

will benefit all jurisdictions within the Pacific Northwest, and best serve their respective national interests in cooperative and coordinated emergency preparedness as facilitated by the Consultative Group on Comprehensive Civil Emergency and Management established in the Agreement Between the government of the United States of America and the government of Canada on Cooperation and Comprehensive Civil Emergency Planning and Management signed at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on April 28, 1986: Now, therefore, be it is hereby agreed by and between each and all of the Signatories hereto as follows:

"ADVISORY COMMITTEE

"(1) An advisory committee named the Western Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee (W-REMAC) shall be established which will include one member appointed by each Signatory.

"(2) The W-REMAC will be guided by the agreed-upon Terms of Reference-Annex A.

"PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

"(3) Subject to the laws of each Signatory, the following cooperative principles are to be used as a guide by the Signatories in civil emergency matters which may affect more than one Signatory:

"(A) The authorities of each Signatory may seek the advice, cooperation, or assistance of any other Signatory in any civil emergency matter.

"(B) Nothing in the arrangement shall derogate from the applicable laws within the jurisdiction of any Signatory. However, the authorities of any Signatory may request from the authorities of any other signatory appropriate alleviation of such laws if their normal application might lead to delay or difficulty in the rapid execution of necessary civil emergency measures.

"(C) Each Signatory will use its best efforts to facilitate the movement of evacuees, refugees, civil emergency personnel, equipment or other resources into or across its territory, or to a designated staging area when it is agreed that such movement or staging will facilitate civil emergency operations by the affected or participating Signatories.

"(D) In times of emergency, each Signatory will use its best efforts to ensure that the citizens or residents of any other Signatory present in its territory are provided emergency health services and emergency social services in a manner no less favorable than that provided to its own citizens.

"(E) Each Signatory will use discretionary power as far as possible to avoid levy of any tax, tariff, business license, or user fees on the services, equipment, and supplies of any other Signatory which is engaged in civil emergency activities in the territory of another Signatory, and will use its best efforts to encourage local governments or other jurisdictions within its territory to do likewise.

"(F) When civil emergency personnel, contracted firms or personnel, vehicles, equipment, or other services from any Signatory are made available to or are employed to assist any other Signatory, all providing Signatories will use best efforts to ensure that charges, levies, or costs for such use or assistance will not exceed those paid for similar use of such resources within their own territory.

"(G) Each Signatory will exchange contact lists, warning and notification plans, and selected emergency plans and will call to the attention of their respective local governments and other jurisdictional authorities in areas adjacent to intersignatory boundaries, the desirability of compatibility of civil emergency plans and the exchange of contact lists, warning and notification plans, and selected emergency plans.

"(H) The authority of any Signatory conducting an exercise will ensure that all other signatories are provided an opportunity to observe, and/or participate in such exercises.

"COMPREHENSIVE NATURE

"(4) This document is a comprehensive arrangement on civil emergency planning and management. To this end and from time to time as necessary, all Signatories shall—

"(A) review and exchange their respective contact lists, warning and notification plans, and selected emergency plans; and

"(B) as appropriate, provide such plans and procedures to local governments, and other emergency agencies within their respective territories.

"ARRANGEMENT NOT EXCLUSIVE

"(5) This is not an exclusive arrangement and shall not prevent or limit other civil emergency arrangements of any nature between Signatories to this arrangement. In the event of any conflicts between the provisions of this arrangement and any other arrangement regarding emergency service entered into by two or more States of the United States who are Signatories to this arrangement, the provisions of that other arrangement shall apply, with respect to the obligations of those States to each other, and not the conflicting provisions of this arrangement.

"AMENDMENTS

"(6) This Arrangement and the Annex may be amended (and additional Annexes may be added) by arrangement of the Signatories.

"CANCELLATION OR SUBSTITUTION

"(7) Any Signatory to this Arrangement may withdraw from or cancel their participation in this Arrangement by giving sixty days, written notice in advance of this effective date to all other Signatories.

"AUTHORITY

"(8) All Signatories to this Arrangement warrant they have the power and capacity to accept, execute, and deliver this Arrangement.

"EFFECTIVE DATE

"(9) Notwithstanding any dates noted elsewhere, this Arrangement shall commence April 1, 1996."

SEC. 2. INCONSISTENCY OF LANGUAGE.

The validity of the arrangements consented to by this Act shall not be affected by any insubstantial difference in their form or language as adopted by the States and provinces.

SEC. 3. RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL.

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to establish a bipartisan national commission to address the year 2000 computer problem.

S. 89

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 89, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals and their family members on the basis of genetic information, or a request for genetic services.

S. 194

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi

[Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 194, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the section 170(e)(5) rules pertaining to gifts of publicly-traded stock to certain private foundations and for other purposes.

S. 364

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 364, a bill to provide legal standards and procedures for suppliers of raw materials and component parts for medical devices.

S. 428

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to improve the safety of handguns.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK], and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] were added as cosponsors of S. 484, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a pediatric research initiative.

S. 493

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, a bill to amend section 1029 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to cellular telephone cloning paraphernalia.

S. 766

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 781

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 781, a bill to establish a uniform and more efficient Federal process for protecting property owners' rights guaranteed by the fifth amendment.

S. 810

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 810, a bill to impose certain sanctions on the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAUX] were added as cosponsors of S. 980, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army to close the United States Army School of the Americas.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 and the Art and Artifacts Indemnity Act to improve and extend the acts, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] and the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 30, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Republic of China should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

AMENDMENT NO. 943

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], and the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 943 proposed to S. 1023, an original bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that an Executive Session of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 1997, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The following are on the agenda to be considered: S. 1020, Arts and Humanities Amendments of 1997; the National Science Foundation Authorization of 1997; the Workforce Investment Partnership Act; and Presidential nominations. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Thursday, July 24, 1997, 10:00 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Higher Education Act Reauthorization; Title IV. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources Sub-

committee on Public Health and Safety will be held on Thursday, July 24, 1997, 2:00 p.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is National Institutes of Health Reauthorization. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, PROLIFERATION, AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services to meet on Monday, July 21, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing on "The Compliance Review Process and Missile Defense."

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BARON GEORG VON TRAPP

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an American and Austrian hero, Baron Georg von Trapp, on the 50th anniversary of his death. During his lifetime, Baron von Trapp stood for honor and courage. He held a deep devotion for both his country and his family. Baron von Trapp was remembered on the week-end of July 11, in a celebration at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, VT. I regret that I was unable to attend, however I would like to take this opportunity to remember the significance of his life, made famous by the 1965 movie, "The Sound of Music."

It is a reflection of Baron von Trapp's spirit that he is not only an American legend, but he is also considered a hero in Austria, the homeland that he fled 60 years ago. It is a tribute to his excellence that the 89 members of the 1997 graduating class of the Theresianum Military Academy, the Austrian equivalent to West Point, voted Baron von Trapp their class hero, someone whom they all wished to emulate.

Baron von Trapp was a celebrated military commander. He was honored with two medals for courage in battle, including the Maria Theresian Ritter Medal, Austria's highest, for sinking a French submarine in 1915. He was also influential in the development of submarine warfare and torpedoes. However, his love and devotion for his country never underscored the importance of his family. He made an intense connection with his children through music. Out of this connection came the famous Trapp Family Singers. When the Nazis invaded and were pressuring Baron von Trapp to join Hitler's ranks, he asked his family if they wanted to leave for America, saying that if anyone wanted to stay, they would all stay. Everyone wanted to leave.

Although nothing could replace the love he had for his homeland, Baron von Trapp did grow to love his new home in Vermont. He found new passions in maple sugaring and farming. Because they spent most of the year touring, they rented out rooms in their lodge to skiers, starting what would eventually become a landmark in Vermont, the Trapp Family Lodge.

Once again, I would like to express my admiration for Baron von Trapp and his entire family on the anniversary of his death.●

USDA REORGANIZATION

• Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, I rise today to talk briefly about the recent consolidation of administrative functions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, recently announced by Secretary Dan Glickman.

In my contact with Secretary Glickman he has said that the changes are being aimed at the national headquarters and State offices, but that there will be no additional field office closings or cut in services as a result of this directive.

Secretary Glickman has also informed me that an outside study is being commissioned to assess the workload of parts of the agency, in light of current and anticipated program activity, and will report on recommendations on the county delivery systems.

The recent administrative convergence by the Secretary is an effort to make the USDA a more efficient and cost-effective agency. No doubt, to streamline the agency and improve efficiency, there is a need to eliminate any duplication of administrative services. However, there is also a need to maintain a vital local field staff with the necessary resources available to them so that they can deliver services to our producers.

As the USDA continues to make adjustments to its operations, I will continue to work with the Secretary and solicit feedback from our local Nebraska offices.

The Freedom to Farm Act of 1996, for better or worse, has brought us into a new era of our farm program. To some extent producers, Members of Congress, and USDA staff are entering uncharted waters. I will be diligent in my efforts in making sure the USDA, and Congress, is up to the navigational task.●

TRIBUTE TO ROLAND AND CLAIRE JUTRAS, NATIONAL 1997 PARENTS OF THE YEAR

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Roland and Claire Jutras of Peterborough, NH, the National 1997 Parents of the Year. The National Parents' Day Foundation bestowed the honor on the Jutras after searching the Nation for the parents of the year.

Roland Jutras came to town in 1972 to run the town of Peterborough's