

with the commander's recommendations (developed on the basis of joint experimentation) for reducing unnecessary redundancy of equipment and forces.

(10) Providing the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with the commander's recommendations (developed on the basis of joint experimentation) regarding synchronization of the fielding of advanced technologies among the Armed Forces to enable the development and execution of joint operational concepts.

(11) Submitting, reviewing, and making recommendations (in conjunction with the joint experimentation and evaluation process) to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on mission needs statements and operational requirements documents.

(12) Exploring new operational concepts (including those developed within the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Defense Agencies, other unified commands, the Armed Forces, and the Joint Staff), and integrating and testing in joint experimentation the systems and concepts that result from warfighting experimentation by the Armed Forces and the Defense Agencies.

(13) Developing, planning, refining, assessing, and recommending to the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff the most promising joint concepts and capabilities for experimentation and assessment.

(14) Assisting the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to prioritize joint requirements and acquisition programs on the basis of joint warfighting experimentation.

(d) CONTINUED EXPERIMENTATION BY OTHER DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS.—It is, further, the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Armed Forces are expected to continue to develop concepts and conduct intraservice and multiservice warfighting experimentation within their core competencies; and

(2) the commander of United States Special Operations Command is expected to continue to develop concepts and conduct joint experimentation associated with special operations forces.

(e) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.—It is, further, the sense of Congress that—

(1) Congress will carefully review the initial report and annual reports on joint warfighting experimentation required under section 1203 to determine the adequacy of the scope and pace of the transformation of the Armed Forces to meet future challenges to the national security; and

(2) if the progress is inadequate, Congress will consider legislation to establish a unified combatant command with the mission, forces, budget, responsibilities, and authority described in the preceding provisions of this section.

SEC. 1203. REPORTS ON JOINT WARFIGHTING EXPERIMENTATION.

(a) INITIAL REPORT.—(1) On such schedule as the Secretary of Defense shall direct, the commander of the combatant command assigned the mission for joint warfighting experimentation shall submit to the Secretary an initial report on the implementation of joint experimentation. Not later than April 1, 1999, the Secretary shall submit the report, together with any comments that the Secretary considers appropriate and any comments that the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff considers appropriate, to the Chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives.

(2) The initial report of the commander shall include the following:

(A) The commander's understanding of the commander's specific authority and respon-

sibilities and of the commander's relationship to the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Staff, the commanders of other combatant commands, the Armed Forces, and the Defense Agencies and activities.

(B) The organization of the commander's combatant command, and of its staff, for carrying out the joint warfighting experimentation mission.

(C) The process established for tasking forces to participate in joint warfighting experimentation and the commander's specific authority over the forces.

(D) Any forces designated or made available as joint experimentation forces.

(E) The resources provided for joint warfighting experimentation, including the personnel and funding for the initial implementation of joint experimentation, the process for providing the resources to the commander, the categories of the funding, and the authority of the commander for budget execution.

(F) The authority of the commander, and the process established, for the development and acquisition of the material, supplies, services, and equipment necessary for the conduct of joint warfighting experimentation, including the authority and process for development and acquisition by the Armed Forces and the Defense Agencies and the authority and process for development and acquisition by the commander directly.

(G) The authority of the commander to design, prepare, and conduct joint experiments (including the scenarios and measures of effectiveness used) for assessing operational concepts for meeting future challenges to the national security.

(H) The role assigned the commander for—
(i) integrating and testing in joint warfighting experimentation the systems that emerge from warfighting experimentation by the Armed Forces or the Defense Agencies;

(ii) assessing the effectiveness of organizational structures, operational concepts, and technologies employed in joint warfighting experimentation; and

(iii) assisting the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in prioritizing acquisition programs in relationship to future joint warfighting capabilities.

(I) Any other comments that the commander considers appropriate.

(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—(1) On such schedule as the Secretary of Defense shall direct, the commander of the combatant command assigned the mission for joint warfighting experimentation shall submit to the Secretary an annual report on the conduct of joint experimentation activities for the fiscal year ending in the year of the report. Not later than December 1 of each year, the Secretary shall submit the report, together with any comments that the Secretary considers appropriate and any comments that the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff considers appropriate, to the Chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives. The first annual report shall be submitted in 1999.

(2) The annual report of the commander shall include, for the fiscal year covered by the report, the following:

(A) Any changes in—

(i) the commander's authority and responsibilities for joint warfighting experimentation;

(ii) the commander's relationship to the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Staff, the commanders of the other combatant commands, the Armed Forces, or the Defense Agencies or activities;

(iii) the organization of the commander's command and staff for joint warfighting experimentation;

(iv) any forces designated or made available as joint experimentation forces;

(v) the process established for tasking forces to participate in joint experimentation activities or the commander's specific authority over the tasked forces;

(vi) the procedures for providing funding for the commander, the categories of funding, or the commander's authority for budget execution;

(vii) the authority of the commander, and the process established, for the development and acquisition of the material, supplies, services, and equipment necessary for the conduct of joint warfighting experimentation;

(viii) the commander's authority to design, prepare, and conduct joint experiments (including the scenarios and measures of effectiveness used) for assessing operational concepts for meeting future challenges to the national security; or

(ix) any role described in subsection (a)(2)(H).

(B) The conduct of joint warfighting experimentation activities, including the number of activities, the forces involved, the national security challenges addressed, the operational concepts assessed, and the scenarios and measures of effectiveness used.

(C) An assessment of the results of warfighting experimentation within the Department of Defense.

(D) The effect of warfighting experimentation on the process for transforming the Armed Forces to meet future challenges to the national security.

(E) Any recommendations that the commander considers appropriate regarding—

(i) the development or acquisition of advanced technologies; or

(ii) changes in organizational structure, operational concepts, or joint doctrine.

(F) An assessment of the adequacy of resources, and any recommended changes for the process of providing resources, for joint warfighting experimentation.

(G) Any recommended changes in the authority or responsibilities of the commander.

(H) Any additional comments that the commander considers appropriate.

CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF PLANTS

(The text of the resolution of ratification as agreed to by the Senate on June 26, 1998, follows:)

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of The International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of December 2, 1961, as revised at Geneva on November 10, 1972, on October 23, 1978, and on March 19, 1991 and signed by the United States on October 25, 1991 (Treaty Doc. 104-17), subject to the reservation of subsection (a), the declarations of subsection (b), and the proviso of subsection (c).

(a) RESERVATION.—The advice and consent of the Senate is subject to the following reservation, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification and shall be binding on the President:

PROTECTION FOR ASEXUALLY REPRODUCED VARIETIES.—Pursuant to Article 35(2), the United States will continue to provide protection for asexually reproduced varieties by an industrial property title other than a breeder's right and will not, therefore, apply the terms of this Convention to those varieties.

(b) DECLARATIONS.—The advice and consent of the Senate is subject to the following declarations:

(1) LIMITED RESERVATIONS PROVISIONS.—It is the Sense of the Senate that a "limited reservations" provision, such as that contained in Article 35, has the effect of inhibiting the Senate in its exercise of its constitutional duty to give advice and consent to ratification of a treaty, and the Senate's approval of this treaty should not be construed as a precedent of acquiescence to future treaties containing such a provision.

(2) TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(c) PROVISIO.—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President:

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION.—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.

INTERNATIONAL GRAINS AGREEMENT, 1995

(The text of the resolution of ratification as agreed to by the Senate on June 26, 1998, follows:)

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of The Grains Trade Convention and Food Aid Convention Constituting the International Grains Agreement, 1995, signed by the United States on June 26, 1995 (Treaty Doc. 105-4), subject to the declaration of subsection (a), and the proviso of subsection (b).

(a) DECLARATION.—The advice and consent of the Senate is subject to the following declaration.

TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(a) PROVISIO.—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President:

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION.—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.

TRADEMARK LAW TREATY WITH REGULATIONS

(The text of the resolution of ratification as agreed to by the Senate on June 26, 1998, follows:)

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of The Trademark Law Treaty done at Geneva October 27, 1994, with Regulations, signed by the United States on October 28, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 105-

35), subject to the declarations of subsection (a), and the proviso of subsection (b).

(a) DECLARATIONS.—The advice and consent of the Senate is subject to the following declarations:

(1) LIMITED RESERVATIONS PROVISIONS.—It is the Sense of the Senate that a "limited reservations" provision, such as that contained in Article 21, has the effect of inhibiting the Senate in its exercise of its constitutional duty to give advice and consent to ratification of a treaty, and the Senate's approval of this treaty should not be construed as a precedent for acquiescence to future treaties containing such a provision.

(2) TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(b) PROVISIO.—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President.

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION.—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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVEN- TION ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

(The text of the resolution of ratification as agreed to by the Senate on June 26, 1998, follows:)

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, adopted on November 7, 1991, and November 4, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 104-36), subject to the declaration of subsection (a), and the proviso of subsection (b).

(a) DECLARATION.—The advice and consent of the Senate is subject to the following declaration:

TREATY INTERPRETATION.—The Senate affirms the applicability to all treaties of the constitutionally based principles of treaty interpretation set forth in Condition (1) of the resolution of ratification of the INF Treaty, approved by the Senate on May 27, 1988, and Condition (8) of the resolution of ratification of the Document Agreed Among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, approved by the Senate on May 14, 1997.

(b) PROVISIO.—The resolution of ratification is subject to the following proviso, which shall be binding on the President:

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION.—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.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 2431

Mr. BOND. Madam President, I understand that H.R. 2431 has arrived from the House and is at the desk. I now ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2431) to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution, and for other purposes.

Mr. BOND. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will remain at the desk and have its next reading on the next legislative day.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3150

Mr. BOND. Madam President, I understand that H.R. 3150 is also at the desk, and I now ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3150) to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

Mr. BOND. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will remain at the desk and have its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 7, 1998

Mr. BOND. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7. I further ask that when the Senate reconvenes on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted.

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

Mr. BOND. I further ask that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. to allow the weekly party caucuses to meet.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. BOND. Madam President, for the information of all Senators, when the Senate reconvenes Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m., there will immediately be a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the product liability bill. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will debate the motion to proceed until the policy luncheons at 12:30. Following the policy luncheons, it is expected that the Senate will resume consideration of the VA-HUD bill. It is our hope that Members will come to the floor during Tuesday's session to offer and debate amendments to the VA-HUD bill. The Senate may also consider the IRS reform conference report Tuesday night, hopefully, under a short time agreement, with a vote occurring on adoption of the conference report Wednesday morning.