

family of wealth and influence, you created an independent career that has profoundly enriched the Kennedy saga and given voice and power precisely to those who, lacking wealth and influence, have been denied the opportunity of the American dream.

In the struggle for civil rights, your eloquence has been the trumpet of our leadership. You are the inexhaustible champion of racial justice and minority rights, of better schools, of the protection of the environment, of care and concern for the casualties of a market society—of those left out of America's historic prosperity. No one has done more to provide healthcare for all Americans. You have built extraordinary coalitions—and when necessary you have stood alone—in extending insurance coverage, in controlling costs, in protecting the vulnerable, in advancing medical research. You have fought for a social security system that truly assures security. You have led the fight for the minimum wage and the rights of labor, for equal opportunity for women, for the protection of children and for all those caught in the web of poverty. What the New Deal established, you advanced. You are the defender of past social gains and the designer of new social opportunities. Your capacity for friendship, your graciousness and good humor, your willingness to do the tedious homework that makes you a master of legislative detail has enabled you to overcome partisan divisions. You have achieved extraordinary results without compromising principle.

In world affairs, you are a champion of peace and international understanding. Northern Ireland has the hope of peace today in large part because of your outspoken opposition to violence and terrorism and your untiring support of those on the front line working for justice and reconciliation. The developing nations of the world know you as their friend, and the United Nations esteems you as an American leader who is determined to see our country fulfill its responsibilities of leadership.

Your life has not been absent adversity and pain but that has not lessened your determination to strive, to seek, to find and never yield in the quest for a better world. In 1980 bringing your campaign to an end, you said: ". . . But for all those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die." You have been faithful to that promise. Those words define our purpose with this award. You have understood and enhanced the great message of the Four freedoms as Franklin Delano Roosevelt meant them. Therefore, in his name, we honor—and we thank you.●

CLOSING OF FORT McCLELLAN

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, this is an important day for the United States and for Alabama in the community of Anniston, Calhoun County.

Fort McClellan closed today. It was a casualty of the 1995 BRAC process. There was a great institution and a great installation. Thousands and hundreds of thousands of Americans served in that community. It was given to the military in the early 1900s by the people of that area in order to found this base.

I would like to read part of an article by Rose Livingston, writing for the Birmingham News, captioned "Taps for Fort McClellan as final door closes."

The barracks are boarded up, and barricades block their driveways. Flags have been

furled and stored as mementos. Soldiers have packed up and shipped out.

Fort McClellan is no more.

The 82-year-old Army training base in Anniston finally shut its gates Thursday. It was given birth in 1917 by a community that chipped in to buy the land and donated it to their government. Its demise came at the hands of federal bean-counters, who decided in 1995 that Fort McClellan was surplus.

No bugle sounded, no cannon fired for the formal shutdown. Those symbols were quieted after a closing ceremony in August, when soldiers were still around to march in it. Most are long gone. All that remains now is a skeleton crew to manage the base's transition from a bustling military post to a profit-generating private enterprise.

Indeed, we will be looking for reuse of that facility. The community has a joint power reuse authority: The Chamber of Commerce, the city of Anniston are all working to do what they can to create the kind of activity in a different way than what existed there.

I am pleased we had the support of this Senate to create the Center for Domestic Preparedness at Fort McClellan because Fort McClellan was a chemical training school, among other things, and we have to be able to be prepared in this Nation for the use of weapons of mass destruction.

So this base at least will be a small part of some of the chemical testing facilities, some of the training facilities, and training of teachers. They will be able to teach firemen and police how to respond if they are faced with a chemical or biological weapons attack in their towns and cities.

The people of Anniston, the people of Fort McClellan, and the people of Calhoun County are patriotic Americans. They gave the land that became Ft. McClellan, and now they will receive the land back. But they will lose a great deal of income and support.

The people of Anniston fought for their fort, but took the loss gracefully. They believed that chemical weapons would remain a major threat and that we ought not to close this base. I think they made a lot of good arguments. But the Commission decided otherwise, and with good grace, fortitude, and determination, they accepted it and made a determination to move to the future. I believe they will be successful in that.

I know time is late. We need to move on to other matters. But I did not want this day to pass before we had an opportunity to pause and recognize the extraordinary contribution of over 2,000 men and women soldiers and over 2,000 civilians who have served at that base.

STATE OF SOCIETY

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Kansas for the remarks he made earlier and his commitment to revitalizing the moral fiber of this Nation.

I think the polls he showed that the American people consider the threat of decline in values as the greatest threat facing our country are correct. If we

lose our commitment to honesty, truth, discipline, hard work, and faith, if we lose those values, our Nation could be jeopardized. I thank the Senator from Kansas for raising those points because in many ways they transcend all the other issues we are facing.

I know Senator BROWNBACK, the Presiding Officer tonight, was watching closely Sunday night when we had the "Touched By An Angel" show. They talked about a Senator who was given a challenge to go out to Sudan and see for themselves what it was like. The show could have been done about the Presiding Officer tonight because Senator BROWNBACK did that months ago. He personally went to Sudan and observed the terrible conditions there. He observed men being abused and killed. He observed women being taken into slavery and abused sexually—being bought and sold nearly into the 21st century. He was appalled by it. He has come back here and done something about that.

I know Dr. BILL FRIST, another Member of this body, had been there himself, to this poor, dangerous country, and helped serve with medical skills he possesses.

I just want to say congratulations to you, and thank you for that. I think that film could well have been written about either of you. You felt a calling to respond to the less fortunate and have done so. I believe something good is going to come out of that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

TO REENACT CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 11, UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 281, S. 1606.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1606) to reenact chapter 12 of title XI United States Code, and for other purposes.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1888

(Purpose: To extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title XI, United States Code, is reenacted)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, Senator GRASSLEY has an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), for Mr. GRASSLEY, proposes an amendment numbered 1888.

Mr. SESSIONS. 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:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS.

Section 149 of title I of division C of Public Law 105-277, as amended by Public Law 106-5, is amended—

(1) by striking “October 1, 1999” each place it appears and inserting “July 1, 2000”; and

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “March 31, 1999” and inserting “September 30, 1999”; and

(B) by striking “April 1, 1999” and inserting “October 1, 1999”.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by section 1 shall take effect on October 1, 1999.

Amend the title so as to read: “To extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted.”

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment 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 statement relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 1888) was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1606), as amended, was passed, as follows:

S. 1606

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

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REAUTHORIZING THE JOHN HEINZ SENATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. Res. 180 be discharged from the Rules Committee and, further that the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 180) reauthorizing the John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statement relating to this resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 180) was agreed to.

The resolution is as follows:

S. RES. 180

Resolved,

SECTION 1. JOHN HEINZ SENATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

Senate Resolution 356, 102d Congress, agreed to October 7, 1992, is amended by striking sections 2 through 6 and inserting the following:

“SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

“The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) Senator John Heinz believed that Congress has a special responsibility to serve as a guardian for those persons who cannot protect themselves.

(2) Senator Heinz dedicated much of his career in Congress to improving the lives of senior citizens.

(3) It is especially appropriate to honor the memory of Senator Heinz through the creation of a Senate fellowship program to encourage the identification and training of new leadership in aging policy and to bring experts with firsthand experience of aging issues to the assistance of Congress in order to advance the development of public policy in issues that affect senior citizens.

“SEC. 3. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to encourage the identification and training of new leadership in issues affecting senior citizens and to advance the development of public policy with respect to such issues, there is established a John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program.

“(b) SENATE FELLOWSHIPS.—The Heinz Family Foundation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Senate, is authorized to select Senate fellowship participants.

“(c) SELECTION PROCESS.—The Heinz Family Foundation shall—

“(1) publicize the availability of the fellowship program;

“(2) develop and administer an application process for Senate fellowships;

“(3) conduct a screening of applicants for the fellowship program; and

“(4) select participants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

“SEC. 4. COMPENSATION; NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS; PLACEMENT.

“(a) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary of the Senate is authorized, from funds made available under section 5, to appoint and fix the compensation of each eligible participant selected under this resolution for a period determined by the Secretary.

“(b) NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS.—No more than 2 fellowship participants shall be so employed. Any individual appointed pursuant to this resolution shall be subject to all laws, regulations, and rules in the same manner and to the same extent as any other employee of the Senate.

“(c) PLACEMENT.—The Secretary of the Senate, after consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, shall place eligible participants in positions in the Senate that are, within practical considerations, supportive of the fellowship participants’ areas of expertise.

“SEC. 5. FUNDS.

“The funds necessary to compensate eligible participants under this resolution for fiscal year 1999 shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate. Such funds shall not exceed, for fiscal year 1999, \$71,000. There are authorized to be appropriated \$71,000 for each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2004 to carry out the provisions of this resolution.”

REREFERRAL OF S. 1515

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 1515 be discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

REAUTHORIZING THE JACOB K. JAVITS SENATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 193 introduced earlier today by Senator DODD.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 193) to reauthorize the Jacob K. Javits Senate Fellowship Program.

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

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, today I am introducing a Senate resolution to reauthorize the Jacob K. Javits Senate Fellowship Program. This program was created in 1985 to honor the life work of our former colleague, Senator Jacob K. Javits, who served the people of New York with distinction and legislative acumen for many years. The Senate expanded this program and reauthorized it for 5 years in 1988 and reauthorized the program again in 1993 for another 5 years. The resolution I am introducing today will reauthorize this outstanding program for another 5 years through September 30, 2004.

The Javits Fellowship Program authorizes up to 10 fellowship participants each year to be placed by the Secretary of the Senate, in consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, in positions in the Senate. To the extent practical, such positions should be supportive of the fellowship participants’ academic programs. My office has been the beneficiary of this program and found the Javits fellows to be talented, energetic, and of great assistance to the work of the Senate.

I thank my colleague, the chairman of the Rules Committee, Senator McCONNELL, for his assistance in moving this resolution. I urge its adoption.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be considered and agreed to, en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table without any intervening action, and that any statement be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 193) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 193

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This resolution may be cited as the “Jacob K. Javits Senate Fellowship Program Resolution”.

SEC. 2. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM EXTENDED; ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.

(a) REAUTHORIZATION.—In order to encourage increased participation by outstanding