

Sixth, the environmental community believes that we need to find a way to integrate multilateral trade agreements and multilateral environmental agreements, MEAs, and they are right. Actions taken under an MEA should not be subject to a GATT challenge. There are two ways to go about this. One is to "grandfather" specific environmental agreements, as we did in NAFTA. We could start out by providing a so-called "safe haven" for the Montreal Protocol and CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. The other is to describe the characteristics of an MEA that will automatically be protected.

Let me add a few other agenda items that are unrelated to my Seattle list but need to be on our "to do" list in the United States.

First, we should take a hard look at the NAFTA environmental side agreement, and see how it is working. I will ask the key Congressional Committees, including the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, to conduct appropriate oversight.

Second, we need to improve our domestic trade policy institutions. And that includes enhancing the role of Congress in trade negotiations. Last week, in a speech at the Washington International Trade Association, I proposed the establishment of a Congressional Trade Office. This office would provide the Congress with additional independent, non-partisan, neutral trade expertise.

Its functions would include: monitoring compliance with major bilateral, regional, and multilateral trade agreements; analysis of Administration trade policy, trade actions, and proposed trade legislation; participation in dispute settlement deliberations at the WTO and NAFTA, and evaluation of the results of dispute settlement cases involving the United States.

The National Wildlife Federation and the Sierra Club have proposed such an office, although the functions in my concept are quite different.

I will be offering legislation on this later this year.

One of the most difficult issues that has arisen in recent years has been the relationship between trade policy and environmental protection. The lack of consensus on this relationship has been one of the major reasons that we have not been able to proceed with fast track legislation in the Congress.

Paralysis helps no one. I hope that the thoughts I have set out today for Seattle and for our own domestic agenda will help to begin a constructive and responsible dialogue between the trade and the environmental communities. We need trade. We need environmental protection. We need a sustainable earth, and that means a clean world and a growing world—more and better jobs everywhere, increased income,

cleaner air and water, the protection of our natural heritage for future generations. These goals are only incompatible when people are unwilling to talk about them together.

I yield the floor.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KYL). Under the previous order, morning business is closed.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES— H.R. 2488

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to H.R. 2488, the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KYL) appointed Mr. ROTH, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. MOYNIHAN conferees on the part of the Senate.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the order of the Senate of July 1, after having received H.R. 2587, the Senate will proceed to the bill. All after the enacting clause is stricken, and the text of S. 1283 is inserted. H.R. 2587 is read a third time and passed. The Senate insists on its amendment and requests a conference with the House, and the Chair appoints Mrs. HUTCHISON of Texas, Mr. KYL, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. INOUE conferees on the part of the Senate.

(The text of S. 1283 was printed in the RECORD of July 12, 1999.)

DECEPTIVE MAIL PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to consideration of S. 335, which the clerk will report by title.

The legislative assistant read as follows:

A bill (S. 335) to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to games of chance, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Deceptive Mail Prevention and Enforcement Act".

SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON MAILINGS USING MISLEADING REFERENCES TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

Section 3001 of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (h)—

(A) in the first sentence by striking "contains a seal, insignia, trade or brand name, or any other term or symbol that reasonably could be interpreted or construed as implying any Federal Government connection, approval or endorsement" and inserting the following: "which reasonably could be interpreted or construed as implying any Federal Government connection, approval, or endorsement through the use of a seal, insignia, reference to the Postmaster General, citation to a Federal statute, name of a Federal agency, department, commission, or program, trade or brand name, or any other term or symbol; or contains any reference to the Postmaster General or a citation to a Federal statute that misrepresents either the identity of the mailer or the protection or status afforded such matter by the Federal Government"; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A) by striking "and" at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (B) by striking "or" at the end and inserting "and"; and

(iii) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

"(C) does not contain a false representation implying that Federal Government benefits or services will be affected by any purchase or nonpurchase; or";

(2) in subsection (i) in the first sentence—

(A) in the first sentence by striking "contains a seal, insignia, trade or brand name, or any other term or symbol that reasonably could be interpreted or construed as implying any Federal Government connection, approval or endorsement" and inserting the following: "which reasonably could be interpreted or construed as implying any Federal Government connection, approval, or endorsement through the use of a seal, insignia, reference to the Postmaster General, citation to a Federal statute, name of a Federal agency, department, commission, or program, trade or brand name, or any other term or symbol; or contains any reference to the Postmaster General or a citation to a Federal statute that misrepresents either the identity of the mailer or the protection or status afforded such matter by the Federal Government"; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A) by striking "and" at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (B) by striking "or" at the end and inserting "and"; and

(iii) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

"(C) does not contain a false representation implying that Federal Government benefits or services will be affected by any purchase or nonpurchase; or";

(3) by redesignating subsections (j) and (k) as subsections (m) and (o), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after subsection (i) the following:

"(j)(1) Matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails described under paragraph (2)—

"(A) is nonmailable matter;

"(B) shall not be carried or delivered by mail; and

"(C) shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs.

"(2) Matter that is nonmailable matter referred to under paragraph (1) is any matter that—

"(A) constitutes a solicitation for the purchase of any product or service that—

"(i) is provided by the Federal Government; and

"(ii) may be obtained without cost from the Federal Government; and

"(B) does not contain a clear and conspicuous statement giving notice of the information under subparagraph (A) (i) and (ii)."