

for substitute legislation addressing the problem of in rem jurisdiction and eliminating provisions dealing with criminal penalties, and I have been pleased to work with Senators HATCH and LEAHY to that effect.

Our final legislative product would establish uniform federal rules for dealing with this attack on interstate electronic commerce, supplementing existing rights under trademark law. It establishes a civil action for registering, trafficking in, or using a domain name identifier that is identical to, confusingly similar to, or dilutive of another person's trademark or service mark that either is inherently distinctive or had acquired distinctiveness.

This bill also incorporates substantial protections for innocent parties, keying on the bad faith of a party. Civil liability would attach only if a person had no intellectual property rights in the domain name identifier, the domain name identifier was not the person's legal first name or surname; and the person registered, acquired, or used the domain name identifier with the bad-faith intent to benefit from the goodwill of a trademark or service mark of another.

Just to be clear on our intent, the "bad-faith" requirement may be established by, among others, any of the following evidence:

First, if the registration or use of the domain name identifier was made with the intent to disrupt the business of the mark owner by diverting consumers from the mark owner's online location;

Second, if a pattern is established of the person offering to transfer, sell, or otherwise assign more than one domain name identifier to the owner of the applicable mark or any third party for consideration, without having used the domain name identifiers in the bona fide offering of any goods or services; or

Third, if the person registers or acquires multiple domain name identifiers that are identical to, confusingly similar to, or dilutive of any distinctive trademark or service mark of one or more other persons.

In addition, under this legislation, the owner of a mark may bring an in rem action against the domain name identifier itself. This will allow a court to order the forfeiture or cancellation of the domain name identifier or the transfer of the domain name identifier to the owner of the mark. It also reinforces the central characteristic of this legislation—its intention to protect property rights. The in rem provision will eliminate the problem most recently and prominently experienced by the auto maker Porsche, which had an action against several infringing domain name identifiers dismissed for lack of personal jurisdiction.

In terms of damages, this legislation provides for statutory civil damages of at least \$1,000, but not more than \$100,000 per domain name identifier.

The plaintiff may elect these damages in lieu of actual damages or profits at any time before final judgment.

The growth of the Internet has provided businesses and individuals with unprecedented access to a worldwide source of information, commerce, and community. Unfortunately, those bad actors seeking to cause harm to businesses and individuals have seen their opportunities increase as well. In my opinion, on-line extortion in this form is unacceptable and outrageous. Whether it's people extorting companies by registering company names, misdirect Internet users to inappropriate sites, or otherwise attempting to damage a trademark that a business has spent decades building into a recognizable brand, persons engaging in cybersquatting activity should be held accountable for their actions. I believe that these provisions will discourage anyone from "squatting" on addresses in cyberspace to which they are not entitled.

I again wish to thank my colleagues for their assistance in this effort, and I look forward to final passage of this legislation after careful and thoughtful consideration by the House of Representatives.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the committee amendment, as amended, be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, as amended, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The amendment (No. 1609) was agreed to.

The committee amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1255), as amended, was read the third time, and passed.

[The bill was not available for printing. It will appear in a future issue of the RECORD.]

PROVIDING TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL, AND PROCUREMENT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of calendar No. 254, H.R. 1568.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1568) to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran-owned small businesses, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I rise in support of the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (H.R. 1568). This bill is a critical building block in our efforts to provide significantly improved help to small businesses owned and operated by veterans and especially those

small businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. This bill was approved by a unanimous vote of 18-0 in the Committee on Small Business after the Committee approved a substitute amendment that I offered with the Committee's Ranking Member, Senator KERRY.

Over the past two years, as the Chairman of the Committee on Small Business, I have brought three bills to the Senate floor that place a special emphasis on helping veteran entrepreneurs. The need for this legislation became necessary as Federal support for veteran entrepreneurs, particularly service-disabled veterans, has declined. Significantly, support for veteran small business owners historically has been weak at the Small Business Administration (SBA).

The Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 seeks to provide assistance to veteran-owned small businesses to enable them to start-up and grow their businesses. The bill places a specific emphasis on small businesses owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans and directs SBA to undertake special initiatives on behalf of all veteran small business owners.

H.R. 1568 has key provisions that are of particular importance to veterans. The bill establishes a federally chartered corporation called the National Veterans Business Development Corporation (Corporation/NVBDC), whose purpose is to create a network of information and assistance centers to improve assistance for veterans who wish to start-up or expand a small businesses. The Corporation will be governed by a board of directors appointed by the President, who will take into consideration recommendations from the Chairmen and Ranking Members from the Committees on Small Business and Veterans Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives before making appointments to the board. Although funds are authorized during the first four years of the Corporation, it is the expectation of the Committee on Small Business that it will become self-sufficient and will no longer need Federal assistance after this four year start-up period.

In an effort to make its programs more readily available to veteran entrepreneurs, the SBA is required to ensure that the SCORE Program and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Program work directly with the Corporation so that veteran entrepreneurs receive technical support and other needed assistance.

H.R. 1568 places special emphasis on credit programs at SBA that can be helpful to veterans, and especially service-disabled veterans. The bill specifically targets veterans for the 7(a) guaranteed business loan program, the 504 Development Company Loan Program, and the Microloan Program.

A key component of H.R. 1568 is to make Federal government contracts more readily available to service disabled veterans who own and control

small businesses. The bill includes an annual goal of 3% of all Federal contract dollars for these small business owners. This goal is seen as an incentive to Federal agencies to undertake a major effort to make their procurement activities more accessible to veterans who made major sacrifices for our Nation.

During the markup of H.R. 1568, the Committee approved a requirement that the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) collect data to be reported annually to Congress on the number and dollar value of contracts and subcontracts awarded by Federal agencies to veteran-owned small businesses and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. This new requirement is critical if we are to measure the success of Federal agencies in meeting this 3% goal.

Last year, the Committee on Small Business approved new initiatives to strengthen the mandate that SBA's programs be more responsive to all veteran small business owners. The "Year 2000 Readiness and Small Business Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998" (H.R. 3412) directed that veterans receive comprehensive help at SBA. This bill passed the Senate unanimously in September 1998; unfortunately, it was not taken up by the House of Representatives before the adjournment in the fall. The bill would have elevated the Office of Veterans Affairs at SBA to the Office of Veterans Business Development, to be headed by an Associate Administrator who would report directly to the SBA Administrator. This provision is contained in H.R. 1568.

In addition, H.R. 3412 would have established an Advisory Committee on Veterans' Business Affairs comprised of veterans who own small businesses and representatives of national veterans service organizations. The bill also would have established the position of National Veterans' Business Coordinator within the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Program. This new position would work within the SBA headquarters to ensure that SCORE's programs nationwide included entrepreneurial counseling and training for veterans. Both initiatives from H.R. 3412 are included in H.R. 1568.

More recently, on June 6, 1999, the Committee approved the Military Reservists Small Business Relief Act of 1999 (S. 918) to assist military reservists called to active duty and the small businesses that employ them. This bill complements the provisions of the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act. Accordingly, the Committee voted unanimously to incorporate the full text of S. 918 into Title III (Technical Assistance) and Title IV (Financial Assistance) of H.R. 1568.

During and after the Persian Gulf War in the early 1990's, the Committee heard from reservists whose businesses were harmed, severely crippled, or even lost, by their absence. These hardships

can occur during a period of national emergency or during a period of contingency operation when troops are deployed overseas. To help such reservists and their small businesses, H.R. 1568 authorizes a deferral of loan repayments on any SBA direct loan, including a disaster loan, for an eligible small business. SBA is authorized to reduce the interest rate on the direct loans.

SBA is also directed to publish guidelines within 30 days of enactment of the legislation to help its lending partners in the 7(a) guaranteed business loan program and the 504 Development Company program to develop procedures for providing loan repayment relief to small businesses that have been adversely affected by the departure of an essential employee to active military duty. Further, the bill establishes a low-interest economic injury loan program to be administered by the SBA through its disaster loan program. The purpose of these loans will be to provide interim operating capital to a small business that suffers substantial economic injury as a result of the departure of its essential employee to active duty and cannot obtain credit elsewhere.

Mr. President, I have also introduced a non-controversial amendment to H.R. 1568, which would require the President, rather than the SBA Administrator, to appoint the voting members of the board of directors of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation. Senator KERRY has cosponsored this amendment. This change was requested by the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Small Business. It is my understanding that with the adoption of this amendment and Senate passage of the H.R. 1568, as amended, that the House of Representatives is prepared to take up and pass the bill later this evening.

We have an opportunity today to approve an excellent bill to help veteran small business owners, and I urge my colleagues to support both my amendment and the bill.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I support this bill. A little more than a year ago, SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez formed a task force to study the needs of veterans with a talent, skill, dream or need to start their own business. I commend the Administrator for her initiative. And thanks to the quick and earnest work of the task force representatives, particularly the Veterans Service Organizations and advocacy groups, a report was drafted in three short months.

H.R. 1568 gives life to many of the 21 report recommendations. Appropriately, it includes S. 918, the Military Reservists Small Business Relief Act of 1999—the fourteenth report recommendation—that I introduced on March 29th and the full Senate passed by unanimous consent last week, on July 27th. Reservists have been asking for this safety net since 1991 to keep

their businesses going while they are called to active duty. I am glad that we will again put this bill one step closer to enactment for the men and women who—whether deployed in Iraq, Bosnia or Kosovo—could benefit from the provisions of this bill now.

These provisions should already be available for those who need it, and I deeply regret that it wasn't enacted earlier, either as S. 918 or as part of this bill, H.R. 1568. The nature of the provisions are uncontroversial. As S. 918, it passed the Committee on Small Business June 9th, almost 60 days ago, by unanimous consent and has 51 Senators co-sponsors—21 Republicans and 30 Democrats. Since then, it has also passed the full House and the Senate Committee on Small Business as part of this bill before us tonight, H.R. 1568.

As much as I am frustrated by the delay, it probably doesn't compare to that of reservists who are on active duty and losing sleep over how they are going to keep their businesses going and avoid ruining their credit records. Ask the truck driver who serves in the Missouri National Air Guard and reported to active duty more than four months ago. He bought a new rig shortly before being called up and has hefty monthly payments to meet. He lined up a replacement to drive his truck while he was gone to keep money coming in, but the driver backed out of the agreement right before the reservist was to leave.

He tried to do the right thing—to implement a contingent plan—and yet something beyond his control interfered. It's hard to keep your customers happy when their merchandise isn't getting delivered. And it's even harder to make your loan payments when you're not bringing in enough money.

Or ask the reservist from Oklahoma who has supported his wife and four children for the past five years with a carpet and upholstery business. In 1998, he was called up for eight months, and he's been active this year since May 8th. What made it particularly damaging for his business this year was that he was called up at the beginning of the industry's high season. January to April are slow times, and April to December are the money-making months. He called my office a month ago to find out about this bill and find out how he could get assistance.

Though this bill was still waiting for action by the full Senate, we put him in contact with the SBA office in Oklahoma City to find some way to help. After reviewing his options and what it would take to resuscitate his business, he called to say that he was closing shop for good: "I'm just going to close my business down. I'm not going to try to get a small business loan. I want to cut my losses now. . . ."

I look forward to spreading the message that reservists, such as this man from Oklahoma, will soon be able to apply for loan deferrals, reductions on interest rates, low-interest disaster loans, and get training assistance for

the employee or family left behind to run their businesses.

Importantly, this bill goes further, making more comprehensive changes for all veterans. Incorporating other recommendations that are designed to help service-disabled veterans and veteran farm and expand small businesses, H.R. 1568—

Elevates the SBA's Office of Veterans Affairs so that it has more credibility and visibility.

Creates a federally chartered corporation to facilitate technical and management assistance to veteran entrepreneurs.

Establishes a three-percent procurement goal for service-disabled veteran-owned businesses.

Requires the Federal Procurement Data System to collect data on the percentage and dollar value of prime contracts and subcontracts awarded to small businesses owned and controlled by veterans and service-disabled veterans.

According to the SBA and the Department of Veterans Administration, out of the estimated 22 million veterans in this country, 4 million own their own businesses. I encourage the SBA and the veterans groups to use these tools to make real progress in expanding and strengthening small businesses owned by veterans and service-disabled veterans so that they can have the dignity and financial benefits of self-sufficiency.

Mr. President, I thank my colleagues for supporting veterans and small business. It's one vote that will help thousands.

AMENDMENT NO. 1617

(Purpose: To make amendments with respect to the Board of Directors of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation)

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: The Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBAC], for Mr. BOND, for himself, and Mr. KERRY, proposes an amendment numbered 1617.

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

On page 55, strike line 5 and all that follows through page 56, line 15, and insert the following:

“(2) APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBERS.—The President shall, after considering recommendations which shall be proposed by the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Committees on Small Business and the Committee on Veterans Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate, appoint United States citizens to be voting members of the Board, not more than 5 of whom shall be members of the same political party.

On page 57, line 11, strike “Administrator” and insert “President”.

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the

amendment be agreed to, the committee substitute be agreed to, the bill be read the third time, and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 1617) was agreed to.

The committee amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 1568), as amended, was passed.

RELATING TO THE RECENT ELECTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of calendar No. 233, S. Res. 166.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 166) relating to the recent elections in the Republic of Indonesia.

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

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to, the resolution be agreed to, as amended, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to lay upon the table be agreed to, and that any statements appear at this point in the RECORD.

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

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 166), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 166

Whereas the Republic of Indonesia is the world's fourth most populous country, has the world's largest Muslim population, and is the second largest country in East Asia;

Whereas Indonesia has played an increasingly important leadership role in maintaining the security and stability of Southeast Asia, especially through its participation in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN);

Whereas in response to the wishes of the people of Indonesia, President Suharto resigned on May 21, 1998, in accordance with Indonesia's constitutional processes;

Whereas the government of his successor, President Bacharuddin J. Habibie, has pursued a transition to genuine democracy, establishing a new governmental structure, and developing a new political order;

Whereas President Habibie signed several bills governing elections, political parties, and the structure of legislative bodies into law on February 1, 1999, and scheduled the first truly democratic national election since 1955;

Whereas on June 7, 1999, elections were held for the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat (DPR) which, despite some irregularities, were deemed to be free, fair, and transparent according to international and domestic observers;

Whereas over 100 million people, more than ninety percent of Indonesia's registered vot-

ers, participated in the election, demonstrating the Indonesian people's dedication to democracy;

Whereas the ballot counting process has been completed and the unofficial results announced;

Whereas the official results will be announced in the near future, and it is expected by all parties that the official results will mirror the unofficial results; and

Whereas Indonesia's military has indicated that it will abide by the results of the election: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the people of Indonesia on carrying out the first free, fair, and transparent national elections in forty-four years;

(2) supports the aspirations of the Indonesian people in pursuing a transition to genuine democracy;

(3) calls upon all Indonesian leaders, political party members, military personnel, and the general public to respect the outcome of the elections, and to uphold that outcome pending the selection of the new President by the Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat (MPR) later this year;

(4) calls for the convening of the MPR and the selection of the next President as soon as practicable under Indonesian law, and in a transparent manner, in order to reduce the impact of continued uncertainty on the country's political stability and to enhance the prospects for the country's economic recovery;

(5) calls upon the present ruling Golkar party to work closely with any successor government in assuring a smooth transition to a new government; and

(6) urges the present government, and any new government, to continue to work to ensure a stable and secure environment in East Timor by—

(A) assisting in disarming and disbanding any militias on the island;

(B) granting full access to East Timor to groups such as the United Nations, international humanitarian organizations, human rights monitors, and similar nongovernmental organizations; and

(C) upholding its commitment to cooperate fully with the United Nations Assistance Mission for East Timor (UNAMET).

CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT COMMEMORATION ACT OF 1999

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of calendar No. 202, S. 1072.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1072) to make certain technical and other corrections relating to Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.)

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 1618

(Purpose: To clarify certain duties of the Centennial of Flight Commission.)

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBAC], for Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. VOINOVICH, proposes an amendment numbered 1618.