

Mr. LEVIN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 4384

(Purpose: To require that operational support airlift aircraft excess to the requirements of the Department of Defense be placed in an inactive status and stored at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base pending any study or analysis of the costs and benefits of operating or disposing of such aircraft)

Mr. LEVIN. I send an amendment to the desk in my own behalf and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] proposes an amendment numbered 4384.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X add the following:

SEC. 1072. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT.

(a) STATUS OF EXCESS AIRCRAFT.—Operational support airlift aircraft excess to the requirements of the Department of Defense shall be placed in an inactive status and stored at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, pending the completion of any study or analysis of the costs and benefits of disposing of or operating such aircraft that precedes a decision to dispose of or continue to operate such aircraft.

(b) OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this section, the term "operational support airlift aircraft" has the meaning given such term in section 1086(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law 104-106; 110 Stat. 458).

Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, this amendment will require the Department of Defense to retire certain operational support airlift aircraft while it studies the ultimate disposition of that aircraft that is excess to the needs of the Department of Defense.

Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, the amendment has been cleared by this side.

Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, has the amendment been adopted?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It has not.

Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 4384) was agreed to.

Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MCCAIN. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

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 Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The legislative clerk continued with the call of the roll.

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

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCAIN. I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of routine morning business.

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

TRAGEDY IN SAUDI ARABIA

Mr. CAMPBELL. Madam President, as the bodies of the servicemen killed in Tuesday's terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia arrive today at Dover Air Force Base, I join my colleagues in expressing my deepest condolences to those families who must now endure the pains of this senseless tragedy. Words cannot adequately express the sorrow our Nation feels for the loss of these soldiers who have made this ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Fortunately, none of the nearly 40 service people from Colorado who were caught in this terrorist bombing were killed, although some sustained serious injuries.

It is my sincere hope that the cowardly extremists responsible for this horrendous act are soon caught and swiftly brought to justice. I trust my colleagues in this Chamber will work closely with the administration and the Saudi Government to ensure their apprehension. I am also hopeful that the necessary actions will be taken to prevent any future assaults on the service men and women who guard and protect the peace not only in this region but throughout the world.

MEMORIAL TO RANDY BELLINGHAM

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I want to talk today about a friend, Randy Bellingham, who lived life to the fullest—in his work, in his play, in his personal relationships. And because of the way he lived, the sense of loss for those who knew him, is that much greater.

He was a decorated combat veteran of Vietnam. He was an avid outdoorsman. He was a superb lawyer. He was a cancer survivor. And he was a dedicated father. But to simply look at these achievements and call Randy a great man would not be doing him justice.

Randy will best be remembered for what he gave to those around him. His honesty, strength, courage, and understanding are qualities that brightened the days and lives of those he worked with and loved. Though he was a busy man, he took the time to counsel those who suffered from cancer. Randy used his own experiences combatting the

disease to help ease the pain of others. He changed the lives of everyone he knew. And now we are living monuments to his life. We will carry the memory of this great man with us in our hearts and in our minds always.

There is no remedy for the pain we feel when we lose a friend in the prime of his life. We search for meaning in such events, and pray that God has some higher purpose. I do not claim to know the answer to such questions. But I do know that Randy made the very most of every day of his life. And to me, that is the greatest achievement one can claim.

Sadly, Randy leaves behind a young family, his wife Mary Ann and his daughter Brynn. They should be very proud of the life Randy lived. He will be sorely missed. Thank you.

SENSELESS VIOLENCE IN SAUDI ARABIA

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, like so many Americans, I have watched with horror and anger the news accounts of the senseless act of violence in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia which has claimed the lives of 19 of our Nation's best and brightest young men and women and shattered the lives of so many others.

Across the Nation and in my own State of Montana we all feel the impact of this tragedy. Great Falls, MT, is the home of Malmstrom Air Force Base and the 341st Missile Wing. Twenty-three dedicated members of the 341st Missile Wing were deployed at King Abdul Aziz Air Force Base the night of the bombing and 5 soldiers were injured in the blast. Fortunately, we have now learned that their injuries are not serious.

I know all Montanans join me in offering our best wishes for a full recovery to Capt. Stephen Goff, AlC Daniel D. Hazell, AB Christopher T. Wagar, AlC Dennis A. Kuritz, and AlC Roger K. Kaalekahi IV. T.Sgt. James Rangitsch, originally of Billings, MT, was also injured in the blast and our best wishes go out to him and his family as well as his mother Dorothy Rangitsch, also of Billings.

We have all felt the pain of this horrible tragedy. The thoughts and prayers of all Montanans and all Americans are with the families of those who have lost their lives and those who are now burdened by injury. For those young men and women who have been taken from us too soon, we must resolve that these senseless acts of terror will not go unpunished and the perpetrators of the bombing in Dhahran will be brought to justice.

YANKTON DAILY PRESS & DAKOTAN CELEBRATES 135 YEARS

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, today I offer my congratulations to the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, the oldest daily newspaper in South Dakota.

For the last 135 years, Press & Dakotan has served the public interest by providing reliable local news to the residents of southeastern South Dakota. When the Press & Dakotan was founded in the Missouri River community of Yankton in 1861, the Dakota Territory was barely organized. Moving west, many early pioneers settled near the River and the Press & Dakotan, then known as the Weekly Dakotian, was there to serve them.

Over the years, the Press & Dakotan has recorded great national events from the end of the Civil War to the launch of the Space Shuttle. It has kept its readers informed with firsthand accounts of the Indian wars of the 1870's, the Depression of the 1930's, and the astounding economic growth experienced by Yankton throughout the 1990's. Fifteen other newspapers have come and gone in Yankton since 1861, but the Press & Dakotan has always been present to witness and record South Dakota's history. By persevering, it has etched out a tiny piece of history for itself.

South Dakotans depend on their hometown newspapers to provide updated local information. The residents of Yankton are no exception. The Press & Dakotan has a proven track record as a constant and reliable source for local information and it has served its community well. It has exhibited a remarkable ability to change with the times and is poised for new growth and development in the 21st century.

Once again, I applaud the Press & Dakotan for the hard work and commitment it took to reach this important milestone. I know the next 135 years will be just as successful.

TRIBUTE TO NORTH DAKOTA AIR FORCE PERSONNEL INJURED IN BOMBING IN DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, I rise today to express my deep condolences to the families of the 19 Americans who the Air Force reports were killed in Tuesday's blast in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. I know that the thoughts and prayers of all Senators are also with the more than 300 people who were injured and their families, but I would like to make my colleagues aware that 3 of those who were wounded serve in my State, North Dakota.

Madam President, approximately 60 Air Force personnel from air bases in Minot and Grand Forks in my home State are currently in the Persian Gulf theater. Many of them have been serving on a temporary basis in Dhahran with the 4404th Composite Wing, which is helping to enforce the no fly zone over Iraq. In light of reports that reverberations from the blast were felt nearly a hundred miles away in Bahrain, we must be thankful that more people were not killed, and that the three individuals from Grand Forks AFB who were hurt suffered only very minor injuries. It is my understanding

that they have had an opportunity to speak with their families, and have been given necessary medical care.

Although the names of the injured are being withheld for the time being, I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the fine work that these injured servicemembers and all North Dakota personnel in the Gulf have done for our country. Duty in the Persian Gulf is, by all accounts, an extremely challenging assignment. The desert environment is unyielding, and the culture is vastly different from what servicemembers are used to in the United States. Tuesday's blast also reminds us of the area's political instability, and the fact that the gulf is one of the few places in the post-cold war world where American forces daily face the real threat of attack.

In the face of these challenges, personnel from the Grand Forks and Minot bases have performed extremely well. They have been a tribute to their fine installations, our State, the U.S. Air Force, and our country. I am proud of every member of the Air Force assigned to North Dakota, and offer my special thanks to the men and women from Minot and Grand Forks who are in the gulf today. It is because of your vigilance and hard work that all of us back home can sleep well at night.

President Clinton and Saudi authorities have vowed that those responsible for this shameful attack will be brought to justice, and I echo their sentiments that this cowardly act will not sway our resolve in the gulf. I have no doubt that North Dakota's personnel in the region will play an outstanding role in dealing with the aftermath of the blast, and on behalf of my colleagues in the Senate, wish to extend my sincere wishes for a quick recovery to the 3 servicemembers from Grand Forks AFB who were injured.

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED AND DIED IN SAUDI ARABIA

Mr. ASHCROFT. Madam President, I rise today to condemn the June 25 cowardly terrorist attack which claimed the lives of 19 United States Air Force members at the Khobar Barracks near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The explosion which killed these men and injured 106 others was a heinous crime for which those responsible must be held accountable. The message must be sent that the United States will not tolerate conduct of this nature and our commitment to preventing future terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere must be stronger than ever before.

Today, we honor the service and sacrifice of those who were killed or injured in this attack. We mourn the loss of some of our Nation's finest service members and pray that God will comfort those closest to them in time of grief. We are also thankful for those who continue to serve in a land far from their own in the defense of the

United States and its allies and we commit ourselves to taking whatever action is necessary to ensure their continued safety.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, at the close of business yesterday, Wednesday, June 26, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,118,103,732,700.15.

On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$19,301.59 as his or her share of that debt.

LEONARD PELTIER

Mr. INOUE. Madam President, I rise today in recognition of events which are taking place in the Capitol today concerning the cause of a native American, Mr. Leonard Peltier.

For over 20 years, Mr. Peltier has been imprisoned for a crime that the Government now appears to be admitting Mr. Peltier may not have committed.

I first became interested in this case when I viewed a documentary on one of the network television news programs in which, much to my surprise, the prosecuting attorney evinced some pride in the fact that at trial, the defense did not request and the prosecution did not produce certain exculpatory ballistics evidence which may have well effected a different outcome in the jury's verdict.

Although it has been many years since I served as a prosecutor, at that time, a defendant was entitled to the production of all of the evidence that might be used against him by the prosecution, and to my knowledge the law has not changed in that regard.

Thereafter, I learned that Mr. Peltier had been extradited from Canada on the basis of affidavits of eyewitnesses who later admitted that their testimony was not truthful. Although the Government apparently knew of the false nature of these affidavits, they were nonetheless presented to the Government of Canada as the basis for extradition.

Over the ensuing years, it has been my belief that if these facts of apparent misconduct on the part of the government could be disproved, it would serve the interest of justice to have a full review of all of the actions and proceedings leading up to and resulting in Mr. Peltier's incarceration.

Accordingly, I called upon President Bush to initiate such a review, and it is my understanding that a hearing examiner of the U.S. Parole Commission undertook such a review.

Thereafter, in December 1995, I am told that a hearing was held in which the prosecuting attorney in the Peltier case acknowledged that the Government could not be certain who was responsible for the murder of two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on June 26, 1975, and that rather than having evidence which