

SBC is making this investment at a time when they, and other telecommunications companies, have dramatically slashed capital spending throughout the country.

This is the kind of investment that regulatory certainty and real competition bring and that is why I strongly support this legislation. If we can do for the country what we have done for the state of Oklahoma, Congress will go a long way toward reversing the economic slide currently enveloping the telecom sector. When all broadband providers are allowed to compete under the same rules, consumers win and the economy wins. I am pleased to sponsor this bipartisan approach to promoting competition for broadband services.

STATEMENTS ON SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 255—TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 5, 2002, AS "NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK"

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CLELAND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. RES. 255

Whereas the operation of correctional facilities represents a crucial component of our criminal justice system;

Whereas correctional personnel play a vital role in protecting the rights of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity;

Whereas correctional personnel are responsible for the care, custody, and dignity of the human beings charged to their care; and

Whereas correctional personnel work under demanding circumstances and face danger in their daily work lives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK.

That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning May 5, 2002, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution honoring our Nation's correctional officers and employees. This resolution reaffirms our support for the more than 200,000 corrections professionals who work in the face of danger while monitoring and reforming criminals and maintaining the safety of our communities.

I am pleased that Senators HATCH, STABENOW, REID, BOXER, KENNEDY, CLELAND, CANTWELL, WYDEN, THOMAS, BINGAMAN, DOMENICI, JEFFORDS, MURRAY, ROBERTS, FEINGOLD, HELMS, SAR-

BANES, and AKAKA have joined me in submitting this resolution today.

The job of correctional officers and employees is a dangerous, and often thankless, one. Most of us leave for work knowing that we will return home safe and sound at the end of the day. But, corrections personnel are not afforded this luxury. They put their lives on the line every time they begin a shift.

Tragically, many correctional officers have been permanently injured or killed in the line of duty. In all, more than 361 correctional officers and employees have died while on duty. This year, we honor nine: John Burkett III, Wayne Mitchell, James Salvino, Gregory Collins, George Turner, Richard Huffman, Virgil Reel, Timothy Williams, and Rodney Welch, whom we lost during the past year. We must not forget the sacrifices made by these heroic individuals for our public safety.

These courageous officers all died while performing the normal day-to-day tasks their jobs asked of them. Whether they died transporting inmates or responding to disturbances within their facilities, their loss reminds us of the many brave acts that take place daily among correctional officers and employees.

Since prison security never rests, officers work all hours of the day and night, weekends, and even holidays. But, corrections professionals do much more than just watch over prisoners. They also play an important role in reforming them and in lowering recidivism rates. Through literacy programs and vocational training, they work hard to transform offenders into productive, law-abiding members of society, which is sometimes no easy task.

The efforts of America's correctional officers and employees to make our world a better, safer place too often go unnoticed. Few of us can truly appreciate the perils faced daily by these courageous public servants. We not only owe them our recognition, but our gratitude as well. To that end, I am pleased to offer this resolution to designate the week beginning May 5, 2002, as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, and to honor and acknowledge their diligence and dedication to our public safety.

SENATE RESOLUTION 256—MAKING MINORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING FOR THE 107TH CONGRESS

Mr. LOTT submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 256

Resolved, That the following be the minority membership on the Special Committee on Aging for the remainder of the 107th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Craig, Mr. Burns, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Santorum, Ms. Collins, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Hagel, and Mr. Smith of Oregon.

SENATE RESOLUTION 257—EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE FOR THE SERVICE OF SUZANNE D. PEARSON TO THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Mr. BYRD submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 257

Whereas Suzanne Pearson became an employee of the Senate on February 10, 1970, and since that date has ably and faithfully upheld the high standards and traditions of the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate for almost 32 years;

Whereas Suzanne Pearson from January 1, 1991, to December 31, 2001, served as the Office Manager of the Office of the Legislative Counsel and demonstrated great dedication, professionalism, and integrity in faithfully discharging the duties and responsibilities of her position;

Whereas Suzanne Pearson retired on December 31, 2001, after more than 33 years of Government service; and

Whereas Suzanne Pearson has met the needs of the Senate with unfailing professionalism, skill, dedication, and good humor during her entire career: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate commends Suzanne D. Pearson for her almost 32 years of faithful and exemplary service to the United States Senate and the Nation, and expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude for her long, faithful, and outstanding service.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Suzanne D. Pearson.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 103—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. TORRICELLI) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was ordered held at the desk:

S. CON. RES. 103

Whereas the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) reports that approximately 42,000,000 people in the United States suffer from a speech, voice, language, or hearing impairment;

Whereas almost 28,000,000 people in the United States suffer from hearing loss;

Whereas 1 out of every 3 people in the United States over 65 years of age suffers from hearing loss;

Whereas although more than 25,000,000 people in the United States would benefit from the use of a hearing aid, fewer than 7,000,000 people in the United States use a hearing aid;

Whereas sounds louder than 80 decibels are considered potentially dangerous and can lead to hearing loss;

Whereas the number of young children who suffer hearing loss as a result of environmental noise has increased;

Whereas every day in the United States approximately 33 babies are born with significant hearing loss;

Whereas hearing loss is the most common congenital disorder in newborns;

Whereas a delay in diagnosing a newborn's hearing loss can affect the child's social, emotional, and academic development;

Whereas the average age at which newborns with hearing loss are diagnosed is between 12 and 25 months;

Whereas more than 1,000,000 children received speech or language disorder services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) during the school year ending in 1998;

Whereas children with language impairments are 4 to 5 times more likely than their peers to experience reading problems;

Whereas 10 percent of children entering the first grade have moderate to severe speech disorders, including stuttering;

Whereas stuttering affects more than 2,000,000 people in the United States;

Whereas approximately 1,000,000 people in the United States have aphasia, a language disorder inhibiting spoken communication that results from damage caused by a stroke or other traumatic injury to the language centers of the brain; and

Whereas for the last 75 years, May has been celebrated as National Better Hearing and Speech Month in order to raise awareness regarding speech, voice, language, and hearing impairments and to provide an opportunity for Federal, State, and local governments, members of the private and nonprofit sectors, speech and hearing professionals, and the people of the United States to focus on preventing, mitigating, and curing such impairments: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Better Hearing and Speech Month;

(2) commends the 41 States that have implemented routine hearing screenings for every newborn before the newborn leaves the hospital;

(3) supports the efforts of speech and hearing professionals in their efforts to improve the speech and hearing development of children; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to have their hearing checked regularly and to avoid environmental noise that can lead to hearing loss.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3382. Mr. DAYTON (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. LEVIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3382. Mr. DAYTON (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. LEVIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 3(b), add the following:

(4) LIMITATIONS ON TRADE AUTHORITIES PROCEDURES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974 (trade authorities procedures) shall not apply to any provision in an implementing bill that modifies or amends, or requires a modification of, or an amendment to, any law of the United States that provides safeguards from unfair foreign trade practices to United States businesses or workers, including—

(i) imposition of countervailing and antidumping duties (title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; 19 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.);

(ii) protection from unfair methods of competition and unfair acts in the importation of articles (section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930; 19 U.S.C. 1337);

(iii) relief from injury caused by import competition (title II of the Trade Act of 1974; 19 U.S.C. 2251 et seq.);

(iv) relief from unfair trade practices (title III of the Trade Act of 1974; 19 U.S.C. 2411 et seq.); or

(v) national security import restrictions (section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962; 19 U.S.C. 1862).

(B) POINT OF ORDER IN SENATE.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—When the Senate is considering an implementing bill, upon a point of order being made by any Senator against any part of the implementing bill that contains material in violation of subparagraph (A), and the point of order is sustained by the Presiding Officer, the part of the implementing bill against which the point of order is sustained shall be stricken from the bill.

(ii) WAIVERS AND APPEALS.—

(I) WAIVERS.—Before the Presiding Officer rules on a point of order described in clause (i), any Senator may move to waive the point of order and the motion to waive shall not be subject to amendment. A point of order described in clause (i) is waived only by the affirmative vote of at least three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn.

(II) APPEALS.—After the Presiding Officer rules on a point of order under this subparagraph, any Senator may appeal the ruling of the Presiding Officer on the point of order as it applies to some or all of the provisions on which the Presiding Officer ruled. A ruling of the Presiding Officer on a point of order described in clause (i) is sustained unless at least three-fifths of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, vote not to sustain the ruling.

(III) DEBATE.—Debate on a motion to waive under subclause (I) or on an appeal of the ruling of the Presiding Officer under subclause (II) shall be limited to 1 hour. The time shall be equally divided between, and controlled by, the majority leader and the minority leader, or their designees.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 7, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the outlook for this year's wildland fire season as well as to assess the Federal land management agencies' state of readiness and preparedness for the wildland fire season.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. Those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should e-mail it to shelly_brown@energy.senate.gov or fax it to 202-224-4340.

For further information, please contact Kira Finkler of the Committee staff at (202) 224-8164.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs will hold a hearing entitled "The Role of the Board of Directors in Enron's Collapse." The subcommittee will call on past and present members of the Enron Board of Directors to obtain an insider's perspective on the board's oversight efforts, interactions with Enron management and Andersen, and failure to identify and respond adequately to warning signs of Enron's impending collapse.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Elise J. Bean of the subcommittee staff at 224-3721.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Richard Carmona, to be Surgeon General and Elias Zerhouni, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., in room 438A of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a joint hearing with the Senate Small Business Committee on "Small Business Development in Native American Communities: Is the Federal Government meeting its obligations?"

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship and the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a joint hearing entitled "Small Business Development in Native American Communities: Is the Federal Government Meeting Its Obligations?" on Tuesday, April 30, 2002,