

the bill (S. 476) to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 476) entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000," do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. 2,500 BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS BEFORE 2000.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 401(a) of the Economic Espionage Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 13751 note) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

"(2) *PURPOSE.*—The purpose of this section is to provide adequate resources in the form of seed money for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to establish 1,000 additional local clubs where needed, with particular emphasis placed on establishing clubs in public housing projects and distressed areas, and to ensure that there are a total of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities in operation not later than December 31, 1999."

(b) *ACCELERATED GRANTS.*—Section 401 of the Economic Espionage Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 13751 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking "or rural" and all that follows through the end and inserting the following: "rural area, or Indian reservation with a population of high risk youth as defined in section 517 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb-23) of sufficient size to warrant the establishment of a Boys and Girls Club."; and

(2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

"(c) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—

"(1) *IN GENERAL.*—For each of the fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001, the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the Department of Justice shall make a grant to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for the purpose of establishing and extending Boys and Girls Clubs facilities where needed, with particular emphasis placed on establishing clubs in and extending services to public housing projects and distressed areas.

"(2) *APPLICATIONS.*—The Attorney General shall accept an application for a grant under this subsection if submitted by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and approve or deny the grant not later than 90 days after the date on which the application is submitted, if the application—

"(A) includes a long-term strategy to establish 1,000 additional Boys and Girls Clubs and detailed summary of those areas in which new facilities will be established, or in which existing facilities will be expanded to serve additional youths, during the next fiscal year;

"(B) includes a plan to ensure that there are a total of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities in operation before January 1, 2000;

"(C) certifies that there will be appropriate coordination with those communities where clubs will be located; and

"(D) explains the manner in which new facilities will operate without additional, direct Federal financial assistance to the Boys and Girls Clubs once assistance under this subsection is discontinued."

(c) *ROLE MODEL GRANTS.*—Section 401 of the Economic Espionage Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 13751 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(f) *ROLE MODEL GRANTS.*—Of amounts made available under subsection (e) for any fiscal year—

"(1) not more than 5 percent may be used to provide a grant to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for administrative, travel, and other costs associated with a national role-model speaking tour program; and

"(2) no amount may be used to compensate speakers other than to reimburse speakers for reasonable travel and accommodation costs associated with the program described in paragraph (1)."

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am delighted that the Senate today has accepted the House amendment to S. 476 to ensure Indian reservations and rural areas are eligible for the funding authorized under this bill to expand Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. I am also pleased that this legislation will be sent to the President this evening for his signature.

When this bill was under discussion in the Senate last spring, I made sure that rural areas, including many areas of my home State of Vermont, would be eligible for grants to establish some of the targeted 2,500 new Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Representative BUYER's amendment will now ensure that Indian reservations will qualify under this bill. The original language in this bill was more restrictive, requiring the grants to be used only for the purpose of establishing Boys & Girls Clubs in public housing projects and other distressed areas. I have worked with the Boys & Girls and know that they understand that rural areas as well as urban can qualify as "distressed areas".

The bill is now more expansive and will give girls and boys in rural areas and on reservations greater opportunities to share in Boys & Girls Clubs and their programs. The revised statute will authorize grants for establishing and extending facilities "where needed". Particular emphasis continues to be given to housing projects, where Boys & Girls Clubs have proven effective in preventing youth crime, and to distressed areas, rural or urban. But the "where needed" language should help make expansion into rural areas a greater priority.

The changes made to that program by this bill also permit up to 5 percent of the grant funds to be used to establish a role model speakers' program. Anyone who has seen Boys & Girls Clubs of America commercial with Denzel Washington and his coach will know the kinds of outstanding role models that we are seeking to promote to encourage and motivate young people to be involved, productive citizens.

I have seen the outstanding results at the Boys & Girls Clubs in Burlington, VT. The role models they provide include the outstanding instructors and volunteers who work in the Club's many programs. I have also witnessed the outstanding result of the Kids 'N Kops Program at the University of Vermont with the cooperation of local law enforcement.

Expansions are proceeding and over 200 new clubs serving 180,000 youth were opened as a result of last year's appropriation. I know that the Bur-

lington Boys & Girls Clubs received \$100,000 to help enhance that Club's outreach efforts. I am also pleased to report that a new club will soon be established in Rutland, VT. I would like to thank Robbie Callaway and the many others at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America who have worked so hard to establish these important programs throughout the United States. I applaud your dedication and commitment to ensuring that our Nation's youth have solid alternatives to hanging out in the streets.

I know that the national headquarters is also researching the feasibility of a club in Essex Junction. I hope that with the continuation of this initiative they will look for opportunities to serve young people in Montpelier, Brattleboro, St. Johnsbury and other Vermont locations, as well. I would be delighted for a sizable portion of the 1,000,000 additional young people who we hope will be served by the end of this century to come from the 145,000 young people in Vermont and those in other rural areas.

In supporting this bill, I encourage the Boys & Girls Clubs as one example of a successful youth-oriented program that can help make a difference in young people's lives and prevent crime and delinquency. I also support the work of others who are effective with young people, including our outstanding 4-H programs.

This measure should not become an excuse for anyone not to join with us to bolster comprehensive drug education and prevention for all elementary and high school students. As I have urged in the Judiciary Committee discussions of S. 10, the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Act, we should proceed to help create after school "safe havens" where children are protected from drugs, gangs and crime with activities including drug prevention education, academic tutoring, mentoring, and abstinence training. This bill is a step but should not be the end of our efforts to support programs that help prevent juvenile delinquency, crime, and drug abuse.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I move that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

AMENDING SENATE RESOLUTION

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Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 161, submitted earlier today by Senator LOTT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 161) to amend Senate Resolution 48.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 161) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 161

Resolved, That Senate Resolution 48, 105th Congress, agreed to February 4, 1997, is amended—

(1) in section 1(e), by striking “\$5,000” and inserting “\$10,000”; and

(2) in sections 1(e) and 1(g), by striking “September 30, 1997” and inserting “September 30, 1998”.

GRANTING CONSENT OF CONGRESS TO CHICKASAW TRAIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPACT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of House Joint Resolution 95, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 95) granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the joint resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to make a few brief comments with my colleague, Senator LOTT, in support of H. J. Res. 95, a resolution passed by the House of Representatives which gives the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact. As the U.S. Constitution requires all State compacts to be approved by Congress, Representatives ED BRYANT of Tennessee and ROGER WICKER of Mississippi recently introduced this legislation in the House.

This Compact will allow the States of Tennessee and Mississippi to determine the feasibility of establishing an industrial park which would straddle the border between the two States. This proposed Industrial Park would lie in both Fayette County, TN, and Marshall County, MS. Governors Sundquist and Fordice have each expressed their support for this initiative, as they believe this type of industrial park will be strengthened by taking a regional approach to industrial recruitment and development.

I believe that Tennessee will benefit from this initiative by combining the competitive assets of southwest Tennessee and Northern Mississippi to create an attractive and viable business park.

I ask my friend from Mississippi, Senator LOTT, if he agrees that this initiative will be of significant benefit to our two States and, indeed, to much of the Southeast region?

Mr. LOTT. I thank the Senator for his comments. This area of our two States is growing rapidly and I agree that a new, bistate industrial park would be of great benefit to both Mississippi and Tennessee. It is my hope that this proposed economic development project will mean a major increase in the number of jobs and level of prosperity for this region of the country.

I have been working on this proposal for an industrial park for a number of years and I am pleased that this essential, in fact critical, next step of the process is taking place now. I know that both you and I will keep a close watch on the progress of this proposed industrial park and I thank you for bringing it up on the floor.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today in support of House Joint Resolution 95, a measure introduced by my friend, Representative ED BRYANT of the Seventh District of Tennessee. This legislation gives congressional approval to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact. This partnership is an interstate compact created by agreement of the Mississippi and Tennessee State Legislatures to promote joint economic development and interstate cooperation in a rural, undeveloped area of Fayette County, TN, and Marshall County, MS.

The plan creates the Chickasaw Authority, which will conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing an industrial park in the area. If this study produces a positive recommendation, Mississippi and Tennessee would then negotiate a new compact implementing the details to establish a 4,000- to 5,000-acre industrial park. Such a facility would capitalize on the strengths that lie on both sides of the State line and attract new investment and employment opportunities. The proximity of the park to metro Memphis would build on the already strong commercial activity in Southwest Tennessee and North Mississippi. To my knowledge, this type of cooperation between States has never been attempted.

Mr. President, I am proud to add my name to the unanimous support of the members of the Tennessee and Mississippi congressional delegations. It is my hope that this project will bring economic development and jobs by attracting new sophisticated high-technology industries to the area. I would like to thank the majority leader, Senator LOTT, for his assistance in bringing this measure before the Senate, and I would also like to thank Senator THOMPSON and Senator COCHRAN for their support for this initiative. I yield the floor.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be considered read a third time and passed; that the motion to reconsider

be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 95) was read the third time and passed.

GRANTING CONSENT AND APPROVAL OF CONGRESS TO AMEND WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT REGULATION COMPACT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of House Joint Resolution 986, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 986) granting the consent and approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

The Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be considered read a third time and passed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 986) was read the third time and passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the preamble is agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

AMTRAK REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1997

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (S. 738) to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 738) entitled “An Act to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; AMENDMENT OF TITLE 49; TABLE OF SECTIONS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE*.—This Act may be cited as the “Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997”.

(b) *AMENDMENT OF TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE*.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 49, United States Code.