Nothing in the Treaty requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

EXTRADITION TREATY WITH BELGIUM

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of The Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Belgium signed at Brussels on April 27, 1987. The Senate’s advice and consent is subject to the following proviso, which shall not be included in the instrument of ratification to be signed by the President:

Nothing in the Treaty requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXTRADITION TREATY WITH BELGIUM

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of The Supplementary Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Belgium signed at Brussels on April 27, 1987. The Senate’s advice and consent is subject to the following proviso, which shall not be included in the instrument of ratification to be signed by the President:

Nothing in the Treaty requires or authorizes legislation or other action by the United States of America that is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States as interpreted by the United States.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask for a division vote on the resolutions of ratification.

Mr. Daschle. Mr. President, at the close of business today, the Senate will lose a valued and important part of the Democratic floor staff. Today, Kelly Ridoran leaves the Senate to pursue a law degree at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Kelly has never forgotten where she comes from. She was born in Livermore Falls, ME, and worked hard for the people of Maine during her time in Senator Mitchell’s office working as a legislative correspondent before she was chosen to join the Democratic floor staff in 1993.

Kelly has never forgotten where she comes from. She was born in Livermore Falls, ME, and worked hard for the people of Maine during her time in Senator Mitchell’s office. There is no doubt she has made her parents and her family and her State proud through her work on the Senate floor.

She has proven herself to be a hard working and loyal part of the Democratic floor staff. She has become a
true friend to many Senators and staff on both sides of the aisle, and we all wish her well as she starts the next chapter of her life.

Congratulations, Kelly.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I join the distinguished minority leader in extending best wishes. Kelly has been a very valuable asset here in the Senate, mostly on the other side of the aisle, but she has a very pleasant personality. I have enjoyed visiting with her on occasion.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the committees have between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, to file legislative or executive reported legislation.

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

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 3396

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, we have worked out an agreement on the handling of the Defense of Marriage Act legislation.

Again, we have worked together through a lot of concerns. I think we have a fair agreement here.

I ask unanimous consent that on September 5, 1996, at 10 a.m., the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3396, the Defense of Marriage Act, and it be considered under the following constraints: I ask that the time for debate on the bill be limited to 2 hours, to be equally divided in the usual form, with 1 additional hour under Senator BYRD's control.

I ask that Senator KENNEDY or his designee be recognized to offer up to four first-degree amendments; that Senator NICKLES or his designee be recognized to offer up to four first-degree amendments; that time on the amendments be limited to 30 minutes each; that amendments be in order to the amendments by Senators KASSEBAUM, for herself, Mr. PRESSLER, for Mrs. KASSEBAUM, for herself, Mr. AMATO, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. STEVENS on the one hand and Senators BYRD, SLEET, BURTON, D'AMATO, KASSEBAUM, KERRY, MOYNIHAN, STEVENS, and WYDEN on the other hand, and that the amendments be in order to the amendments by Senators SNOWE and STEVENS on the other hand, and that the amendments be in order to the amendments by Senators SNOWE and STEVENS on the other hand.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

IMPACT AID TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1996

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 392, H.R. 3269.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3269) to amend the Impact Aid program to provide for a hold-harmless with respect to amounts for payments relating to the Federal acquisition of real property, and for other purposes.

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. 5155

(Purpose: To amend the Impact Aid program.)

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, there is a substitute amendment at the desk and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), for Mrs. KASSEBAUM, for herself, Mr. PRESSLER, for Mrs. KASSEBAUM, for herself, Mr. AMATO, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I am proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 3269, a bill to make technical corrections in the law that governs the Impact Aid Program. This bill represents the culmination of months of hard work. I believe that it is a significant step forward in ensuring that federally impacted schools get the financial assistance they deserve and need.

Impact Aid is an important program for many schools. Impact Aid is a Federal responsibility. The program reimburses school districts that lost tax base due to a Federal presence, such as a military base or Indian reservation. This program provides funds for day-to-day school operations, such as buying books and paying teachers. These are not special funds for extra projects.

This is a program based on the basic principle of fairness. We should fund the basics of education before we spend money on extra programs.

The expediency passage of this bill today would ensure that many Federally impacted schools will have the funds needed to keep their doors open, literally, this fall. School districts depend on Impact Aid for basic operating expenses. This bill would ensure that payments are made in a timely manner.

I am particularly concerned about Section 2 of the Impact Aid program as