

(A)(i) is technologically superior to the equipment specified in subsection (b); and

(ii) will achieve at least the same results at a cost that is the same or less than the equipment specified in subsection (b); or

(B) can be obtained at a lower cost than the equipment authorized in subsection (b).

(2) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Attorney General may reallocate an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the amount specified in paragraphs (1) through (7) of subsection (b) for any other equipment specified in subsection (b).

(e) PEAK HOURS AND INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) for the Immigration and Naturalization Service for fiscal years 1999 and 2000, \$100,514,000 in fiscal year 1999 and \$121,555,000 for fiscal year 2000 shall be for—

(1) a net increase of 535 inspectors for the Southwest land border and 375 inspectors for the Northern land border, in order to open all primary lanes on the Southwest and Northern borders during peak hours and enhance investigative resources;

(2) in order to enhance enforcement and reduce waiting times, a net increase of 100 inspectors and canine enforcement officers for border patrol checkpoints and ports-of-entry, as well as 100 canines and 5 canine trainers;

(3) 100 canine enforcement vehicles to be used by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for inspection and enforcement at the land borders of the United States;

(4) a net increase of 40 intelligence analysts and additional resources to be distributed among border patrol sectors that have jurisdiction over major metropolitan drug or narcotics distribution and transportation centers for intensification of efforts against drug smuggling and money-laundering organizations;

(5) a net increase of 68 positions and additional resources to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Justice to enhance investigative resources for anticorruption efforts; and

(6) the costs incurred as a result of the increase in personnel hired pursuant to this section.

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR BORDER CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—In order to enhance border investigative resources on the land borders of the United States, enhance investigative resources for anticorruption efforts, intensify efforts against drug smuggling and money-laundering organizations, process cargo, reduce commercial and passenger traffic waiting times, and open all primary lanes during peak hours at certain ports on the Southwest and Northern borders, in addition to any other amount appropriated, there are authorized to be appropriated for salaries, expenses, and equipment for the United States Customs Service for purposes of carrying out this section—

(1) \$161,248,584 for fiscal year 1999;

(2) \$185,751,328 for fiscal year 2000; and

(3) such sums as may be necessary in each fiscal year thereafter.

(b) USE OF CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 1999 FUNDS.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a)(1) for fiscal year 1999 for the United States Customs Service, \$48,404,000 shall be available until expended for acquisition and other expenses associated with implementation and full deployment of narcotics enforcement and cargo processing technology along the land borders of the United States, including—

(1) \$6,000,000 for 8 Vehicle and Container Inspection Systems (VACIS);

(2) \$11,000,000 for 5 mobile truck x-rays with transmission and backscatter imaging;

(3) \$12,000,000 for the upgrade of 8 fixed-site truck x-rays from the present energy level of 450,000 electron volts to 1,000,000 electron volts (1-MeV);

(4) \$7,200,000 for 8 1-MeV pallet x-rays;

(5) \$1,000,000 for 200 portable contraband detectors (busters) to be distributed among ports where the current allocations are inadequate;

(6) \$600,000 for 50 contraband detection kits to be distributed among border ports based on traffic volume and need as identified by the Customs Service;

(7) \$500,000 for 25 ultrasonic container inspection units to be distributed among ports receiving liquid-filled cargo and ports with a hazardous material inspection facility, based on need as identified by the Customs Service;

(8) \$2,450,000 for 7 automated targeting systems;

(9) \$360,000 for 30 rapid tire deflator systems to be distributed to those ports where port runners are a threat;

(10) \$480,000 for 20 Portable Treasury Enforcement Communications System (TECS) terminals to be moved among ports as needed;

(11) \$1,000,000 for 20 remote watch surveillance camera systems at ports where there are suspicious activities at loading docks, vehicle queues, secondary inspection lanes, or areas where visual surveillance or observation is obscured, based on need as identified by the Customs Service;

(12) \$1,254,000 for 57 weigh-in-motion sensors to be distributed among the ports on the Southwest border with the greatest volume of outbound traffic;

(13) \$180,000 for 36 AM radio "Welcome to the United States" stations, with one station to be located at each border crossing point on the Southwest border;

(14) \$1,040,000 for 260 inbound vehicle counters to be installed at every inbound vehicle lane on the Southwest border;

(15) \$950,000 for 38 spotter camera systems to counter the surveillance of Customs inspection activities by persons outside the boundaries of ports where such surveillance activities are occurring;

(16) \$390,000 for 60 inbound commercial truck transponders to be distributed to all ports of entry on the Southwest border;

(17) \$1,600,000 for 40 narcotics vapor and particle detectors to be distributed to each border crossing on the Southwest border; and

(18) \$400,000 for license plate reader automatic targeting software to be installed at each port on the Southwest border to target inbound vehicles.

(c) USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS AFTER FISCAL YEAR 1999.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) for the United States Customs Service for fiscal year 2000 and each fiscal year thereafter, \$4,840,400 shall be for the maintenance and support of the equipment and training of personnel to maintain and support the equipment described in subsection (b), based on an estimate of 10 percent of the cost of such equipment.

(d) USE OF FUNDS FOR NEW TECHNOLOGIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner of Customs may use the amounts authorized to be appropriated for equipment under this section for equipment other than the equipment specified in subsection (b) if such other equipment—

(A)(i) is technologically superior to the equipment specified in subsection (b); and

(ii) will achieve at least the same results at a cost that is the same or less than the equipment specified in subsection (b); or

(B) can be obtained at a lower cost than the equipment authorized in paragraphs (1) through (18) of subsection (b).

(2) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Commissioner of Customs may reallocate an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the amount specified in paragraphs (1) through (18) of subsection (b) for any other equipment specified in such paragraphs.

(e) PEAK HOURS AND INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) for the United States Customs Service for fiscal years 1999 and 2000, \$112,844,584 in fiscal year 1999 and \$180,910,928 for fiscal year 2000 shall be for—

(1) a net increase of 535 inspectors and 60 special agents for the Southwest border and 375 inspectors for the Northern border, in order to open all primary lanes on the Southwest and Northern borders during peak hours and enhance investigative resources;

(2) a net increase of 285 inspectors and canine enforcement officers to be distributed at large cargo facilities as needed to process and screen cargo (including rail cargo) and reduce commercial waiting times on the land borders of the United States;

(3) a net increase of 360 special agents, 40 intelligence analysts, and additional resources to be distributed among offices that have jurisdiction over major metropolitan drug or narcotics distribution and transportation centers for intensification of efforts against drug smuggling and money-laundering organizations;

(4) a net increase of 50 positions and additional resources to the Office of Internal Affairs to enhance investigative resources for anticorruption efforts; and

(5) the costs incurred as a result of the increase in personnel hired pursuant to this section.

COMMERCIAL SPACE ACT OF 1998

FRIST AMENDMENT NO. 3482

Mr. JEFFORDS (for Mr. FRIST) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 1702) to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 1 and 2, strike the item relating to section 306 and insert the following:

Sec. 306. National launch capability study.

On page 87, beginning in line 21, strike "Government, if except as provided in paragraph (2), at least 30 days before such conversion" and inserting "Government if, except as provided in paragraph (2) and at least 30 days before such conversion,".

On page 88, beginning in line 3, strike "shall ensure in writing" and insert "a certification."

On page 89, line 7, strike "CAPABILITY" and insert "CAPABILITY STUDY."

On page 91, strike lines 9 through 16 and insert the following:

(i) the ability to support commercial launch-on-demand on short notification at national launch sites or test ranges;

On page 91, line 18, insert "and" after the semicolon.

On page 91, line 23, strike "(A);" and insert "(A)."

On page 91, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

(3) QUINQUENNIAL UPDATES.—The Secretary shall update the report required by paragraph (1) quinquennially beginning with 2012.

(d) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Based on the reports under subsection (c), the Secretary, after consultation with the Secretary of

Transportation, the Secretary of Commerce, and representatives from interested private sector entities, States, and local governments, shall—

Reset the matter appearing on page 91, beginning with line 24 through line 22 on page 92, 2 ems closer to the left margin.

On page 91, line 24, strike "(E)" and insert "(1)".

On page 92, line 5, strike "(F)" and insert "(2)".

On page 92, beginning in line 6, strike "subparagraph (D)," and insert "subsection (c)(2)(D)."

On page 92, line 12, strike "(i)" and insert "(A)".

On page 92, line 13, strike "(ii)" and insert "(B)".

On page 92, line 15, strike "(iii)" and insert "(C)".

On page 92, line 17, strike "(iv)" and insert "(D)".

On page 92, line 18, strike "clauses (i) through (iii);" and insert "subparagraphs (A) through (C);"

On page 92, line 19, strike "(G)" and insert "(3)".

On page 92, beginning in line 21, strike "launch sites in the United States cost-competitive on an international level." and insert "national ranges in the United States viable and competitive."

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on Friday, July 31, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. in SR-328A. The purpose of this meeting will be to review pending nominations to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. STEVENS. 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, July 30, 1998. The purpose of this meeting will be to examine a recent concept release by CFTC on over-the-counter derivatives and related legislation proposed by the Treasury Department, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the SEC.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 30, 1998, to conduct a mark-up of S. 1405, the "Financial Regulatory Relief and Economic Efficiency Act of 1997".

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Com-

mittee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a hearing to receive testimony from Romulo L. Diaz, Jr., nominated by the President to be an Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management of the Environmental Protection Agency, and J. Charles Fox, nominated by the President to be an Assistant Administrator for Water of the Environmental Protection Agency, Thursday, July 30, 1998, 2:00 p.m., Hearing Room (SD-406).

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, July 30, 1998 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Committee on Governmental Affairs to meet on Thursday, July 30, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing on Observations on the Census Dress Rehearsal and Implications for Census 2000.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to hold an executive business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 30, 1998, at 9:30 a.m., in room 226, of the Senate Dirksen Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 30, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on: "Judicial Nominations."

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 30, 1998 at 2:15 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR, WETLANDS, PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety be granted permission to conduct an oversight hearing on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Thursday, July 30, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406).

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Communications of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 30, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. on international satellite reform.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HARNESSING AMERICAN IDEALS

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I submit an article to be printed in the RECORD. I thought it would be beneficial for my colleagues to learn about the success that the AmeriCorps program has had among my constituents in Illinois. These are only a few stories about the positive impact that this program has had on people who live in often under served communities in the Chicago area.

The article follows:

[From the Chicago Sun-Times, July 3, 1998]

HARNESSING AMERICAN IDEALS

[By Michael Gillis]

In Uptown, they teach Asian immigrants English and help them adjust to life in the United States.

In Ford Heights, they help low-income parents become better teachers of their own children.

In neighborhoods throughout the Chicago area, they teach adults how to read, tutor students after school, counsel battered women, teach first aid and help communities right themselves.

Four years after President Clinton's Americorps project was launched amid a flurry of publicity, its workers are toiling away in relative obscurity. While some still criticize the program for its cost, supporters say it is changing the city in small, but important, ways.

"We never say we're going to change a community in a year," said Craig Huffman, executive director of City Year Chicago, which employed about 50 Americorps workers last year and this week received funding to hire about 55 workers starting in the fall.

"But far too many people use the excuse that problems are insurmountable. . . . You have to think about solving a problem, even when everyone else is saying it can't be solved."

Americorps workers say they're more than worth the money they're paid.

"I realized the impact that one person can have in a lot of lives," said Lisa Novak, 23, of Flossmoor, who taught CPR and first aid to thousands of Chicago public school students in the last year as one of the 13 Americorps workers for the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago.

That's the kind of idealism Clinton sought to harness when he proposed the Americorps program during his 1992 presidential campaign. Lawmakers passed Clinton's pet project in 1993, and Clinton signed the bill using the pens Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy used to create the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Peace Corps.

Under the program, which is run by a public-private partnership called the Corporation for Public Service, students earn \$4,725 to apply toward college tuition or student loans by completing a year of community