

Not only would efforts to reach a speedy agreement with North Korea be premature, in my opinion, it would seem to reward the North for 50 years of aggression as thanks for 6 months of sunshine.

Both the prospects for peace and the President's legacy would be best served if he were to stay, I believe, on the sidelines and allow the U.S.-North Korean relations to proceed as they have been, with caution and balance. I urge the President to put diplomacy ahead of legacy and not spend the final days of his administration interposing the U.S. between the two Koreas.

CARA LEGISLATION

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to print in the RECORD page 19 of the specific legislation authorizing the CARA legislation, which establishes a program affecting the Outer Continental Shelf revenue stream.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

“(8) The term ‘qualified Outer Continental Shelf revenues’ means all amounts received by the United States from each leased tract or portion of a leased tract lying seaward of the zone defined and governed by section 8(g) of this Act, or lying within such zone but to which section 8(g) does not apply, the geographic center of which lies within a distance of 200 miles from any part of the coastline of any Coastal State, including bonus bids, rents, royalties (including payments for royalties taken in kind and sold), net profit share payments, and related late payment interest. Such term does not include any revenues from a leased tract or portion of a

leased tract that is included within any area of the Outer Continental Shelf where a moratorium on new leasing was in effect as of January 1, 2000, unless the lease was issued prior to the establishment of the moratorium and was in production on January 1, 2000.

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11(a) The term “Secretary” means Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, the purpose of my reference is that I happen to be chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee which historically has had jurisdiction over Outer Continental Shelf activities. I was one of the major drafters of this legislation, along with Representative DON YOUNG in the House of Representatives.

In moving this legislation through yesterday morning, we found a significant change had been made in the legislation and that the jurisdiction had been moved from the Energy Committee to Commerce and taken from Interior and transferred over to the Secretary of Commerce.

I know this cannot be seen, but there are handwritten notations at the end that simply say: “11(a) the term ‘Secretary’ means Secretary of Commerce.”

There are extraordinary things done in late times around here. This was done at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning the day before yesterday, and no one can identify who did it. But the bill was filed, the order has been made, and there is absolutely nothing we can do other than question the authenticity of someone who would simply change the legislation, not initial it, have no iden-

tification. I have checked with the Appropriations Committee. I have checked with the Members of the House involved. Nobody owns up to changing the designation of the CARA bill from the Energy Committee in the Department of Interior over to the Commerce Committee and the Secretary of Commerce.

The bill has been filed. As a consequence, the question is, What can we do about it? The President may veto the legislation. We may have another opportunity.

On the other hand, we did have a colloquy by Senator LOTT, Senator DASCHLE, Senator BYRD, Senator STEVENS, and myself. I think it addresses the reality that the best thing we can do is get out of here. I know the Presiding Officer would agree. But as we look at what we are coming back to tomorrow, a single vote on a continuing resolution for 1 day—and another one on Sunday—it seems to be an effort in futility.

But in any event, Mr. President, I thank you for being patient, and particularly the staff, as well, who probably had hoped this Senator would not show up when he walked in the door.

RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m., tomorrow, Saturday, October 28, 2000.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:54 p.m., recessed until Saturday, October 28, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.