

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, the purpose of this amendment—and this is really a very simple amendment that I think specific language will be worked out on with members of the committee and hopefully could be included as part of the managers' amendment—is simply to ensure that the President of the United States receives direct and objective and unencumbered advice regarding the safety and reliability and security of the U.S. nuclear force from the directors of the national laboratories and the members of the Nuclear Weapons Council.

Just one bit of background here. Both the national laboratories and the Nuclear Weapons Council are supposed to give the President advice about the safety, reliability, and security of our nuclear force. For them to be able to do that in an objective way, they obviously need to tell it as it is, "tell it like it is," without any fear that they are not adhering to any party line with respect to those issues.

This, in effect, extends the Goldwater-Nichols-like protection that has previously been provided to members of the armed services, the Joint Chiefs, for example, to the lab directors and the members of the Nuclear Weapons Council so they can give the President unvarnished, objective, accurate information, and that information can also come to the Congress, all for the purpose of enabling us to set proper national policy with respect to our nuclear weapons.

Mr. President, I will have more to say about this later. As I said, I hope the amendment can be worked on and included as part of the managers' amendment. We will discuss this amendment further later.

Mr. GRASSLEY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business for 9 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. GRASSLEY pertaining to the introduction of S. 996 and S. 997 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks time?

Mr. GRASSLEY. 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. LOTT. 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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.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. LOTT. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

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 Calendar No. 88, S. 936, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1998:

Trent Lott, Strom Thurmond, Jesse Helms, Pete V. Domenici, R.F. Bennett, Dan Coats, John Warner, Spencer Abraham, Thad Cochran, Larry E. Craig, Ted Stevens, Tim Hutchinson, Jon Kyl, Rick Santorum, Mike DeWine, Phil Gramm.

Mr. LEVIN. Would the majority leader yield?

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I yield to the distinguished manager of the bill on that side of the aisle.

Mr. LEVIN. I want to thank the majority leader for yielding. I have had a brief conversation with the majority leader because we are in a rather unusual situation where there will be no rollcall votes, further rollcall votes, until late tomorrow, and that we will be then having a whole series of rollcall votes that could occur I believe as early as 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, or whatever the UC reads.

But in my conversation with the majority leader, I was led to believe—and I think this would be very helpful—that if we are making good progress on getting rollcall votes late tomorrow and the next day, that there is a possibility at least that there will be no need to proceed with the cloture vote on Thursday. And I want to thank him for that.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if I could respond.

Of course you always have the option of vitiating a cloture vote. My only goal is trying to get this very important legislation moved through to completion this week. I know that that is the desire on both sides of the aisle. I am concerned about the number of amendments that have been suggested, as many as 150 first-degree amendments. I know a lot of those will fall very quickly once we start moving through the process and getting to the end of the week. But I certainly will consult with the Democratic leader, with the Senator from Michigan, and Senator THURMOND, to see how we are doing. And we can take that into consideration when we get to Thursday and see what the prospects are at that time.

Mr. LEVIN. I thank the majority leader.

Mr. LOTT. This cloture vote will occur sometime Thursday unless it is vitiated. I will consult with the Democratic leader for the exact time of the vote.

I do ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that there 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

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

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-2390. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison", received on June 30, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2391. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for fiscal year 1996 under the Youth Conservation Corps Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2392. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Amendments Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2393. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Reclassification of the Infant Radiant Warmer", received on June 27, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2394. A communication from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings; and Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers", received on June 27, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Services.

EC-2395. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the Federal Home Loan Banks and the Financing Corporation for calendar year 1996 under the Chief Financial Officers Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2396. A communication from the Director Morale, Welfare and Recreation Support

Activity, Department of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual reports for calendar years 1995 and 1996 of the Retirement Plan for Civilian Employees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2397. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Washington Convention Center Authority Accounts and Operation for Fiscal Years 1995 and 1996"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2398. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers", received on July 7, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2399. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Postmarketing Expedited Adverse Experience Reporting for Human Drug and Licensed Biological Products; Increased Frequency Reports", received on July 7, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2400. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Indirect Food Additives: Polymers; Technical Amendment", received on July 7, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2401. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy Management Staff, Office of Policy Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to expanded safe use of trisopropanolamine, received on July 7, 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-2402. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to violations of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2403. A communication from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of expenditures during the period October 1, 1996 through March 30, 1997; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2404. A communication from Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Revenue Ruling 97-29; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2405. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule relative to guidance for income tax benefits (RIN 1545-AV33), received on June 30, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2406. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Announcement 97-70; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2407. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a notice relative to Home Health Agency costs; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2408. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to staff-assisted home dialysis under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2409. A communication from the Congressional Affairs Officer of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the National Voter Registration Act for the calendar years 1995 and 1996; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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. MURKOWSKI (by request):

S. 991. A bill to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 992. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to increase the maximum term of imprisonment for offenses involving stolen firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. DODD) (by request):

S. 993. A bill to assist States and secondary and postsecondary schools to develop, implement, and improve career preparation education so that every student has an opportunity to acquire academic and technical knowledge and skills needed for postsecondary education, further learning, and a wide range of opportunities in high-skill, high-wage careers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

S. 994. A bill to provide assistance to States and local communities to improve adult education and literacy, to help achieve the National Educational Goals for all citizens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 995. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 996. A bill to provide for the authorization of appropriations in each fiscal year for arbitration in United States district courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 997. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 28, United States Code, to authorize the use of certain arbitration procedures in all district courts, to modify the damage limitation applicable to cases referred to arbitration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. Con. Res. 36. A concurrent resolution commemorating the bicentennial of Tunisian-American relations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COVERDELL:

S. Con. Res. 37. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League

baseball worldwide and should be entitled to all of the benefits and privileges available to nongovernmental international organizations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (by request):

S. 991. A bill to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE OMNIBUS PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1996

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation, at the request of the administration, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996.

Mr. President, I would like to submit a copy of the administration's letter of transmittal along with a copy of the bill and section-by-section analysis, and I ask unanimous consent that they be printed in the RECORD.

At the end of the 104th Congress, legislation was enacted making a number of changes to various laws affecting the national parks and other public lands. This new law, Public Law 104-333, the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, included over 100 titles. With over 119 individual bills being included in this package, a number of cross-references need changing, along with some spelling and grammatical errors.

Mr. President, this bill, when enacted will make the necessary technical corrections.

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

S. 991

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents in section 1 of division I of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 4094; 16 U.S.C. 1 note; hereinafter referred to as the "Omnibus Parks Act") is amended by striking—

"Sec. 504. Amendment to Boston National Historic Park Act.

"Sec. 505. Women's Rights National Historic Park."

and inserting—

"Sec. 504. Amendment to Boston National Historical Park Act.

"Sec. 505. Women's Rights National Historical Park."

SEC. 2. THE PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO.

(a) Section 101(2) of Division I of the Omnibus Parks Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 4097; 16 U.S.C. 460bb note) is amended by striking "the Presidio is" and inserting "the Presidio was".

(b) Section 103(b)(1) of Division I of the Omnibus Parks Act (110 Stat. 4099; 16 U.S.C. 460bb note) is amended in the last sentence by striking "other lands administered by the Secretary." and inserting "other lands administered by the Secretary."

(c) Section 105(a)(2) of Division I of the Omnibus Parks Act (110 Stat. 4104; 16 U.S.C.