

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, I thank the Senator from Massachusetts. I am grateful for the opportunity to work for him and with him in reaching this agreement. And I have only the observation that this could have been achieved many, many weeks ago if there had not been such intransigence. But that is behind us.

I hope from this point on that we can work together in good faith, not question each other's good faith, and work for the American people, saving money and improve the foreign policy apparatus of this country, which badly needs improving. And I pledge that I shall work with the Senator as long as he is willing to work with me. And I thank the Senator. And I thank the Chair.

I want to send to the desk, Madam President, a printed review of the items that Senator KERRY has just discussed for the benefit of the reporter. I know he tried to take it down, but it is easier to have it in writing.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the review be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

CHECKLIST—HELMS-KERRY MEETING ON S. 908

A. SUMMARY OF MANAGERS AMENDMENT

1. Consolidation

Agreed on compromise language offered by Kerry with technical changes, as follows:

\$1.7 billion in savings over 5 years; baseline is FY 1995 appropriated level;

No mandatory abolition of agencies;

Not more than 30% of the savings realized from programmatic reductions;

Not more than 15% of the savings realized from State Department's administrative accounts.

2. Other bill issues

Agreed on language reflected in attached summary of changes in Division A with the following additional changes:

(a) deletion of Section 168 based on Dodd's request in writing to Kerry to have this dealt with in conference on the Cuban Liberty and Solidarity Act;

(b) deletion of Section 603 relating to coercive population control policies (House bill contains a similar provision); and

(c) addition of \$10 million in FY 1996 for the East-West center, pursuant to Helms' agreement with Inouye.

3. Iraq Claims—

4. Authorization levels

Agreement that authorization levels would be addressed in conference with an effort to increase the levels of operating accounts for agencies affected by the bill.

B. CONFERENCE ISSUES

1. Consolidation

Agreement that the Senate conferees will operate "under consensus" with respect to Kerry's consolidation proposal regarding mandatory cost savings, abolition of the agencies and the limitations as to where cost savings may be achieved.

2. Foreign Aid Provisions

(a) Population provisions will be a Member issue in conference.

(b) Agreement that foreign aid provisions will either be added nor dropped in conference without Kerry's involvement.

C. PROCEDURAL ISSUES

1. Agreed that the pending nominations which are ready to be acted upon (i.e. 18 am-

bassadorial nominations and 4 FSO promotion lists) and the START II treaty will be added on by the Committee at a business meeting immediately prior to floor action on S. 908.

2. Agreed to propound 4 UC agreements prior to any action on S. 908 as follows:

(a) Nominees

Upon passage of S. 908, the 18 nominations and the 4 FSO promotion lists will be deemed passed by the Senate in bloc. In the event that the Committee has not acted upon these nominations, the UC agreement would provide for the Committee to be discharged of the 18 ambassadorial nominations and the 4 FSO promotion lists and for immediate passage of all these nominations upon passage of S. 908.

(b) Conferees on S. 908

Upon passage of S. 908, conferees would be appointed.

(c) START II

Upon passage of S. 908 in the event that Committee has not acted the Committee would be discharged of START II and Start II will be acted upon by the Senate prior to the end of this session.

(d) Conferees on Cuba

Upon passage of S. 908, conferees would be appointed on the Cuban Liberty and Solidarity Act.

D. OTHER ISSUES

1. Chemical Weapons Convention

Will schedule hearings for early next year and Committee action on the convention in early spring

2. Other Pending Nominations

Committee will resume normal activities including scheduling hearings and Committee action on all currently pending nominees, and other Committee business.

S. 908—SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN DIVISION 'A'

Agreements reached on changes in Division A

(Agreed-upon on 11/09/95)

Delete Foreign Service end strengths in section 141 (c) and (d). Reporting requirement on end strengths included in Kerry re-organization proposal.

Delete restrictions in section 111(c) on liaison office in North Korea. Done in managers amendment—7/31/95.

Agreed to drop sections 166 and 167 relating to immigration in conference.

Amend section 205 relating to UN inspector general.

Amend section 212 dealing with prior notification of UN Security Council votes on peacekeeping.

Substitute Intelligence Committee language on intelligence sharing with UN in section 216.

Delete section 217 exempting US from UN sanctions.

Delete provision terminating US participation in ILO in section 313(1).

Amend section 314 dealing with US participation in UN Human Rights Committee.

Agreed to drop new reporting requirements in conference.

Mr. HELMS. I thank the Chair.

Mr. PELL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island is recognized.

Mr. PELL. Madam President, I would just like to say how fortunate the United States is to have in its setting an individual with the manner, negotiating skill and tact, as that of the Senator from Massachusetts. He has carried the load in a wonderful way. I feel guilty not having shared it more. And his willingness to compromise is the

essence of politics and the essence of progress. He and the Senator from North Carolina have conducted themselves ably. I would like to put in a word for the assistant of the Senator from Massachusetts, Nancy Stetson. By coincidence, she is from the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. KERRY. I thank the distinguished former chairman and now ranking member of the committee for his very generous comments.

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, it goes without saying that I am grateful, as I always am, for the remarkable staff of the majority on the Foreign Relations Committee. Beside me is Steve Berry, who has worked arduously and continuously, and he still has a little bit of his hair left. And then there is Randy Scheunemann, who once was on our staff and is now associated with Senator DOLE. He has been of invaluable help. I cannot go down the long list, but I am obliged to mention my Monroe, North Carolina colleague, the chief of staff of the Foreign Relations Committee, retired navy admiral Bud Nance. He calls himself "Bud," but his name is James Wilson Nance. I must insert the personal note that Bud and I were born 2 months apart, two blocks apart in the little town of Monroe. He served 38 years in the Navy, and after that, he served Ronald Reagan as his foreign affairs advisor.

Mr. KERRY. If my colleague will yield before he closes, I join with him in thanking his staff, also—Steve Berry, particularly, and Randy Scheunemann have been extraordinarily helpful in working through the issues. We are grateful for their help.

Mr. HELMS. That is very kind of the Senator. I know they appreciate that.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of routine morning business.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:07 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by