

our economy. Already, Mr. President, 10,000 workers have been laid off, with more than twice that many put on reduced hours.

We cannot stand by while American workers lose their jobs. We cannot abide the unfair trade practice of dumping. We have worked hard—these men and women have worked hard—to build a prosperous America. We cannot sacrifice them to pay for bureaucrats' mistakes, be they in Washington, Tokyo, or Moscow.

Mr. President, I have never made a secret of my strong, free-trade views. But free trade must also be fair trade. Our laws already recognize this principle. After all, we already have trade laws on the books intended to deal with these kinds of issues. It is time to enforce them. In addition, however, I believe the fact that these trade laws are not being enforced shows the need for reform.

That is why I am cosponsoring the Trade Fairness Act. This legislation will lower the threshold for establishing injury to our industries so that we may more effectively protect them from unfair trade practices.

Under this law imports that have a causal link to substantial injury in an industry will trigger action. Substantial injury will be determined by the International Trade Commission, considering "the rate and amount of the increase in imports of the product concerned in absolute and relative terms; the share of the domestic market taken by increased imports; changes in the levels of sales, production, productivity, capacity utilization, profits and losses, and employment."

In addition, this legislation establishes a comprehensive steel import permit and monitoring program modeled on similar systems in Canada and Mexico. The program would require importers to provide information regarding country of origin, quantity, value, and Harmonized Traffic Schedule number. The legislation also requires the Administration to release the data collected to the public in aggregate form on an expedited basis.

The information provided by the licensing program will allow the Commerce Department and the steel industry to monitor the influx of steel imports into the U.S. Presently, it is very difficult to obtain timely information regarding the volume of steel that enters the country. It usually takes 2-3 months before specific figures can be obtained. This makes it very difficult to gauge the extent of the problem when the damage is occurring.

Mr. President, this legislation provides us with the tools we need to protect working Americans from unfair foreign competition. It will prevent undue hardship while upholding the standards of free, fair and open trade.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.●

AUTHORIZING LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN DIRK S. DIXON, ET AL. VERSUS BRUCE PEARSON, ET AL.

AUTHORIZING LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES VERSUS YAH LIN "CHARLIE" TRIE

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION OF SECRETARY OF THE SENATE IN BOB SCHAFFER, ET AL. VERSUS WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, ET AL.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed en bloc to the immediate consideration of 3 legal counsel resolutions which are at the desk and numbered as follows: S. Res. 65, S. Res. 66, and S. Res. 67.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and statements of explanation appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 65) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 65

Whereas, in the case of *Dirk S. Dixon, et al. v. Bruce Pearson, et al.*, Civil No. 97-998 (Cass Cty., N.D.) pending in North Dakota state court, testimony has been requested from Kevin Carvell and Judy Steffes, employees of Senator Byron L. Dorgan;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288(a) and 288(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent Senators and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistently with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Kevin Carvell, Judy Steffes, and any other former or current Senate employee from whom testimony or document production may be required, are authorized to testify and produce documents in the case of *Dirk S. Dixon, et al. v. Bruce Pearson, et al.*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator Byron L. Dorgan, Kevin Carvell, Judy Steffes, and any other Member or employee of the Senate from

whom testimony or document production may be required in connection with the case of *Dirk S. Dixon, et al. v. Bruce Pearson, et al.*

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, S. Res. 65 concerns a request for testimony in a civil action pending in North Dakota state court. The plaintiffs in this case claim that defendant Pearson defrauded them into paying him money in return for promises to alleviate plaintiff's tax liability on an investment. In particular, plaintiffs claim that defendant Pearson misrepresented the frequency and nature of his contacts with two members of Senator DORGAN's staff. Counsel for the plaintiffs wish to depose the two staff members to test the accuracy of the defendant's representations about their meetings. Senator DORGAN has approved testimony and, if necessary, production of relevant documents by his staff in connection with this action.

This resolution would permit these two members of Senator DORGAN's staff, or any other current or former employees of the Senate, to testify and produce documents for use in this case.

The resolution (S. Res. 66) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 66

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie*, Criminal No. LR-CR-98-239, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, documentary and testimonial evidence are being sought from the Committee on Governmental Affairs;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistently with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, acting jointly, are authorized to produce records of the Committee, and present and former employees of the Committee from whom testimony is required are authorized to testify, in the case of *United States v. Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent present and former employees of the Senate in connection with the testimony authorized in section one.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, S. Res. 66 concerns a request for testimony in a criminal trial brought on behalf of the United States against Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Mr. Trie, who was one of the

principal subjects of the campaign finance investigation conducted by the Committee on Governmental Affairs in 1997, is under indictment for obstructing the Committee's investigation, according to the indictment, by instructing another individual to destroy and withhold documents under subpoena by the Committee.

This resolution would authorize present and former staff of the Committee to testify in this matter, which is scheduled for trial in April 1999, with representation by the Senate Legal Counsel, and would authorize the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee, acting jointly, to produce records of the Committee, except where a privilege should be asserted.

The resolution (S. Res. 67) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 67

Whereas, in the case of *Bob Schaffer, et al. v. William Jefferson Clinton, et al.*, C.A. No. 99-K-201, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, the plaintiffs have named the Secretary of the Senate as a defendant;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend officers of the Senate in civil actions relating to their official responsibilities: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate Legal Counsel is directed to represent the Secretary of the Senate in the Case of *Bob Schaffer, et al. v. William Jefferson Clinton, et al.*

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, S. Res. 67 concerns a civil action commenced in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado by Representative BOB SCHAFFER and three other individuals against the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House, seeking judicial intervention in the payment of salaries to Members of both Houses.

The action seeks declaratory and injunctive relief against the operation of the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, which provides for the automatic adjustment of the compensation of Members of Congress on an annual basis to reflect changes in employment costs in the preceding year, as calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is the same annual cost-of-living adjustment paid to Federal judges and senior executive branch officials and is timed to coincide with the annual January 1 adjustment of the general civil service schedule. The issue presented in this action was the subject of a lawsuit brought in 1992 by another Member of the House of Representatives, who sought unsuccessfully to enjoin the 1993 congressional COLA, based on the then newly-ratified 27th Amendment.

This resolution authorizes the Senate Legal Counsel to represent the Secretary of the Senate and to seek dismissal of this action in order to defend

the Secretary's ability to continue to carry out his duty under the law to disburse congressional compensation payable pursuant to the Constitution and Federal statute.

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF  
THE NOMINATION OF DAVID WIL-  
LIAMS

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be allowed continued consideration of the nomination of David Williams for Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration until April 6, 1999. I further ask that if the nomination is not reported on or by that date, the nomination be immediately discharged and placed back on the Calendar.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 8 and 14.

I finally ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD; that there being no objection, the I21 was ordered to be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

T. J. Glauthier, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Phyllis K. Fong, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH  
18, 1999

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 18. I further ask that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the

Senate then resume consideration of the Specter amendment to S. 544, the supplemental appropriations bill, under the provisions of the previous consent agreement.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. and immediately resume consideration of the Specter amendment, with 90 minutes remaining for debate equally divided. At the conclusion of debate time, approximately 11 a.m., the Senate will vote on, or in relation to, the amendment. Following that vote, Senator HUTCHISON of Texas will be recognized to offer her amendment relative to Kosovo. Further amendments may be offered during Thursday's session to the supplemental bill, with the hope of finishing the bill by early evening. Therefore, Members should expect roll-call votes throughout Thursday's session, with the first vote beginning at 11 a.m.

ST. PATRICK, PATRON SAINT OF  
IRELAND

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, today is St. Patrick's Day. It is interesting to me that when people think of St. Patrick's Day, they think of Irish, of Ireland and green and spring and those sorts of things, much more than we think of St. Patrick.

I was looking up today and asking for some information on St. Patrick himself.

St. Patrick of Ireland—this is on a web site. It is fascinating. I do not think most people realize about St. Patrick, but he is one of the world's most popular saints, as people know, along with St. Nicholas and St. Valentine. The day is one cherished by everyone, particularly the Irish.

There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick. This is his story. I will go through it briefly.

He was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies. As a boy of 14 or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer, and he wrote:

The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same.

I prayed in the woods and on the mountains, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain.

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was 20, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told