

Sure, it gives what the contract says. That is an oxymoron. We know it gives you what the contract says. But the contract doesn't contract for economic loss. We are talking about misrepresentation, wrongful acts, fraudulent representation, tort—not contract. So don't give me this stuff about the contract, and we are giving you exactly what the contract says.

That is our complaint. We want what States all over the Nation, all 50 States, give you right now, and we do not want to repeal that.

When we don't repeal it, then they come in in the next 180 days, the next 6 months, and they go to work and they start getting something done, because they realize this bill has either been killed in the Congress or vetoed by the President. They have to get right with the market world or get out of the way. That is the way free enterprise works. It is a wonderful thing. We all talk about it.

By the way, don't give me this thing about the computer world created all of this productivity. Sure, it increases productivity. But what really created this economy—we are not going to stand here and listen time and time again—is the 1993 economic plan. Don't give the award to Bill Gates; give it to Bob Rubin.

We were there. We had to struggle to get the votes. We had to bring in the Vice President to get the vote. They were saying over at the White House and at the Economic Council: Let us have a stimulus; we have to have a stimulus. Rubin says: No, pay the bill.

What did we do? We paid the bill. We started paying off the bill. With what? Increased taxes. With increased taxes on what? Social Security.

I voted for it. The Senator from Texas said: You voted for increased taxes on Social Security. They will hunt you down in the streets and shoot you like dogs. That is what he said.

The other Senator, Mr. Packwood, said: I will give you my house, the chairman of the Finance Committee, if this thing works.

KASICH, who is running for President, I am trying to find JOHN. I don't know whether he is running as a Democrat or Republican, because he said: If this plan works, I will change parties and become a Democrat.

We have the record. They are trying to subterfuge this as this computerization is moving overseas and asking for what? They want all the special laws. They want capital gains. They are making too much money. So they have the onslaught: Wait, estate taxes, we ought not to die and be taxed at the same time. So we have to change the formula for estate taxes. No, excuse me, immigrants. Don't pay Americans, just bring them all in. Let's have an exemption from the immigration laws. Let's have an exemption from the State tort laws. Let's do everything. Let's upset the world for the idle rich.

Come on, 22,000 millionaires for Bill Gates. I employ, by gosh, instead, 200,000 textile workers at the mill. I would much rather have that crowd. Fine for the IQ group, but I am talking about working Americans, middle America, the backbone of our democratic society.

So what we have here is an onslaught for the computer world, for capital gains, immigration laws, estate taxes, Y2K exemptions, any and every thing. They have money. They have contributions. We would like to get their contributions. So Democrats and Republicans are falling all over each other trying to show what goody-goody boys we are. We will change the State laws. We will take the rights away from consumers and injured parties. We will destroy small businesses that bought a computer. They won't even be able to get a lawyer with all of this stringout of how to bring a case and everything else of that kind.

Saying, don't worry about it, it is only for 3 years, 3 years it will be gone—if there is a crisis on January 1, it shouldn't exist for over a year. Everybody will know within a year whether they are Y2K compliant and be able to file. But no, they want to use this for further argument, and I gain-say the way they are shoving it now, not agreeing to economic damages in the Kerry amendment, turning down the Leahy amendment for consumers rights. I am afraid what I said was a footprint for the Chamber of Commerce, but rather I think they really are on a forced drive for a veto because they can use that. Who vetoed productivity, the great industry that brought all of this productivity to America? Who vetoed it?

I can see Vice President GORE trying to get up an answer to that one. That is going to be very interesting.

Senator HATCH led the way with his bill last year, and we got together and started confronting this particular problem. As I speak—and I am ready to yield now to my distinguished colleague from North Carolina—they have not 90 days, but we are giving them twice that amount. Put everybody on notice, this thing they tell me is on C-SPAN so everybody ought to know to get Y2K compliant, try it out, test your set. If it is not, go down and, by gosh, get it fixed now. Don't run to the courthouse. Run to the computer salesman who sold you the thing, because they—Dell, Intel, Yahoo, all the rest of them—are coming in and saying that everything is Y2K compliant. We can't wait around for Congress to change all the tort laws.

I yield the floor.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I can't help but note the Senator from South Carolina mentioned Mr. Gates has 2,000 employees for millionaires.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Twenty-two thousand. That is in Time magazine, the

year-end report. It is a wonderful operation.

Mr. MCCAIN. There are 22,000 millionaires. I know our respective staffs feel like millionaires for having had the opportunity of working here in the Senate with us. I know I speak for all of our staffs.

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UNANIMOUS CONSENT  
AGREEMENT—S. 886

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 91, S. 886, the State Department reauthorization bill, at a time determined by the two leaders, and that the bill be considered under the following limitations: that the only first-degree amendments in order be the following, and that they be subject to relevant second-degree amendments, with any debate time on amendments controlled in the usual form, provided that time for debate on any second-degree amendment would be limited to that accorded the amendment to which it is offered; that upon disposition of all amendments, the bill be read the third time, and the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with no intervening action.

I submit the list of amendments.

The list is as follows:

Abraham-Grams: U.S. entry/exit controls.  
Ashcroft: 4 relevant.  
Baucus: 3 relevant.  
Biden: 5 relevant.  
Bingaman: Science counselors—embassies.  
Daschle: 2 relevant.  
Dodd: 3 relevant.  
Durbin: Baltics and Northeast Europe.  
Feingold: 4 relevant.  
Feinstein: relevant.  
Helms: 2 relevant.  
Kerry: 3 relevant.  
Leahy: 5 relevant.  
Lott: 2 relevant.  
Managers' amendment.  
Kennedy: relevant.  
Moynihan: relevant.  
Reed: 2 relevant.  
Reid: relevant.  
Sarbanes: 3 relevant.  
Thomas: veterans  
Wellstone: 3 relevant.  
Wellstone: trafficking.  
Wellstone: child soldiers.

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

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Y2K ACT

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator EDWARDS be recognized to offer two amendments as provided in the previous consent, and time on both amendments be limited to 1 hour total, to be equally divided in the usual form, and no amendments be in order to the Edwards amendments.

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