

“(d) CONTRACTING FOR PERFORMANCE OF NON-CORE FUNCTIONS.—In the case of any maintenance or repair activity (including the making of major modifications and upgrades) that is not identified by the Secretary under subsection (b), the Secretary concerned shall provide for the performance of that activity by an entity in the private sector, selected through the use of competitive procedures, unless the Secretary determines that the performance of that activity by a Government entity is necessary to maintain the defense industrial base.”.

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“2472. Core maintenance and repair capability: preservation.”.

(b) REVISION OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall revise the existing Department of Defense regulations relating to depot level maintenance and repair activities in order to ensure the consistency of those regulations with the policy provided in section 2472(d) of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

SEC. 303. PERFORMANCE OF DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE WORKLOAD BY PRIVATE SECTOR WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 2469 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§2469. Depot-level maintenance and repair activities: use of private sector

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall (except as provided in subsection (b)) provide for the performance by private sector entities of all depot-level maintenance and all depot-level repair work of the Department of Defense.

“(b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may provide for the performance of a particular depot-level maintenance workload, or a particular depot-level repair workload, by an entity of the Department of Defense if—

“(1) no responsive bids for performance of that workload are received from responsible offerors; or

“(2) the Secretary makes a determination that subsection (a) must be waived for that particular workload for reasons of national security.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating to section 2469 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 146 of such title is amended to read as follows:

“2469. Depot-level maintenance and repair activities: use of private sector.”.

AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN ELECTRONICS ASSOCIATION, CONTRACT SERVICES ASSOCIATION, ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL SECURITY INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION, SHIPBUILDERS COUNCIL OF AMERICA, U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

March 29, 1995.

Senator WILLIAM V. ROTH, JR.,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR ROTH: As the associations representing the hundreds of thousands of American workers employed in the aerospace, electronics, shipbuilding and services industries, we offer our strong support for the depot maintenance provisions included in your procurement reform legislation. We urge prompt action on these provisions in order to achieve their enactment in this session of Congress.

The elements of your proposal that repeal the \$3 million threshold for the shift of depot

workload to the private sector and the repeal of the so-called 60/40 rule will eliminate management restrictions long opposed by the Department of Defense as well as the private sector. The elimination of these restrictions as called for by your bill will afford the government much greater flexibility to obtain the most cost effective use of every dollar spent on defense logistics support.

Similarly, we are greatly encouraged by the provisions of your legislation that address the issue of government “core” competencies. We support the language that calls for the performance of the preponderance of this workload by private sector entities selected on the basis of competitive procedures in accordance with your narrow definition of “core” government competency.

The depot maintenance policy articulated in your legislation will permit the development of a logistics support program for the 21st century. Your legislation in this regard is in the national interest and in the interest of the private sector industrial base. We applaud your depot policy initiative, and offer to work closely with you in the weeks ahead to achieve its timely enactment.

Sincerely,

The Presidents of AIA, ADPA, AEA, CSA, EIA, NSIA, SCA, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 216

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 216, a bill to repeal the reduction in the deductible portion of expenses for business meals and entertainment.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide clarification for the deductibility of expenses incurred by a taxpayer in connection with the business use of the home.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the credit for increasing research activities.

S. 360

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 360, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to eliminate the penalties imposed on States for noncompliance with motorcycle helmet and automobile safety belt requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 385

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 385, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to eliminate the penalties imposed on States for

failure to require the use of safety belts in passenger vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 400

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to provide for appropriate remedies for prison conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] were added as cosponsors of S. 442, a bill to improve and strengthen the child support collection system, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. BRADLEY, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. JOHNSTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 456, a bill to improve and strengthen the child support collection system, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 91

At the request of Mr. PELL, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. SARBANES] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 91, a resolution to condemn Turkey's illegal invasion of Northern Iraq.

SENATE RESOLUTION 96—
RELATIVE TO A RETIREMENT

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

S. RES. 96

Whereas, Chick Reynolds will retire from service to the United States Senate after twenty years as a member of the staff of the Office Reporters of Debates;

Whereas, he has served the United States Senate with honor and distinction since joining the staff of the Office Reporters of Debates on July 1, 1974;

Whereas, his hard work and outstanding excellence as an official reporter resulted in his appointment to the position of Chief Reporter on May 1, 1988;

Whereas, Chick Reynolds, as Chief Reporter of the Congressional Record, has at all times executed the important duties and responsibilities of his office with great efficiency and diligence;

Whereas, Chick Reynolds has demonstrated loyal dedication to the United States Senate as an institution and leaves a legacy of superior and professional service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to Chick Reynolds for his years of faithful and exemplary service to his country and the United States Senate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Chick Reynolds.