

approach lighting; aircraft deicing equipment; snow removal equipment; repair of damaged runways; rescue and firefighting equipment; and runway safety areas for aircraft that have trouble stopping after a landing. It is my understanding that AIP funds were used to construct an innovative "arrestor bed" at the end of a runway at New York's JFK Airport. A few months ago, that arrestor bed prevented a commuter plane from plunging into a bay. It was credited with saving lives on that flight.

This bill will also extend the Aviation Insurance Program, which is commonly known as the War Risk Insurance Program. It provides insurance for commercial aircraft that are operating in high-risk areas, such as countries at war or on the verge of war. Commercial insurers will not usually provide coverage for such operations, which are often required to further U.S. foreign policy or national security objectives. For example, commercial airlines were needed to ferry troops and equipment to the Middle East for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. If War Risk Insurance had not been available, our troops may not have been adequately supported.

This extension will also give us more time to work on a more comprehensive aviation bill that is still desperately needed. We have been working hard to accommodate the concerns that many Senators have with respect to provisions in S. 82, the Air Transportation Improvement Act. I believe we can bring a bill to the floor that will require very little of the Senate's time.

Mr. President, I urge all of my colleagues to support swift passage of this short-term extension of the AIP. If we fail to act, the FAA will not be able to address vital security and safety needs in every State in the Nation. We must reaffirm our commitment to providing the public with a safe and efficient air transportation system. This bill will help us meet that goal.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1467) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1467

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, ETC.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 48103 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "\$2,050,000,000 for the period beginning October 1, 1998 and ending August 6, 1999," and inserting "\$2,410,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and \$34,000,000 for the period beginning October 1, 1999, and ending October 5, 1999."

(b) OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY.—Section 47104(c) of such title is amended by striking "August 6, 1999," and inserting "October 5, 1999,".

(c) EXTENSION OF AVIATION INSURANCE PROGRAM.—Section 44310 of such title is amended by striking "August 6, 1999," and inserting "October 5, 1999."

(d) AIRWAY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—Section 48101(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(4) \$30,000,000 for the period beginning October 1, 1999, and ending October 5, 1999."

(e) FAA OPERATIONS.—Section 106(k) of such title is amended by striking "1999," and inserting "1999," and "\$80,000,000 for the period beginning October 1, 1999, and ending October 5, 1999."

(f) LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION.—The provision of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, with the caption "GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORT (LIQUIDATION OF CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION) (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)" is amended by striking "Code: *Provided further*, That no more than \$975,000,000 of funds limited under this heading may be obligated prior to the enactment of a bill extending contract authorization for the Grants-in-Aid for Airports program to the third and fourth quarters of fiscal year 1999," and inserting "Code:".

UNITED STATES CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT OF 1999

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1468 introduced earlier today by Senators LOTT, DASCHLE, and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1468) to authorize the minting and issuance of Capitol Visitor Center Commemorative coins, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1468) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1468

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "United States Capitol Visitor Center Commemorative Coin Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) Congress moved to Washington, District of Columbia, and first convened in the Capitol building in the year 1800;

(2) the Capitol building is now the greatest visible symbol of representative democracy in the world;

(3) the Capitol building has approximately 5,000,000 visitors annually and suffers from a lack of facilities necessary to properly serve them;

(4) the Capitol building and persons within the Capitol have been provided with excellent security through the dedication and sacrifice of the United States Capitol Police;

(5) Congress has appropriated \$100,000,000, to be supplemented with private funds, to

construct a Capitol Visitor Center to provide continued high security for the Capitol and enhance the educational experience of visitors to the Capitol;

(6) Congress would like to offer the opportunity for all persons to voluntarily participate in raising funds for the Capitol Visitor Center; and

(7) it is appropriate to authorize coins commemorating the first convening of the Congress in the Capitol building with proceeds from the sale of the coins, less expenses, being deposited for the United States Capitol Preservation Commission with the specific purpose of aiding in the construction, maintenance, and preservation of a Capitol Visitor Center.

SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) DENOMINATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall mint and issue the following coins:

(1) BIMETALLIC COINS.—Not more than 200,000 \$10 bimetallic coins of gold and platinum, in accordance with such specifications as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(2) \$1 SILVER COINS.—Not more than 500,000 \$1 coins, which shall—

(A) weigh 26.73 grams;

(B) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

(C) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

(3) HALF DOLLAR.—Not more than 750,000 half dollar clad coins, each of which—

(A) shall weigh 11.34 grams;

(B) have a diameter of 1.205 inches; and

(C) be minted to the specifications for half dollar coins contained in section 5112(b) of title 31, United States Code.

(b) \$5 GOLD COINS.—If the Secretary determines that the minting and issuance of bimetallic coins under subsection (a)(1) is not feasible, the Secretary may mint and issue instead not more than 100,000 \$5 coins, which shall—

(1) weigh 8.359 grams;

(2) have a diameter of 0.850 inches; and

(3) contain 90 percent gold and 10 percent alloy.

(c) WAIVER.—Each of the mintage levels specified in subsection (a) may be waived in accordance with section 5112(m)(2)(B) of title 31, United States Code.

(d) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of title 31, United States Code.

SEC. 4. SOURCES OF BULLION.

(a) PLATINUM AND GOLD.—The Secretary shall obtain platinum and gold for minting coins under this Act from available sources.

(b) SILVER.—The Secretary may obtain silver for minting coins under this Act from stockpiles established under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act, and from other available sources.

SEC. 5. DESIGN OF COINS.

(a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the first meeting of the United States Congress in the United States Capitol Building.

(2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin minted under this Act, there shall be—

(A) a designation of the value of the coin;

(B) an inscription of the year "2000"; and

(C) inscriptions of the words "Liberty", "In God We Trust", "United States of America", and "E Pluribus Unum".

(b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted under this Act shall be—

(1) selected by the Secretary, after consultation with the United States Capitol

Preservation Commission (in this Act referred to as the "Commission") and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

(2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee.

SEC. 6. ISSUANCE OF COINS.

(a) **QUALITY OF COINS.**—Coins minted under this Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

(b) **MINT FACILITY.**—Only 1 facility of the United States Mint may be used to strike any particular combination of denomination and quality of the coins minted under this Act.

(c) **FIRST USE OF YEAR 2000 DATE.**—The coins minted under this Act shall be the first commemorative coins of the United States to be issued bearing the inscription of the year "2000".

(d) **PROMOTION CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary shall—

(1) consult with the Commission in order to establish a role for the Commission or an entity designated by the Commission in the promotion, advertising, and marketing of the coins minted under this Act; and

(2) if the Secretary determines that such action would be beneficial to the sale of coins minted under this Act, enter into a contract with the Commission or an entity referred to in paragraph (1) to carry out the role established under paragraph (1).

SEC. 7. SALE OF COINS.

(a) **SALE PRICE.**—The coins minted under this Act shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of—

(1) the face value of the coins;

(2) the surcharge provided in subsection (d) with respect to such coins; and

(3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

(b) **BULK SALES.**—The Secretary shall make bulk sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable discount.

(c) **PREPAID ORDERS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall accept prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act before the issuance of such coins.

(2) **DISCOUNT.**—Sale prices with respect to prepaid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a reasonable discount.

(d) **SURCHARGES.**—All sales under this Act shall include a surcharge established by the Secretary, in an amount equal to not more than—

(1) \$50 per coin for the \$10 coin or \$35 per coin for the \$5 coin;

(2) \$10 per coin for the \$1 coin; and

(3) \$3 per coin for the half dollar coin.

SEC. 8. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.

All surcharges received by the Secretary from the sale of coins minted under this Act shall be deposited in the Capitol Preservation Fund in accordance with section 5134(f) of title 31, United States Code, and shall be made available to the Commission for the purpose of aiding in the construction, maintenance, and preservation of a Capitol Visitor Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, en bloc: Executive Calendar Nos. 96, 168, 170, 171, 174, 177 through 188, 190 and 194, all nominations on the

Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)

Sylvia de Leon, of Texas, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years. (New Position)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

F. Whitten Peters, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Curt Hebert, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2004. (Reappointment)

THE JUDICIARY

Charles R. Wilson, of Florida, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

William Haskell Alsup, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Gary H. Murray, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Charles R. Heflebower, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Lansford E. Trapp, Jr., 0000

ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Zannie O. Smith, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Lawson W. Magruder, III, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Johnny M. Riggs, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Daniel G. Brown, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Michael W. Ackerman, 0000

NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Alberto Diaz, Jr., 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Bonnie B. Potter, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Robert J. Natter, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Gregory G. Johnson, 0000

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

J. Brady Anderson, of South Carolina, to be Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Evelyn Simonowitz Lieberman, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State of Public Diplomacy. (New Position)

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE, ARMY, MARINE CORPS, NAVY

Air Force nominations beginning Larita A. Aragon, and ending James J. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 30, 1999.

Air Force nominations beginning Milton C. Abbott, and ending Scott J. Zobrist, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 1, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Richard F. Ballard, and ending Su T. Kang, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Donald M. Cinnamond, and ending George R. Silver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Kimberly J. Ballantyne, and ending Stephen C. Ulrich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1999.

Army nominations beginning Denise D. Adams, and ending Tami M. Zalewski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1999.

Army nominations beginning George D. Lanning, and ending Gregory J. Zanetti, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 23, 1999.