Act. GAO reported yesterday that the administration had set a Government-wide goal of 10 percent reduction. EPA set a 25-percent reduction goal. The reality has been less than 1 percent reduction. The overall paperwork burden remains about the same: around 7 billion hours per year, a huge problem for small businesses which have real work to do.

The Small Business Committee cited a number of legislative initiatives which we have tried to advance. In every case, the administration has stood in the way. The Small Business Committee's report card on these issues gives the administration a failing grade.

In some cases, President Clinton actually vetoed legislation of great importance to small business. Like the Balanced Budget Act, or product liability, which limited the amount of punitive damages that may be assessed against small businesses, but where the administration sided with the trial lawyers. President Clinton vetoed legislation which would have increased the deduction for health insurance costs of the self-employed. He vetoed estate tax reform, which would have reduced the estate tax when a family-owned business passes from one generation to the next. Almost as bad, the administration has threatened to veto almost every bill small business needed. Regulatory reform, which required that every rule ensure that benefits justify costs, was veto-bait to the President. Ironically, these are requirements contained in President Clinton's own Executive order. But an Executive order lacks the enforceability of a statute, and apparently here, too, the administration did not have the courage of its convictions. Likewise, he has threatened to veto legislation that

would ensure that farmers, small landowners, or any citizen would be entitled to the constitutional right of compensation if the Government takes his property. The property rights bill would also help small business get through the judicial quagmire they face now.

President Clinton said he would veto OSHA reform legislation. He has threatened to veto the Team Act, which would allow managers and employees to work together to resolve workplace issues. Likewise, he has threatened to veto repeal of the 1931 Davis-Bacon Act, which makes it hard for many small businesses to participate in Federal contracts.

All in all, the issues of great importance to small business have been blocked by this administration. But we will keep trying to clear the way for the real entrepreneurs who are the backbone of this Nation. We owe them all our thanks. But more importantly, we owe them real action, not just rhetoric.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 104-127, appoints the following individuals to the Water Rights Task Force: Sherl L. Chapman, of Idaho, and Richard K. Golb, of California.

APPOINTMENT BY THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, pursuant to Public Law 104-127, appoints Elizabeth Ann Rieke, of Colorado, to the Water Rights Task Force.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting one withdrawal and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations and withdrawal received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3120. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION REFERRED

The following executive communication, previously referred to the Com-

mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, was referred as indicated:

EC-2782. A communication from the Director for Executive Budgeting and Assistance Management, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, concerning grant and cooperative agreement cost principles, (RIN0605-AA10) received on May 22, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2946. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules includes the rule entitled "The Acid Rain Program," (FRL5513-4) received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2947. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities Waste Generators (FRL5509-4) received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2948. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the review of potential health effects from the use of magnetic levitation for railroad transportation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2949. A communication from the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an extreme fire hazard in the State of Texas; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2950. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of informational copies of three lease prospectuses; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2951. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report concerning the extension of waiver authority for the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2952. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning Serbia and Montenegro; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2953. A communication from the Corporation For Public Broadcasting, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2954. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the International Labor Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2955. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2956. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the U.S. Agency For International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of economic support fund program allocations for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2957. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2958. A communication from the Under Secretary of State and the Under Secretary of Commerce, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, a report relative to export controls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2959. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the International Customs Observer Mission in Bosnia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2960. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the status of Exxon and Stripper Well oil overcharge funds as of September 30, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2961. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Colorado River Basin Project during water year 1995; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2962. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the San Sevaine Creek Water Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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EC-2964. A communication from the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the financial statements of the Colorado River Basin Project for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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EC-2966. A communication from the Chairman of the Mississippi River Corridor Study Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a Mississippi River National Heritage Corridor; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2967. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Exemption from Regulation-Boxcar Traffic," received on June 3, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2968. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Services Systems, received on May 31, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2969. A communication from the Managing Director of the Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule concerning digital devices received on May 30, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.