

striking out the item relating to the Advisory Corrections Council.

(d) This action shall take effect 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

HELMS AMENDMENT NO. 2821

Mr. GRAMM (for Mr. HELMS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 29076, supra, as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

SEC. . EXTENSION OF AU PAIR PROGRAMS.

Section 8 of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Act of 1990 is amended in the last sentence by striking "fiscal year 1995" and inserting "fiscal year 1999".

DORGAN (AND CONRAD) AMENDMENT NO. 2822

Mr. GRAMM (for Mr. DORGAN, for himself, and Mr. CONRAD) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2076, supra, as follows:

On page 124, after line 20, insert the following:

SEC. 6 . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON UNITED STATES-CANADIAN COOPERATION CONCERNING AN OUTLET TO RELIEVE FLOODING AT DEVILS LAKE IN NORTH DAKOTA.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) flooding in Devils Lake Basin, North Dakota, has resulted in water levels in the lake reaching their highest point in 120 years;

(2) basements are flooded and the town of Devils Lake is threatened with lake water reaching the limits of the protective dikes of the lake;

(3) the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation are now study the feasibility of constructing an outlet from Devils Lake Basin;

(4) an outlet from Devils Lake Basin will allow the transfer of water from Devils Lake Basin to the Red River of the North watershed that the United States shares with Canada; and

(5) the Treaty Relating to the Boundary Waters and Questions Arising Along the Boundary Between the United States and Canada, signed at Washington on January 11, 1909 (36 Stat. 2448; TS 548) (commonly known as the "Boundary Water Treaty of 1909"), provides that "waters flowing across the boundary shall not be polluted on either side to the injury of health or property on the other." (36 Stat. 2450).

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the United States Government should seek to establish a joint United States-Canadian technical committee to review the Devils Lake Basin outlet project to consider options for an outlet that would meet Canadian concerns with regard to the Boundary Water Treaty of 1909.

HOLLINGS AMENDMENTS NOS. 2823-2824

Mr. GRAMM (for Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed two amendments to the bill H.R. 2076, supra, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2823

On page 75 of the bill, line 7, after "grants" insert the following: "Provided further, That of the amounts provided in this paragraph \$76,300,000 is for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program".

AMENDMENT NO. 2824

Table the Committee amendment on page 79, lines 1 through 6.

On page 79, line 22, delete "\$42,000,000" and insert "\$37,000,000".

GRAMM AMENDMENT NO. 2825

Mr. GRAMM proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2076, supra, as follows:

On page 115, line 2 after "equipment" insert the following "": *Provided further*, That not later than April 1, 1996, the headquarters of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting shall be relocated from Washington, D.C. to south Florida, and that any funds available to the United States Information Agency may be available to carry out this relocation".

HATFIELD (AND HOLLINGS) AMENDMENT NO. 2826

Mr. GRAMM (for Mr. HATFIELD, for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2076, supra, as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . Sections 6(a) and 6(b) of Public Law 101-454 are repealed. In addition, notwithstanding any other provision of law, Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships, Incorporated, may use any earned but unused trust income from the period 1992 through 1995 for Fellowship purposes.

HELMS AMENDMENT NO. 2827

Mr. GRAMM (for Mr. HELMS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2076, supra, as follows:

On page 110, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following new section:

SEC. 405. (a) Subject to subsection (b), section 15(a) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2680(a)) and section 701 of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 and section 313 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, fiscal years 1994 and 1995 and section 53 of this Arms Control and Disarmament Act shall not apply to appropriations made available for the Department of State in this Act.

(b) The waiver of subsection (a) shall cease to apply December 1, 1995.

HELMS (AND PELL) AMENDMENT NO. 2828

Mr. GRAMM (for Mr. HELMS, for himself and Mr. PELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2076, supra, as follows:

On page 93, line 7, after "Provided," insert the following: "That, notwithstanding the second sentence of section 140(a)(3) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103-236), not to exceed \$125,000,000 of fees may be collected during fiscal year 1996 under the authority of section 140(a)(1) of that Act: *Provided further*, That all fees collected under the preceding proviso shall be deposited in fiscal year 1996 as an offsetting collection to appropriations made under this heading to recover the costs of providing consular services and shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*,".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 28, 1995, on S. 1260, the Public Housing Reform and Empowerment Act of 1995.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be allowed to meet during the Thursday, September 28, 1995 session of the Senate for the purpose of conducting an executive session and mark up. Budget reconciliation instructions.

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 28, 1995 at 9 a.m., in SR-332, to markup the committee budget reconciliation instruction.

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 28, 1995 at 9:30 a.m., in SR-332, to discuss ethanol, clean air, and farm economy.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 28, 1995, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nominations of Derrick Forrister to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Department of Energy; Patricia Beneke to be Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Eluid Martinez to be Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and Charles William Burton to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Enrichment Corporation.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 28, 1995 at 2:30 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, September 28, at 10 a.m., for a nomination hearing on The Honorable Ned R. McWherter, to be Governor, U.S. Postal Service, and Donald S. Wasserman, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet Thursday, September 28, 1995, beginning at 9 a.m. in room SH-216, to conduct a mark up of spending recommendations for the budget reconciliation legislation.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 28, 1995, at 2 p.m., in room 226, Senate Dirksen Office Building to consider nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 28, 1995, at 1:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on non-immigrant immigration.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Children and Families of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 28, 1995, at 10 a.m., to consider private efforts to reshape America.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FUND [CDFI]

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I rise today to join my esteemed colleague from Vermont, Mr. LEAHY, to express my concern that by voting for final passage of H.R. 2099, we in the Congress are voting to eliminate funding for the Community Development Financial Institution Fund [CDFI]. The CDFI fund was established in the Community Development Banking and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994—an Act which passed the Congress with overwhelming bipartisan support. In fact, this body voted unanimously for the measure,

which sought to stimulate community lending and empower local communities by increasing access to credit and investment capital.

But Mr. President, I stand before you to offer another perspective on the importance of the CDFI fund, and that is the significant potential it holds for improving the economic conditions in Native American communities. Native American communities face some of the harshest living conditions in this country, leading some to draw comparisons with conditions in Third-World countries. Fifty-one percent of native American families living on reservations live below the poverty line, with unemployment rates on some reservations as high as 80 percent. Moreover, a recent study conducted by the Department of Housing and Urban Development found that over half of American Indian and Alaska Native families live in substandard housing, compared to the national average of 3 percent; 27 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native households are overcrowded or lack plumbing or kitchen facilities, compared to a national average of 5.4 percent; and approximately 40 percent of Native households were overcrowded, compared to a national average of 5.8 percent.

Mr. President, these conditions, under any circumstances, are unacceptable. And it is even more unacceptable that we in the Congress would turn our backs on an innovative program which would stimulate economic activity in these communities by leveraging private sector resources into permanent self-sustaining locally controlled institutions. Each \$1 million in the fund would have a substantial impact, and could create 65 to 135 new jobs; provide 100 loans to micro-enterprises and self-employment ventures; assist 20 first-time homebuyers; or construct 20 units of low-income housing. It is my understanding that there are at least 13 Indian controlled financial institutions which would be eligible for assistance from the fund, and an additional 16 tribal entities that have expressed an interest in becoming CDFI's.

Earlier this year, I joined Senators BEN NIGHORSE CAMPBELL and MCCAIN in sponsoring a bill, the Native American Financial Services Organization Act [NAFSO], which emanated from recommendations of the congressionally chartered Commission on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing, and from a multi-agency Federal working group with tribal input, and was designed to dovetail with the CDFI fund, with NAFSO serving as a technical assistance provider to a second tier of primary lending institutions, or Native American Financial Institutions. The elimination of funding for the CDFI fund will have devastating ramifications for this NAFSO proposal.

Mr. President, I realize full well the climate within which we operate today, and that we in the Congress must exer-

cise great fiscal restraint. And I commend the outstanding efforts of my esteemed colleagues, the chairman of the VA-HUD appropriations subcommittee, Mr. BOND, and the ranking member, Senator MIKULSKI, for producing a bill under these constraints—a bill which attempts in many ways to address the housing needs of Indian country. I only wish to point out that we in the Congress must ever be cognizant of our national responsibilities to the native people of this Nation, and that we must endeavor to improve the conditions under which the vast majority of our Native families live.

I feel compelled to take note of the irony that over the last few days, within the context of drastic reductions to funding for Indian tribal governments under the Interior Appropriations bill, that one of the justifications offered for these severe reductions was that tribal governments must become less dependent on Federal resources and more self-sufficient. And yet, today, we are poised to eliminate funding for the Community Development Financial Institution Fund—a fund which could have made tremendous strides in enabling tribal governments to realize greater economic independence.

Mr. President, I thank you for this time, and I thank my colleague from Vermont, Mr. LEAHY, for his leadership on these matters.●

DEDICATED U.S. SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

• Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to thank our brave U.S. service men and women who with total dedication serve around the globe, but most importantly to pay tribute to four individuals who recently died in the service of our country. On August 15, 1995, Chief Warrant Officer Michael R. Baker, Chief Warrant Officer Donald J. Cunningham, Specialist Crew Chief Robert A. Rogers, and Specialist Crew Chief Dale Wood perished when their U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter crashed into the sea off the shores of Cyprus. The crew was on a routine humanitarian mission to bring supplies and mail to the U.S. Embassy in Beirut.

U.S. service men and women worldwide are frequently responsible for humanitarian and lifesaving missions which often go unnoticed by the American people. These missions are often fraught with danger attributable to health concerns or often insurgent occupation. The Cyprus airlift is just one example where our U.S. service men and women are tasked to put themselves in harms way.

In addition to Cyprus being needed as a strategic point to support our Middle East efforts it has also become a strategic point for United States involvement in several areas of international concern, such as counterterrorist measures, narcotics trafficking, counterfeiting, money laundering, and international bank fraud. The Cyprus