

closely Sunday night when we had the "Touched By An Angel" show. They talked about a Senator who was given a challenge to go out to Sudan and see for themselves what it was like. The show could have been done about the Presiding Officer tonight because Senator BROWNBACK did that months ago. He personally went to Sudan and observed the terrible conditions there. He observed men being abused and killed. He observed women being taken into slavery and abused sexually—being bought and sold nearly into the 21st century. He was appalled by it. He has come back here and done something about that.

I know Dr. BILL FRIST, another Member of this body, had been there himself, to this poor, dangerous country, and helped serve with medical skills he possesses.

I just want to say congratulations to you, and thank you for that. I think that film could well have been written about either of you. You felt a calling to respond to the less fortunate and have done so. I believe something good is going to come out of that.

Thank you, Mr. President.

TO REENACT CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 11, UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 281, S. 1606.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1606) to reenact chapter 12 of title XI United States Code, and for other purposes.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1888

(Purpose: To extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title XI, United States Code, is reenacted)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, Senator GRASSLEY has an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), for Mr. GRASSLEY, proposes an amendment numbered 1888.

Mr. SESSIONS. 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. AMENDMENTS.

Section 149 of title I of division C of Public Law 105-277, as amended by Public Law 106-5, is amended—

(1) by striking "October 1, 1999" each place it appears and inserting "July 1, 2000"; and

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "March 31, 1999" and inserting "September 30, 1999"; and

(B) by striking "April 1, 1999" and inserting "October 1, 1999".

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by section 1 shall take effect on October 1, 1999.

Amend the title so as to read: "To extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted."

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, as amended, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statement relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 1888) was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1606), as amended, was passed, as follows:

S. 1606

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

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REAUTHORIZING THE JOHN HEINZ SENATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. Res. 180 be discharged from the Rules Committee and, further that the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A resolution (S. Res. 180) reauthorizing the John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statement relating to this resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 180) was agreed to.

The resolution is as follows:

S. RES. 180

Resolved,

SECTION 1. JOHN HEINZ SENATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

Senate Resolution 356, 102d Congress, agreed to October 7, 1992, is amended by striking sections 2 through 6 and inserting the following:

"SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

"The Senate makes the following findings:
"(1) Senator John Heinz believed that Congress has a special responsibility to serve as a guardian for those persons who cannot protect themselves.

"(2) Senator Heinz dedicated much of his career in Congress to improving the lives of senior citizens.

"(3) It is especially appropriate to honor the memory of Senator Heinz through the creation of a Senate fellowship program to encourage the identification and training of new leadership in aging policy and to bring experts with firsthand experience of aging issues to the assistance of Congress in order to advance the development of public policy in issues that affect senior citizens.

"SEC. 3. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to encourage the identification and training of new leadership in issues affecting senior citizens and to advance the development of public policy with respect to such issues, there is established a John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program.

"(b) SENATE FELLOWSHIPS.—The Heinz Family Foundation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Senate, is authorized to select Senate fellowship participants.

"(c) SELECTION PROCESS.—The Heinz Family Foundation shall—

"(1) publicize the availability of the fellowship program;

"(2) develop and administer an application process for Senate fellowships;

"(3) conduct a screening of applicants for the fellowship program; and

"(4) select participants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability.

"SEC. 4. COMPENSATION; NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS; PLACEMENT.

"(a) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary of the Senate is authorized, from funds made available under section 5, to appoint and fix the compensation of each eligible participant selected under this resolution for a period determined by the Secretary.

"(b) NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS.—No more than 2 fellowship participants shall be so employed. Any individual appointed pursuant to this resolution shall be subject to all laws, regulations, and rules in the same manner and to the same extent as any other employee of the Senate.

"(c) PLACEMENT.—The Secretary of the Senate, after consultation with the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, shall place eligible participants in positions in the Senate that are, within practical considerations, supportive of the fellowship participants' areas of expertise.

"SEC. 5. FUNDS.

"The funds necessary to compensate eligible participants under this resolution for fiscal year 1999 shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate. Such funds shall not exceed, for fiscal year 1999, \$71,000. There are authorized to be appropriated \$71,000 for each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2004 to carry out the provisions of this resolution."

REREFERRAL OF S. 1515

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 1515 be discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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