

(c) REPEALS.—

(1) SECTION 1599C OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—

(A) REPEAL.—Section 1599c of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 81 of such title is amended by striking out the item relating to section 1599c.

(2) SECTION 2302(a)(1) OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—Subsection (a)(1) of section 2302 of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(a)(1) For the purpose of this title, ‘prohibited personnel practice’ means any action described in subsection (b).”.

(d) SAVINGS PROVISION.—This section shall be treated as if it had never been enacted for purposes of any personnel action (within the meaning of section 2302 of title 5, United States Code) preceding the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 7. EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT EMPHASIS UNDER FEDERAL CONTRACTS.

(a) COVERED VETERANS.—Section 4212 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking out “\$10,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$25,000”; and

(B) by striking out “special disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam era” and inserting in lieu thereof “special disabled veterans, veterans of the Vietnam era, and any other veterans who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking out “special disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era” and inserting in lieu thereof “veteran covered by the first sentence of subsection (a)”;

(3) in subsection (d)(1), by striking out “veterans of the Vietnam era or special disabled veterans” both places it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “special disabled veterans, veterans of the Vietnam era, or other veterans who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized”.

(b) PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES NOT MEETING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—(1) Subchapter III of chapter 13 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 1354. Limitation on use of appropriated funds for contracts with entities not meeting veterans' employment reporting requirements

“(a)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no agency may obligate or expend funds appropriated for the agency for a fiscal year to enter into a contract described in section 4212(a) of title 38 with a contractor from which a report was required under section 4212(d) of that title with respect to the preceding fiscal year if such contractor did not submit such report.

“(2) Paragraph (1) shall cease to apply with respect to a contractor otherwise covered by that paragraph on the date on which the contractor submits the report required by such section 4212(d) for the fiscal year concerned.

“(b) The Secretary of Labor shall make available in a database a list of the contractors that have complied with the provisions of such section 4212(d).”.

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 13 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following:

“1354. Limitation on use of appropriated funds for contracts with entities not meeting veterans' employment reporting requirements.”.

SEC. 8. REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ANNUAL REPORTS FROM FEDERAL CONTRACTORS ON VETERANS EMPLOYMENT.

Section 4212(d)(1) of title 38, United States Code, as amended by section 7(a)(3) of this Act, is further amended—

(1) by striking out “and” at the end of subparagraph (A);

(2) by striking out the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: “(C) the maximum number and the minimum number of employees of such contractor during the period covered by the report.”.

CONVEYANCE OF TUNNISON LAB HAGERMAN FIELD STATION IN GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 663, S. 2505.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2505) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to the Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station in Gooding County, Idaho, to the University of Idaho.

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

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 2505

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF TUNNISON LAB HAGERMAN FIELD STATION, HAGERMAN, IDAHO, TO THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the University of Idaho, without reimbursement, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in subsection (b) for use by the University of Idaho for fish research.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—

[(1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in subsection (a) consists of approximately 4 acres of land housing the Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station in Gooding County, Idaho, and all improvements and related personal property, excluding water rights vested in the United States.

[(2) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the property described under paragraph (1), and a description of necessary access and utility easements and rights-of-way, shall be determined by a survey that is satisfactory to the Secretary.]

(1) IN GENERAL.—*The property referred to in subsection (a) consists of approximately 4 acres of land, the Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station in Gooding County, Idaho, located thereon, and all improvements and related personal property, excluding water rights vested in the United States and necessary access and utility easements and rights-of-way.*

(2) SURVEY.—*The exact acreage and legal description of the property described under paragraph (1) shall be determined by a survey that is satisfactory to the Secretary.*

(c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST IN THE UNITED STATES.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—If any property conveyed to the University of Idaho under this section is used for any purpose other than the use authorized under subsection (a), all right, title, and interest in and to all property conveyed under this section shall revert to the United States.

(2) CONDITION OF PROPERTY ON REVERSION.—In the case of a reversion of property under paragraph (1), the University of Idaho shall ensure that all property reverting to the United States under this subsection is in substantially the same condition as, or in better condition than, on the date of conveyance under subsection (a).

(d) COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS.—In connection with property conveyed under this section, the University of Idaho shall—

(1) comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) for all ground disturbing activities, with special emphases on compliance with sections 106, 110, and 112 (16 U.S.C. 470f, 470h-2, 470h-4); and

(2) protect prehistoric and historic resources in accordance with the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S.C. 470aa et seq.).

(e) LIABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), as a condition of the conveyance of property under this section, the University of Idaho shall hold the United States harmless, and shall indemnify the United States, for all claims, costs, damages, and judgments arising out of any act or omission relating to the property conveyed under this section.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a claim, cost, damage, or judgment arising from an act of negligence committed by the United States, or by an employee, agent, or contractor of the United States, prior to the date of the conveyance under this section, for which the United States is found liable under chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code.

Mr. GRAMS. I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to, the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2505), as amended, was considered read the third time and passed.

BORDER SMOG REDUCTION ACT OF 1998

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 664, H.R. 8.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 8) to amend the Clean Air Act to deny entry into the United States of certain foreign motor vehicles that do not comply with State laws governing motor vehicle emissions, 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. 3739

(Purpose: To make a manager's amendment.)

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, Senator CHAFEE has a manager's amendment at the desk and I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] for Mr. CHAFEE, proposes an amendment numbered 3739.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Border Smog Reduction Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF CLEAN AIR ACT.

Section 183 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7511b) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(h) VEHICLES ENTERING OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREAS.—

"(1) AUTHORITY REGARDING OZONE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE TESTING.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—No noncommercial motor vehicle registered in a foreign country and operated by a United States citizen or by an alien who is a permanent resident of the United States, or who holds a visa for the purposes of employment or educational study in the United States, may enter a covered ozone nonattainment area from a foreign country bordering the United States and contiguous to the nonattainment area more than twice in a single calendar-month period, if State law has requirements for the inspection and maintenance of such vehicles under the applicable implementation plan in the nonattainment area.

"(B) APPLICABILITY.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply if the operator presents documentation at the United States border entry point establishing that the vehicle has complied with such inspection and maintenance requirements as are in effect and are applicable to motor vehicles of the same type and model year.

"(2) SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS.—The President may impose and collect from the operator of any motor vehicle who violates, or attempts to violate, paragraph (1) a civil penalty of not more than \$200 for the second violation or attempted violation and \$400 for the third and each subsequent violation or attempted violation.

"(3) STATE ELECTION.—The prohibition set forth in paragraph (1) shall not apply in any State that elects to be exempt from the prohibition. Such an election shall take effect upon the President's receipt of written notice from the Governor of the State notifying the President of such election.

"(4) ALTERNATIVE APPROACH.—The prohibition set forth in paragraph (1) shall not apply in a State, and the President may implement an alternative approach, if—

"(A) the Governor of the State submits to the President a written description of an alternative approach to facilitate the compliance, by some or all foreign-registered motor

vehicles, with the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance requirements that are—

"(i) related to emissions of air pollutants;

"(ii) in effect under the applicable implementation plan in the covered ozone nonattainment area; and

"(iii) applicable to motor vehicles of the same types and model years as the foreign-registered motor vehicles; and

"(B) the President approves the alternative approach as facilitating compliance with the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance requirements referred to in subparagraph (A).

"(5) DEFINITION OF COVERED OZONE NON-ATTAINMENT AREA.—In this section, the term 'covered ozone nonattainment area' means a Serious Area, as classified under section 181 as of the date of enactment of this subsection."

SEC. 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by section 2 takes effect 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act. Nothing in that amendment shall require action that is inconsistent with the obligations of the United States under any international agreement.

(b) INFORMATION.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the appropriate agency of the United States shall distribute information to publicize the prohibition set forth in the amendment made by section 2.

SEC. 4. STUDY BY GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the impact of the amendment made by section 2.

(b) CONTENTS OF STUDY.—The study under subsection (a) shall compare—

(1) the potential impact of the amendment made by section 2 on air quality in ozone nonattainment areas affected by the amendment; with

(2) the impact on air quality in those areas caused by the increase in the number of vehicles engaged in commerce operating in the United States and registered in, or operated from, Mexico, as a result of the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than July 1, 1999, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report describing the findings of the study under subsection (a).

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I have sent to the desk a manager's amendment to H.R. 8, a bill that was reported out of the Environment and Public Works Committee on a voice vote. Mr. President, H.R. 8 was developed to address part of the air pollution in southern California that has proven difficult to control. The pollution source in question is emissions from cars and trucks crossing into the San Diego area from Mexico. Those of us who work on the problems of air pollution are well aware of the strict auto emissions standards California has put in place in an effort to meet national air quality standards. Many of the cars crossing the border from Mexico greatly exceed the standards that California cars are expected to meet.

California has an extremely difficult task in trying to improve its air quality. The State is working to reduce emissions from nearly every conceivable source. The excess emissions from

cross-border traffic is estimated to be 13 percent of the excess pollution from cars and trucks in the San Diego area.

So, H.R. 8 was written to allow cars to be checked as they come across the border to ensure that those cars coming into the U.S. on a regular basis comply with State emission standards. California State law already requires this, but without a border check, the law has been impossible to enforce.

This matter has been widely recognized as one that H.R. 8 can be helpful in addressing, and as I have said, the bill was approved by a voice vote in the committee.

Today, I am submitting a manager's amendment to remedy some concerns raised by a few Senators about how the bill might apply to other states. The amendment will ensure that this bill is neutral with respect to all parts of the U.S. border with Mexico or Canada except the California-Mexico border, where the real problem is. Another change made by the amendment will focus the bill more narrowly on regular commuters as opposed to the occasional visitor on a shopping trip.

Mr. President, it is my understanding that this amendment has already been reviewed and approved by the minority. These changes also have been cleared by both the majority and minority on the House Commerce Committee, as well as by Congressman BILBRAY, the bill's sponsor.

I would urge my colleagues to adopt this amendment and pass H.R. 8.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to.

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

The amendment (No. 3739) was agreed to.

Mr. GRAMS. I ask unanimous consent that the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 8), as amended, was considered read the third time and passed.

RELIEF OF RICHARD M. BARLOW

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 585, Senate Resolution 256.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 256) to refer S. 2274 entitled "A bill for the relief of Richard M. Barlow of Santa Fe, New Mexico" to the chief judge of the United States Courts of Federal Claims for a report thereon.

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