

AMENDMENT NO. 4112

At the request of Mr. HELMS the name of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4112 proposed to S. 1745, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4367

At the request of Mr. NUNN the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4367 proposed to S. 1745, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 275—TO EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN

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

S. RES. 275

Whereas, prior to 1979, Afghanistan was a peaceful, united country;

Whereas, the successful fight of the brave men and women of Afghanistan resisting the Soviet invasion and occupation of 1979–1989 was a significant element in the dissolution of the Soviet empire;

Whereas, the dissolution of the Soviet empire brought freedom to the nations of central and eastern Europe as well as to the nations of central Asia;

Whereas, although many years after the Soviet withdrawal, Afghanistan does not enjoy the peace it has earned;

Whereas, the United Nations can play a unique and important role in bringing an end to the conflict in Afghanistan;

Whereas, recent meetings between members of Congress and the representatives of the major Afghan factions indicate a significant desire on the part of all parties to achieve a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan and the establishment of an effective government that represents the interests of the Afghan people;

Therefore, it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) The courageous people of Afghanistan have earned the world's respect and support for their epic struggle against the forces of communism;

(2) Resolving the continuing conflict in Afghanistan and alleviating the accompanying humanitarian distress of the Afghan people should be a top priority of the United States;

(3) Outside interference and the provision of arms and military supplies to the warring parties should be halted;

(4) A unique moment in the Afghan civil war exists where all major factions are searching for a peaceful solution to the conflict;

(5) The United States should urge the United Nations to move quickly to appoint a special envoy to Afghanistan who will act

aggressively to assist the Afghans to achieve a solution to the conflict acceptable to the Afghan people;

(6) The United Nations should work to create the conditions for a continuing dialogue among the Afghan factions.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 4387

Mr. MCCAIN proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1745) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

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

SEC. . It is the sense of the Senate that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to maximize the amount of equipment provided to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina under the authority contained in Section 540 of the Foreign Operations Act of 1996 (P.L. 104–107), the price of the transferred equipment shall not exceed the lowest level at which the same or similar equipment has been transferred to any other country under any other U.S. government program.

**FEINGOLD (AND KOHL)
AMENDMENT NO. 4388**

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1745, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following:

SEC. 223. COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF F/A-18E/F AIRCRAFT PROGRAM

(a) REPORT ON PROGRAM.—Not later than March 30, 1997, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the F/A-18E/F aircraft program.

(b) CONTENT OF REPORT.—The report shall contain the following:

(1) A review of the F/A-18E/F aircraft program.

(2) An analysis and estimate of the production costs of the program for the total number of aircraft realistically expected to be procured at each of three annual production rates as follows:

(A) 18 aircraft.

(B) 24 aircraft.

(C) 36 aircraft.

(3) A comparison of the cost and benefits of the program with the costs and benefits of the F/A-18C/D aircraft program taking into account the operational combat effectiveness of the aircraft.

(c) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS PENDING TRANSMITTAL OF REPORT.—No funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act may be obligated or expended for the procurement of F/A-18E/F aircraft before the date that is 90 days after the date on which the congressional defense committees receive the report required under subsection (a).

EXON AMENDMENT NO. 4389

Mr. NUNN (for Mr. EXON) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1745, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title III, add the following:

SEC. 368. AUTHORITY OF AIR NATIONAL GUARD TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES AT LINCOLN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c), the Nebraska Air National Guard may provide fire protection services and rescue services relating to aircraft at Lincoln Municipal Airport, Lincoln, Nebraska, on behalf of the Lincoln Municipal Airport Authority, Lincoln, Nebraska.

(b) AGREEMENT.—The Nebraska Air National Guard may not provide services under subsection (a) until the Nebraska Air National Guard and the authority enter into an agreement under which the authority reimburses the Nebraska Air National Guard for the cost of the services provided.

(c) CONDITIONS.—These services may only be provided to the extent that the provision of such services does not adversely affect the military preparedness of the Armed Forces.

ROBB AMENDMENT NO. 4390

Mr. NUNN (for Mr. ROBB) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1745, supra; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1014. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT NOT IDENTIFIED IN THE BUDGET REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND FOR CERTAIN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) to the maximum extent practicable, each House of Congress should consider the authorization of appropriation, and appropriation, of funds for the procurement of military equipment only if the procurement is included—

(A) in the budget request of the President for the Department of Defense; or

(B) in a supplemental request list provided to the congressional defense committees, upon request of such committees, by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, by the military departments, by the National Guard Bureau, or by the officials responsible for the administration of the Reserves;

(2) the recommendations for procurement in a defense authorization bill or a defense appropriations bill reported to the Senate or the House of Representatives which reflect a change from the budget request referred to in paragraph (1)(A) should be accompanied in the committee report relating to the bill by a justification of the national security interest addressed by the change;

(3) the recommendations for military construction projects in a defense authorization bill or a defense appropriations bill reported to the Senate or the House of Representatives which reflect a change from such a budget request should be accompanied by a justification in the committee report relating to the bill of the national security interest addressed by the change; and

(4) the recommendations for procurement of military equipment, or for military construction projects, in a conference report of the committee on conference to resolve the differences between the two Houses relating to a defense authorization bill or a defense appropriations bill which recommendations reflect a change from the original recommendation of the applicable committee to