

MURRAY AMENDMENT NO. 173

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for Mrs. MURRAY) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 20, supra; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE ON WOMEN AND SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) without Social Security benefits, the elderly poverty rate among women would have been 52.2 percent, and among widows would have been 60.6 percent;

(2) women tend to live longer and tend to have lower lifetime earnings than men do;

(3) during their working years, women earn an average of 70 cents for every dollar men earn; and

(4) women spend an average of 11.5 years out of their careers to care for their families, and are more likely to work part-time than full-time.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that—

(1) women face unique obstacles in ensuring retirement security and survivor and disability stability;

(2) Social Security plays an essential role in guaranteeing inflation-protected financial stability for women throughout their old age;

(3) the Congress and the Administration should act, as part of Social Security reform, to ensure that widows and other poor elderly women receive more adequate benefits that reduce their poverty rates and that women, under whatever approach is taken to reform Social Security, should receive no lesser a share of overall federally-funded retirement benefits than they receive today; and

(4) the sacrifice that women make to care for their family should be recognized during reform of Social Security and that women should not be penalized by taking an average of 11.5 years out of their careers to care for their family.

HOLLINGS AMENDMENT NO. 174

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 20, supra; as follows:

Strike Titles 1 and 2 of the resolution and insert the following:

TITLE I—LEVELS AND AMOUNTS

SEC. 101. RECOMMENDED LEVELS AND AMOUNTS.

The following budgetary levels are appropriate for the fiscal years 2000 through 2009:

(1) FEDERAL REVENUES.—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution—

(A) The recommended levels of Federal revenues are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$1,401,979,000,000.
Fiscal year 2001: \$1,442,647,000,000.
Fiscal year 2002: \$1,508,276,000,000.
Fiscal year 2003: \$1,563,318,000,000.
Fiscal year 2004: \$1,634,149,000,000.
Fiscal year 2005: \$1,710,896,000,000.
Fiscal year 2006: \$1,790,713,000,000.
Fiscal year 2007: \$1,871,400,000,000.
Fiscal year 2008: \$1,956,209,000,000.
Fiscal year 2009: \$2,045,710,000,000.

(2) NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY.—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate levels of total new budget authority are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$1,424,759,000,000.
Fiscal year 2001: \$1,451,764,000,000.
Fiscal year 2002: \$1,481,268,000,000.
Fiscal year 2003: \$1,544,059,000,000.
Fiscal year 2004: \$1,597,397,000,000.
Fiscal year 2005: \$1,665,402,000,000.

Fiscal year 2006: \$1,705,251,000,000.

Fiscal year 2007: \$1,770,344,000,000.

Fiscal year 2008: \$1,840,865,000,000.

Fiscal year 2009: \$1,910,187,000,000.

(3) BUDGET OUTLAYS.—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution, the appropriate levels of total budget outlays are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$1,406,584,000,000.
Fiscal year 2001: \$1,431,899,000,000.
Fiscal year 2002: \$1,449,260,000,000.
Fiscal year 2003: \$1,512,261,000,000.
Fiscal year 2004: \$1,566,600,000,000.
Fiscal year 2005: \$1,631,828,000,000.
Fiscal year 2006: \$1,674,724,000,000.
Fiscal year 2007: \$1,737,435,000,000.
Fiscal year 2008: \$1,810,214,000,000.
Fiscal year 2009: \$1,880,338,000,000.

(4) DEFICITS OR SURPLUSES.—For purposes of the enforcement of this resolution, the amounts of the deficits or surpluses are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: —\$4,605,000,000.
Fiscal year 2001: \$10,748,000,000.
Fiscal year 2002: \$59,016,000,000.
Fiscal year 2003: \$51,057,000,000.
Fiscal year 2004: \$67,549,000,000.
Fiscal year 2005: \$79,068,000,000.
Fiscal year 2006: \$115,989,000,000.
Fiscal year 2007: \$133,965,000,000.
Fiscal year 2008: \$145,995,000,000.
Fiscal year 2009: \$165,372,000,000.

(5) PUBLIC DEBT.—The appropriate levels of the public debt are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$5,637,600,000,000.
Fiscal year 2001: \$5,710,300,000,000.
Fiscal year 2002: \$5,739,700,000,000.
Fiscal year 2003: \$5,776,200,000,000.
Fiscal year 2004: \$5,792,400,000,000.
Fiscal year 2005: \$5,794,100,000,000.
Fiscal year 2006: \$5,755,600,000,000.
Fiscal year 2007: \$5,696,200,000,000.
Fiscal year 2008: \$5,615,400,000,000.
Fiscal year 2009: \$5,510,500,000,000.

(6) DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—The appropriate levels of the debt held by the public are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$3,511,700,000,000.
Fiscal year 2001: \$3,371,900,000,000.
Fiscal year 2002: \$3,175,600,000,000.
Fiscal year 2003: \$2,979,400,000,000.
Fiscal year 2004: \$2,756,200,000,000.
Fiscal year 2005: \$2,507,700,000,000.
Fiscal year 2006: \$2,211,700,000,000.
Fiscal year 2007: \$1,886,400,000,000.
Fiscal year 2008: \$1,539,800,000,000.
Fiscal year 2009: \$1,168,200,000,000.

SEC. 102. SOCIAL SECURITY.

(a) SOCIAL SECURITY REVENUES.—For purposes of Senate enforcement under sections 302, and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the amounts of revenues of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$468,020,000,000.
Fiscal year 2001: \$487,744,000,000.
Fiscal year 2002: \$506,293,000,000.
Fiscal year 2003: \$527,326,000,000.
Fiscal year 2004: \$549,876,000,000.
Fiscal year 2005: \$576,840,000,000.
Fiscal year 2006: \$601,834,000,000.
Fiscal year 2007: \$628,277,000,000.
Fiscal year 2008: \$654,422,000,000.
Fiscal year 2009: \$681,313,000,000.

(b) SOCIAL SECURITY OUTLAYS.—For purposes of Senate enforcement under sections 302, and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the amounts of outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund are as follows:

Fiscal year 2000: \$327,256,000,000.
Fiscal year 2001: \$339,789,000,000.
Fiscal year 2002: \$350,127,000,000.
Fiscal year 2003: \$362,197,000,000.
Fiscal year 2004: \$375,253,000,000.

Fiscal year 2005: \$389,485,000,000.

Fiscal year 2006: \$404,596,000,000.

Fiscal year 2007: \$420,616,000,000.

Fiscal year 2008: \$438,132,000,000.

Fiscal year 2009: \$459,496,000,000.

SEC. 103. MAJOR FUNCTIONAL CATEGORIES.

Congress determines and declares that the appropriate levels of new budget authority, budget outlays, new direct loan obligations, and new primary loan guarantee commitments for fiscal year 2000 through 2009 for each major functional category are at the CBO March Baseline On-Budget totals for BA and outlays, committee allocations and resolution aggregates.

BOXER AMENDMENT NO. 175

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 20, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE ON TAX CUTS FOR LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME TAXPAYERS.

It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that Congress will not approve an across-the-board cut in income tax rates, or any other tax legislation, that would provide substantially more benefits to the top 10 percent of taxpayers than to the remaining 90 percent.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday April 14, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 415, a bill to amend the Arizona Statehood and Enabling Act in order to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of Arizona from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from the funds, and S. 607, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on Nuclear Waste

Storage and Disposal Policy, including S. 608, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a hearing on voluntary activities to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases Wednesday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406).

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Committee on Governmental Affairs to meet on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing on the Independent Counsel Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a Hearing on S. 399, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Improvement Act of 1999. The Hearing will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen office building to hold a hearing on: "S.J. Res. 3, A Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Protect Crime Victims."

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to receive testimony on campaign contribution limits.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on Intelligence Matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND FORCES

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be au-

thorized to meet on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. in open session, to receive testimony on Army modernization programs.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen office building, on: "The Effect of State Ethics Rules on Federal Law Enforcement."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on European Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 323, a bill to redesignate the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument as a national park and to establish the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; S. 338, a bill to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in units of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes; S. 568, a bill to allow the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to establish a fee system for commercial filming activities in a site or resource under their jurisdictions.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., in open session, to receive testimony on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2000 and the future years defense program.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sub-

committee on Securities of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, to conduct a hearing on "fees collected under the Securities Act of 1933" and "Securities Exchange Act of 1934".

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE, PEACE CORPS, NARCOTICS AND TERRORISM

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 10:00 am, to hold a hearing.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONFERRING OF THE FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR ON WORLD WAR I VETERANS

• Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I rise today to salute our veterans of the First World War as the French government confers the Legion of Honor, its highest honor, on those living American veterans who served on French soil during World War I. I salute these brave men and women for their courage and for their sacrifice. For the past eighty years, they have taught several generations of Americans what it means to be a hero and what it means to be an American.

Our World War I veterans fought because they believed in something beyond themselves, a greater good. They fought to preserve the best of humanity—democracy, compassion, and liberty. Unfortunately, their fight exposed them to the worst of humanity, the first modern war, with its machine guns, its trenches, its very inhumanity.

"The Great War," "The War to End All Wars" is what they called it. It was so terrible, so inhuman that we believed that a calamity of that magnitude could never happen again. But it did. The Great War became known as World War I as a second inhuman war consumed our world.

Today, we owe it to those who fought in World War I, who we promised that it would never happen again, that we will make sure that it doesn't. These medals and this promise are for our World War I veterans and for everyone who fought alongside them in the trenches.

I offer this promise to our veterans, but I also ask for their help in keeping it. I ask them to teach their grandchildren and their great-grandchildren about what it meant to fight for such a great and costly cause. Together, we can make sure that our children and our children's children never have to fight another Great War. •