

rail initiatives including the reauthorization of Amtrak, the reauthorization of the Local Rail Freight Assistance Program and other rail initiatives of critical importance to a number of Members of the Senate.

The bill before the Senate takes into account the cost-saving measures taken by the Amtrak Board and includes new provisions to help Amtrak generate more nontax revenues through advertising, concessions and intermodal coordination with America's bus companies. I know that this legislation is a starting place and not a finishing place. Many painful choices regarding Amtrak are just around the bend. With a few modifications, however, it is where the Senate left off last year.

As the former chairman of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee, I am proud of the work we did last year. I have updated the effort to reflect the new political and financial realities which face both Amtrak and this body.

The Senate Commerce Committee held a very good hearing on Amtrak and it is clear to me that there continues to be strong bipartisan support for a national passenger rail system. I look forward to working with both the new chairman of the full committee and the subcommittee to assure that Amtrak has a future.

The key features of the Rail Investment Act include:

First, an addition to the Amtrak mission statement that Amtrak should treat all passengers with respect, courtesy, and dignity and that Amtrak should manage its capital investment to provide world class service;

Second, a study of proposed changes of the State-requested service program;

Third, a renewal of the authorization for the Northeast Corridor Improvement Program [NECIP];

Fourth, a technical amendment to settle a title problem for Reno, NV, rail properties;

Fifth, the Missouri River Corridor Development Program to study the feasibility of service between Kansas City and Omaha, to authorize station projects and fund operation of new service in and around the States bordering the Missouri River;

Sixth, a provision to assist Rhode Island with its double-stack freight service problems;

Seventh, a provision which allows Amtrak to better manage its finances;

Eighth, a provision to study D.C. to Bristol, VA, passenger rail service;

Ninth, the addition of a passenger representative to the Amtrak Board of Directors;

Tenth, a pilot program to generate more nontax revenues from advertising and concession sales; and

Eleventh, a provision to authorize a rail project integral to service between Massachusetts and Maine;

Twelfth, a continuation of the Amtrak labor management safety task force.

The bill also includes the text of legislation I introduced with Senators DASCHLE, PRESSLER, HARKIN, CONRAD, KERREY, and DORGAN last year to reauthorize the Local Rail Freight Assistance Program [LRFA] for \$30 million each year. In addition, the LRFA Program is amended to give authorization for emergency appropriations, and to add explicit language to permit LRFA money to be used for crossing closures and upgrades.

I urge my colleagues to endorse this much needed legislation.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 240

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to establish a filing deadline and to provide certain safeguards to ensure that the interests of investors are well protected under the implied private action provisions of the act.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. ROTH] 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 Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] 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. 390

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 390, a bill to improve the ability of the United States to respond to the international terrorist threat.

S. 451

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to encourage production of oil and gas within the United States by providing tax incentives and easing regulatory burdens, and for other purposes.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to provide that no action be taken under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for a renewal of a permit for grazing on National Forest System lands.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR], the Senator from

Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS], the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. HOLLINGS], and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. JOHNSTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 641, a bill to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 644

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 644, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the establishment of research corporations in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to increase the amount of credit available to fuel local, regional, and national economic growth by reducing the regulatory burden imposed upon financial institutions, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 91

At the request of Mr. PELL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. SIMON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 91, a resolution to condemn Turkey's illegal invasion of Northern Iraq.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 425

At the request of Mr. PRESSLER, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 425 proposed to H.R. 1158, a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10—RELATIVE TO EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. SIMON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. CON. RES. 10

Whereas the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, including Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, and Romania, are important to the long-term stability and economic success of a future Europe freed from the shackles of communism;

Whereas the Central and Eastern European countries, particularly Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia, are in the midst of dramatic reforms to transform their centrally planned economies into free market economies and to join the Western community;

Whereas it is in the long-term interest of the United States to encourage and assist the transformation of Central and Eastern Europe into a free market economy, which is the solid foundation of democracy, and will contribute to regional stability and greatly increased opportunities for commerce with the United States;

Whereas trade with these countries accounts for less than one percent of total United States trade;

Whereas the presence of a market with more than 140,000,000 people, with a growing appetite for consumer goods and services and badly in need of modern technology and management, should be an important market for United States exports and investments; and

Whereas the United States has concluded agreements granting most-favored-nation status to most of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),* That it is the sense of the Congress that the President should take steps to negotiate international agreements for free trade between the United States and the countries of Central Europe, including Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Slovenia, and should take vigorous actions to lay the groundwork for such an agreement, including—

- (1) developing closer commercial contacts;
- (2) eliminating tariff and nontariff discriminatory barriers in United States trade with these countries;
- (3) developing framework agreements that chart a course toward a free trade agreement;
- (4) establishing bilateral investment treaties;
- (5) stimulating increased United States exports and investments to the region;
- (6) obtaining further liberalization of investment regulations and protection against nationalization in these foreign countries; and
- (7) establishing fair and expeditious dispute settlement procedures.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 100— RELATIVE TO NATIONAL 4-H DAY

Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 100

Whereas the Senate is proud to honor the National 4-H Youth Development Program of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service for 85 years of experience-based education to young people throughout the United States;

Whereas this admirable Program seeks to provide a learning experience for the whole child (including head, heart, hands, and health) and help children of the United States to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes to enable the children to become self-directed, productive, and contributing members of society;

Whereas the 5,500,000 urban, suburban, and rural participants in the Program, ranging from 5 to 19 years of age, hail from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds and truly represent a cross-section of the United States;

Whereas the Program could not have achieved success without the service of the more than 65,000 volunteers who have given generously of their time, talents, energies, and resources; and

Whereas throughout proud history of the Program, the Program has developed positive roles models for the youth of the United States and (through its innovative and inspiring programs) continues to build character and to instill the values that have made the United States strong and great: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate—

- (1) proclaims April 5, 1995, as National 4-H Day;

- (2) commends the 4-H Youth Development Program and the many children and volunteers who have made the Program a success; and

- (3) requests the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 101— RELATIVE TO ISRAEL

Mr. BROWN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. RES. 101

Whereas the Congress approved a free trade agreement with Israel on April 29, 1985;

Whereas the free trade agreement with Israel was designed to increase United States economic ties with Israel;

Whereas the goal of United States policy in the Middle East is to achieve a lasting peace that brings economic integration and development in the region;

Whereas economic integration and development in the Middle East can only be achieved through a "warm" peace in which diplomats are exchanged, the Arab boycott of Israel has been eliminated, close cooperation between Israel and her neighbors to combat terrorism and international criminal activity has been established, mutual security agreements have been concluded, and agreements have been reached that mutually reduce barriers to the free flow of goods, people, and ideas; and

Whereas a "warm" peace in the Middle East between Israel and her neighbors should be based upon trade and expanding economic development: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That it is the sense of the Senate that the President should—

- (1) expand the free trade agreement between the United States and Israel to include those countries that sustain a "warm" peace with Israel;

- (2) prior to such expansion, and annually thereafter, certify to the Congress that such country or countries have entered into a "warm" peace with Israel that includes—

- (A) the recognition of Israel and establishment of full diplomatic relations with Israel, including the exchange of ambassadors;

- (B) eliminating all levels of the Arab boycott of Israel;

- (C) a commitment to a quick response to condemn and punish acts of international terrorism and those who perpetrate them;

- (D) working closely with United States and Israel to remove havens for international terrorists;

- (E) mutual security agreements with Israel;

- (F) extradition agreements with Israel on reciprocal treatment of terrorists; and

- (G) agreements with Israel which ensure the mutual reduction of barriers to the free flow of goods and people; and

- (3) not extend any preferences or trade inducements to a country that is a state-sponsor of terrorism.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 102— RELATIVE TO PAKISTAN

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. PELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 102

Whereas Pakistan and the United States have been allies since 1947, and throughout the difficult days of the Cold War;

Whereas Pakistan was a front-line state against Soviet totalitarian expansionism and worked with the United States to successfully end the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan;

Whereas Pakistan has been in the forefront of United Nations peacekeeping operations, recently being the largest contributor of forces to United Nations peacekeeping operations;

Whereas Pakistan has cooperated with the United States in the apprehension and swift extradition of Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, the alleged mastermind of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City;

Whereas Pakistan's economy is being increasingly liberalized and opened to outside investors and businesses;

Whereas there are increasing opportunities for economic cooperation between Pakistan and the United States as a result of private sector agreements for investment in Pakistan's energy sector and other pending agreements;

Whereas Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who has worked to strengthen Pakistan's close relationship with the United States, was reelected to office in October, 1993 and is scheduled to visit the United States on an official visit in April; Therefore be it

*Resolved,* That the United States Senate—

- (1) welcomes the visit of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto to the United States as a sign of the warm, enduring friendship between the U.S. and Pakistan; and

- (2) pledges to work with the government of Pakistan to strengthen the U.S.-Pakistan relationship in the years ahead.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

#### EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCIS-SIONS ACT

##### WELLSTONE AMENDMENT NO. 450

Mr. WELLSTONE proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 1158) making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes; as follows:

At an appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

"SEC. . It is the Sense of the Senate that before the Senate is required to vote on the question of whether the WIC program and other nutrition programs should be converted to block grant programs to be administered by the states, a full and complete investigation should be conducted by the Senate Committee on Agriculture to determine whether, and if so, to what extent, such a proposed substantial change in national policy is the result of the improper influence of the food industry and lobbyists acting on the industry's behalf."

##### DOLE (AND MCCONNELL) AMENDMENT NO. 451

Mr. DOLE (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 450 proposed by Mr. WELLSTONE to the bill H.R. 1158, supra; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following: