

September that this day would come if the United States did not play the SPR card. It is here; it is late; but it is not yet too late to avert a crisis. We need to use the leverage of the reserve.

Increased oil prices could severely affect the health of our economy. It has the potential to increase inflation. It will drain the budgets of working families. The price of shipping will increase. Oil prices at these levels will filter through every sector of our economy like a virus.

The President and Secretary Richardson must act quickly to release oil from the SPR in order to counter OPEC's assault on the United States and the global economy.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 89—TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AND VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE UNITED STATES ON JANUARY 20, 2001

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted the following concurrent resolution, which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 89

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

There is established a Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (in this resolution referred to as the "joint committee") consisting of 3 Senators and 3 Representatives, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively. The joint committee is authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2001.

SEC. 2. SUPPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

The joint committee—

(1) is authorized to utilize appropriate equipment and the services of appropriate personnel of departments and agencies of the Federal Government, under arrangements between the joint committee and the heads of those departments and agencies, in connection with the inaugural proceedings and ceremonies; and

(2) may accept gifts and donations of goods and services to carry out its responsibilities.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 90—TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL BY THE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON INAUGURAL CEREMONIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROCEEDINGS AND CEREMONIES CONDUCTED FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted the following concurrent resolution, which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 90

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL.

The rotunda of the United States Capitol is authorized to be used on January 20, 2001, by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 91—CONGRATULATING THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REESTABLISHMENT OF ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE RULE OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GORTON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HELMS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. FITZGERALD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 91

Whereas the United States has never recognized the forcible incorporation of the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania into the former Soviet Union;

Whereas the declaration on March 11, 1990, of the reestablishment of full sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Lithuania led to the disintegration of the former Soviet Union;

Whereas Lithuania since then has successfully built democracy, ensured human and minority rights, the rule of law, developed a free market economy, implemented exemplary relations with neighboring countries, and consistently pursued a course of integration into the community of free and democratic nations by seeking membership in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and

Whereas Lithuania, as a result of the progress of its political and economic reforms, has made, and continues to make, a significant contribution toward the maintenance of international peace and stability by, among other actions, its participation in NATO-led peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Kosovo: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress hereby—

(1) congratulates Lithuania on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the reestablishment of its independence and the leading role it played in the disintegration of the former Soviet Union; and

(2) commends Lithuania for its success in implementing political and economic reforms, which further speed the process of that country's integration into European and Western institutions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 265—COMMENDING THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 1999 DIVISION 1-A COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 265

Whereas Florida State University is a proud member of the Atlantic Coast Conference;

Whereas Florida State University has previously won the Division 1-A collegiate football national championship in 1993;

Whereas the students, alumni, and supporters of Florida State University are to be commended for the dedication, enthusiasm, and admiration they share for their favorite football team;

Whereas Florida State University has one of the most exciting, prolific, and successful college football programs in the country;

Whereas Florida State University's football team won the 1999 Atlantic Coast Conference championship in football and finished the season undefeated and untied with a record of 12-0;

Whereas Florida State University is to be commended for being the first Division 1-A collegiate football team to be ranked number one the entire season by the Associated Press since the preseason rankings began in 1950;

Whereas Florida State University has won 108 football games between 1990 and 1999, more than any other Division 1-A college football team in the Nation during this period;

Whereas Florida State University should be commended for extending their NCAA record streak of top-four finishes in the final Associated Press poll to 13 years in a row, the only Division 1-A college football team to have accomplished this feat;

Whereas Bobby Bowden, Florida State University's legendary head football coach, is to be commended for surpassing the 300-victory plateau this year and for obtaining his first perfect season in 40 years as a head coach;

Whereas Florida State University is to be commended for having 20 of its football players selected to the 1999 All Atlantic Coast Conference football team;

Whereas Florida State University is to be commended for having 4 of its football players honored as 1999 Consensus All-Americans;

Whereas the 1999 Florida State University football team played and beat Louisiana Tech University, 41 to 7; Georgia Tech University, 41 to 35; North Carolina State University, 42 to 11; University of North Carolina, 42 to 10; Duke University, 51 to 23; University of Miami, 31 to 21; Wake Forest University, 33 to 10; Clemson University, 17 to 14; University of Virginia, 35 to 10; University of Maryland, 49 to 10; and University of Florida, 30 to 23;

Whereas Florida State University played Virginia Tech University in the Bowl Championship Series' Nokia Sugar Bowl on January 4, 2000, for the 1999 Division 1-A collegiate football national championship;

Whereas the Virginia Tech University football team and Head Coach Frank Beamer and his staff are to be commended for an outstanding football season, winning the 1999 Big East Conference football championship and for playing in the 1999 Division 1-A collegiate football national championship game;

Whereas Florida State University beat Virginia Tech by the score of 46 to 29 before a sold-out and electrified crowd of 79,280 in the Louisiana Superdome to win the 1999 Division 1-A college football championship; and

Whereas Florida State University now joins an elite group of only 14 Division 1-A collegiate football teams out of 114 Division 1-A universities which have won at least 2 or more Division 1-A collegiate football national championships: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends Florida State University for winning the 1999 Division 1-A collegiate football national championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping Florida State University win the 1999 Division I-A collegiate football national championship and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored;

(3) requests that the President recognize the accomplishments and achievements of the 1999 Florida State University football team and invite them to Washington, D.C. for the traditional White House ceremony held for national championship teams; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Florida State University for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of the resolution to each coach and member of the 1999 Division I-A collegiate national championship football team.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE AFFORDABLE EDUCATION ACT OF 1999

SCHUMER (AND LANDRIEU) AMENDMENT NO. 2868

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1134) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

TITLE ____—21ST CENTURY MASTER TEACHER PROGRAMS

SEC. ____01. MASTER TEACHER PROGRAMS.

Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6601 et seq.) is amended—

- (1) by redesignating part E as part F; and
- (2) by inserting after part D the following new part:

“PART E—MASTER TEACHER PROGRAMS

“SEC. 2351. MASTER TEACHER PROGRAMS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this part:

“(1) BOARD CERTIFIED.—The term ‘board certified’ means successful completion of all requirements to be certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

“(2) MASTER TEACHER.—The term ‘master teacher’ means a teacher who is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and has been teaching for not less than 3 years.

“(3) NOVICE TEACHER.—The term ‘novice teacher’ means a teacher who has been teaching for not more than 3 years at a public elementary school or secondary school.

“(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

“(1) AUTHORITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to award grants on a competitive basis to local educational agencies to establish master teacher programs as described in paragraph (4).

“(B) DISTRIBUTION.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall award grants under subparagraph (A) so that such grants are distributed among the school districts with the highest concentration of teachers who are not certified or licensed or are provisionally certified or licensed.

“(2) DURATION.—A grant under paragraph (1) shall be awarded for a period of 5 years.

“(3) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant awarded under paragraph (1) shall be determined based on—

“(A) the total amount appropriated for a fiscal year under subsection (h); and

“(B) the extent of the concentration of teachers who are not certified or licensed or are provisionally certified or licensed in the school district involved.

“(4) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—The master teacher programs described in paragraph (1) shall provide funding assistance to teachers to become board certified, including the provision of the board certification fee.

“(c) APPLICATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A local educational agency desiring a grant under subsection (b) shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

“(2) APPROVAL OF APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall make a determination regarding an application submitted under paragraph (1) based on a recommendation of a peer review panel, as established by the Secretary, and any other criteria that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

“(d) PAYMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Grant payments shall be made under this section on an annual basis.

“(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Each local educational agency that receives a grant under subsection (b) shall use not more than 2 percent of the amount awarded under the grant for administrative costs.

“(3) DENIAL OF GRANT.—If the Secretary determines that a local educational agency has failed to make substantial progress during a fiscal year in increasing the percentage of teachers who are board certified, or in improving student achievement, such an agency shall not be eligible for a grant payment under this section in the next succeeding year.

“(e) REPORTS.—Not later than March 31, 2004, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives a report of program activities funded under this section.

“(f) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary may not award a grant to a local educational agency under subsection (b) unless the local educational agency agrees that, with respect to costs to be incurred by the agency in carrying out activities for which the grant was awarded, the agency shall provide (directly or through donations from public or private entities) non-Federal contributions in an amount equal to 25 percent of the amount of the grant awarded to the agency.

“(g) REPAYMENT OF FUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any program under this section in which assistance is provided to a teacher to pay the National Board for Professional Teaching Standard board certification fee to become board certified, assistance may only be provided if the teacher makes agreements as follows:

“(A) The teacher will enter and complete the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards board certification program to become board certified.

“(B) Upon becoming board certified, the teacher will teach in the public school system for a period of not less than 2 years.

“(2) BREACH OF AGREEMENTS.—A teacher receiving assistance described in paragraph (1) is liable to the local educational agency that provides such assistance for the amount of the certification fee described in paragraph (1) if such teacher—

“(A) voluntarily withdraws or terminates the certification program before taking the examination for board certification; or

“(B) is dismissed from the certification program before becoming board certified.

“(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2001 through 2005.”

ROTH (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2869

Mr. ROTH (for himself, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. VOINOVICH) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1134, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 2, line 4, strike “1999” and all that follows through page 51, line 3, and insert the following: “2000”.

(b) AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; amendment of 1986 Code; table of contents.

TITLE I—EDUCATION SAVINGS INCENTIVES

Sec. 101. Modifications to education individual retirement accounts.

Sec. 102. Modifications to qualified tuition programs.

TITLE II—EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Sec. 201. Permanent extension of exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance.

Sec. 202. Elimination of 60-month limit on student loan interest deduction.

Sec. 203. Exclusion of certain amounts received under the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program and the F. Edward Hebert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program.

Sec. 204. 2-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions not to apply to qualified professional development expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers.

Sec. 205. Credit to elementary and secondary school teachers who provide classroom materials.

TITLE III—LIBERALIZATION OF TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING RULES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Sec. 301. Additional increase in arbitrage rebate exception for governmental bonds used to finance educational facilities.

Sec. 302. Treatment of qualified public educational facility bonds as exempt facility bonds.

Sec. 303. Federal guarantee of school construction bonds by Federal Housing Finance Board.

TITLE I—EDUCATION SAVINGS INCENTIVES

SEC. 101. MODIFICATIONS TO EDUCATION INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.

(a) MAXIMUM ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 530(b)(1)(A)(iii) (defining education individual retirement account) is amended by striking “\$500” and inserting “\$2,000”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4973(e)(1)(A) is amended by striking “\$500” and inserting “\$2,000”.

In subsection (a) of section 101, add at the end the following: