

our Nation, including numerous shipments of naval spent fuel and foreign research reactor fuel.

In fact, in these pictures behind me it illustrates the means by which shipments of foreign-generated fuel are being transported to the Department of Energy's Savannah River facility. The safety record of these shipments speaks for itself.

They come into the Port of Charleston, SC. They are loaded off the ships and on to rail cars, and then transported to Savannah River. That is 2,400 shipments. And they have all been completed safely. And I think, again, the safety record of these shipments speaks for itself.

Again, this is spent fuel that is already being shipped across the United States, so it is no longer a question of technology but becomes one of politics.

Even so, modifications have been made to this legislation to further ensure that all spent fuel will be transported safely.

Mr. President, for too long our States, our ratepayers and taxpayers, have been threatened by a policy, again, one of inaction. As passed out of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, this legislation sets up a reasonable deadline for the DOE to finally live up to its promises. We cannot, in good conscience, delay that deadline any further. It is unreasonable to ask the taxpayers to sacrifice any further for a department that has failed—a department that has failed—to do its job.

So I am here today also to urge my colleagues to take a giant step forward in moving this legislation closer to Senate passage by voting for cloture and allowing the bill to be debated.

Again, this is not a question of science. It is not a question of technology. And I do not believe it is a question of safety in transportation. But it has become a plain question of politics. Will the political decisions be made to allow this bill and the solving of this problem to go forward? I think this bill is the first step in that direction. As I said, I urge my colleagues to support this.

I want to thank you, Mr. President, very much.

I yield the floor.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BRYAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent during the duration of the consideration of S. 104 that floor privileges be extended to two more members of my staff, Jean Neal and Andy Vermilye.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I send a second cloture motion to the desk on the pending motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to S. 104, a bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

Trent Lott, Larry Craig, John Ashcroft, Dan Coats, Tim Hutchinson, Sam Brownback, Mitch McConnell, Conrad Burns, Frank H. Murkowski, Jon Kyl, Connie Mack, Spencer Abraham, Chuck Hagel, John McCain, Don Nickles, Gordon Smith.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, it is my understanding that under rule XXII this cloture vote would occur on Wednesday morning. It is my hope cloture will be invoked on Tuesday and therefore this vote would not be necessary. However, if cloture is not invoked tomorrow, I will notify all Members as to when the second cloture vote can be expected.

Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the mandatory live quorum be waived.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

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

TARTAN DAY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, as a result of the recent recess of the U.S. Senate, I did not get the opportunity to come to the Senate floor and recognize Sunday, April 6, 1997, as Tartan Day. This day is set aside to honor the millions of Scottish-Americans who have made outstanding contributions to our great country.

This date has a special significance for all those of Scottish heritage. It is the 677th anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath—the Scottish Declaration of Independence which was signed on April 6, 1320.

This declaration of independence includes these inspirational lines: “* * * we fight not for glory, nor riches, nor honors, but for freedom alone, which no good man gives up, except with his life.”

Mr. President, Scottish-Americans have left their mark as pioneers and innovators in the fields of science, technology, medicine, government, politics, economics, architecture, literature, the media, and the visual and performing arts. Their contributions to the history and development of the United States are invaluable.

Some of these great past and present Scottish-Americans include: Neil Armstrong, Alexander Graham Bell, Andrew Carnegie, Julia Child, Hugh Downs, Thomas Alva Edison, Malcolm S. Forbes, Katherine Hepburn, Billy Graham, Brit Hume, Washington Irving, Robert MacNeil, William Holmes McGuffey, Andrew Mellon, Samuel B. Morse, Grandma Moses, James Naismith, Edgar Allen Poe, Willard Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson, Gilbert Stuart, Elizabeth Taylor, and James McNeil Whistler just to mention a few.

Mr. President. Almost 11 percent of all the Nobel Prizes awarded have gone to people of Scottish ancestry.

Mr. President. A Tartan provides an instant recognition of a family and its kinship.

By recognizing Tartan Day we are commemorating all that is best in Scottish heritage. I believe it is important for the Senate to pause, even if it is belated, and to recognize Tartan Day. I firmly believe it will further emphasize the many Scottish contributions to the growth and development of the United States.

Mr. President. As I look around the Senate Chamber I see many who can claim Scottish ancestry. I see my colleague and friend, JOHN MCCAIN. His family ancestry and my mother's actually goes back to four Scottish families who migrated to Carroll County, MS, back in the 1830's. I see others in this Chamber—JUDD GREGG and KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, and there are many more. Every day the Scottish in this Chamber live by the words in the Declaration of Arbroath that I quoted—they are here to advance freedom.

Mr. President. When our Nation was founded, almost half of the signers of America's Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent. Throughout the history of our country three-fourths of our Presidents have been of Scottish ancestry. This tells me that despite the fact they are few in number, Scots tend to take seriously the word from the Declaration of Arbroath.

Many organizations were involved in making the observance of Tartan Day on April 6 a success. There are clan societies, clubs, and fraternal associations and individual Scots-Americans representing literally millions of

Americans nationwide that participated. They include the Scots' Charitable Society (the oldest charitable society in the United States), the St. Andrew's Society of the City of Charleston, SC (the first St. Andrew's Society in the United States), the Saint Andrew's Society of New York, (the second oldest society in the United States); Scottish Society of Martha's Vineyard, MA; the American-Scottish Foundation, Inc.; the Association of Scottish Games and Festivals; the Caledonian Foundation, Inc.; the Clans of Scotland, USA; Council of Scottish Clans and Associations; Scottish Heritage USA, Inc.; the Illinois St. Andrew's Society; the Tartan Education and Cultural Association, Inc.; Highland Light Scottish Society, Massachusetts; Scottish Historic and Research Society of the Delaware Valley, PA, and numerous individual Scottish Americans including those from my own State of Mississippi.

Mr. President. I am proud to declare my Scottish-American ancestry and it is an honor to recognize the 677th anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath. Tartan Day is indeed a significant day for all Americans.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, April 4, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,384,750,396,046.34.

One year ago, April 4, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,137,761,000,000.

Twenty-five years ago, April 4, 1972, the Federal debt stood at \$428,814,000,000 which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$5 trillion (\$4,955,936,396,046.34) during the past 25 years.

HONORING THE REINSCHS ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America. The data are undeniable: Individuals from strong families contribute to the society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "till death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Clarence and Helen Reinsch of Argyle, MO, who on April 9 will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. The Reinschs' commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. McCathran, 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 sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 21, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, with amendment:

S. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate the House of Representatives.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 21, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 514. An act to permit the waiver of the District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia.

S. 410. An act to extend the effective date of the Investment Advisers Supervision Coordination Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the enrolled bills were signed on March 21, 1997, during the adjournment of the Senate by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times and ordered placed on the calendar.

S. 515. A bill to provide uniform standards for the awarding of compensatory and punitive damages in a civil action against a volunteer or volunteer service organization, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on March 20, 1997 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 410. An act to extend the effective date of the Investment Advisers Supervision Coordination Act.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of March 27, 1997, the following reports of committees were submitted on April 2, 1997:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, with amendments:

S. 4: A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-11).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, without amendment:

S. 295: A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow labor management cooperative efforts that improve economic competitiveness in the United States to continue to thrive, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-12).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 514. A bill to provide uniform standards for the awarding of compensatory and punitive damages in a civil action against a volunteer or volunteer service organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 515. A bill to provide uniform standards for the awarding of compensatory and punitive damages in a civil action against a volunteer or volunteer service organization, and for other purposes; read twice.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr.

LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROBB, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 516. A bill to amend section 1977A of the Revised Statutes to equalize the remedies available to all victims of intentional employment discrimination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

S. 517. A bill to provide relief to agricultural producers who granted easements to, or owned or operated land condemned by, the Secretary of the Army for flooding losses caused by water retention at the dam site at Lake Redrock, Iowa, to the extent that the actual losses exceed the estimates of the Secretary; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 514. A bill to provide uniform standards for the awarding of compensatory and punitive damages in a civil action against a volunteer or volunteer service organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.