

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected.

Mr. DOMENICI. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

DESIGNATING JAMES R. KETCHUM AS CURATOR EMERITUS OF THE U.S. SENATE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 122) designating James R. Ketchum as Curator Emeritus of the United States Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 122) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

H.S. RES. 122

Whereas James R. Ketchum will retire from the United States Senate after 25 years as Senate Curator, and 35 years of Government service;

Whereas he has dedicated his Senate service to preserving the works of art, history, and traditions of the Senate;

Whereas he has contributed immeasurably to the restoration of the Old Senate Chamber, the Old Supreme Court Chamber, the President's Room, and other historic rooms in the Capitol;

Whereas he has developed exhibitions and educational programs detailing the rich heritage of the Senate for all to enjoy;

Whereas he has upheld the high standards and traditions of the Senate with abiding devotion; and

Whereas he has earned the respect, affection, and esteem of the United States Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That, effective July 1, 1995, as a token of the appreciation of the Senate for his long and faithful service, James R. Ketchum is hereby designated as Curator Emeritus of the United States Senate.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

RETIREMENT OF GERALD A. HACKETT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk relating to the retirement of Gerald Hackett and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 123) relating to the retirement of Gerald A. Hackett.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 123) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 123

Whereas Gerald A. Hackett will retire from the United States Senate after 33 years of service, the last 29 years as Executive Clerk;

Whereas his dedication to the United States resulted in the computerization of the nomination and treaty processes, and the on-line publishing of the Executive Journal;

Whereas he has performed the duties of his office with remarkable diligence, perseverance, efficiency, and intelligence;

Whereas he has faithfully performed his duties serving all Members of the Senate with great professional integrity and dedication; and

Whereas Gerald A. Hackett has earned the respect, admiration and esteem of the United States Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate commends Gerald A. Hackett for his long, faithful, and exemplary service to his country and to the Senate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Gerald A. Hackett.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

RETIREMENT OF FREDERICK R. BROOMFIELD, SR.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk relating to the retirement of Frederick R. Broomfield and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 124) relating to the retirement of Frederick R. Broomfield, Sr.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 124) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 124

Whereas on June 30, 1995, Frederick R. Broomfield, Sr. will retire from service as a member of the Department of Office Services staff within the Office of the Secretary of the Senate after almost 20 years;

Whereas he has upheld the high standards and traditions of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate with abiding devotion; and

Whereas he has gained the trust, confidence, and respect of his associates and the Members of the United States Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to Frederick R. Broomfield, Sr., for his years of faithful and exemplary service to his country and to the United States Senate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Frederick R. Broomfield, Sr.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate continued with the consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. COHEN addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

AMENDMENT NO. 1116

(Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate regarding losses of trust funds due to fraud and abuse in the Medicare program)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Maine [Mr. COHEN] proposes an amendment numbered 1116.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

On page 94, after line 21, add the following new section:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING LOSSES OF TRUST FUNDS DUE TO FRAUD AND ABUSE IN THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) the General Accounting Office estimates that as much as \$100,000,000,000 are wasted each year in the health care system due to fraud and abuse;

(2) outlays for the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act during fiscal year 1994 were \$161,100,000,000, and the General Accounting Office estimates that up to 10 percent of those outlays were wasted because of fraud and abuse;

(3) medicare beneficiaries incur higher out-of-pocket costs and copayments due to inflated billings resulting from fraudulent and abusive practices perpetrated against the medicare program; and

(4) funds lost because of fraud and abuse are contributing to financial crises of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, as identified by the Boards of Trustees of such trust funds in their 1995 annual reports.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that as the Committee on Finance of the Senate and, if established, the Bipartisan Commission on the Solvency of