

MUHAMMAD ALI BOXING REFORM ACT

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 421, H.R. 1832.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1832) to reform unfair and anti-competitive practices in the professional boxing industry.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3082

(Purpose: To ensure that rules similar to the rules against coercive contracts between boxers and promoters apply to contracts between boxers and interstate broadcasters, and that casinos, hotels, resorts, etc., that are merely "associated" with a promoter are not subject to the rules applicable to promoters)

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, Senators REID, BRYAN, and MCCAIN have an amendment at the desk. I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI], for Mr. REID, for himself, Mr. BRYAN, and Mr. MCCAIN, proposes an amendment numbered 3082.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 6, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

"(c) PROTECTION FROM COERCIVE CONTRACTS WITH BROADCASTERS.—Subsection (a) of this section applies to any contract between a commercial broadcaster and a boxer, or granting any rights with respect to that boxer, involving a broadcast in or affecting interstate commerce, regardless of the broadcast medium. For the purpose of this section, any reference in subsection (a)(1)(B) to "promoter" shall be considered a reference to "commercial broadcaster".

On page 17, after line 24, insert the following:

(1) in paragraph (9) by inserting after "match" the following: "The term 'promoter' does not include a hotel, casino, resort, or other commercial establishment hosting or sponsoring a professional boxing match unless—

"(A) the hotel, casino, resort, or other commercial establishment is primarily responsible for organizing, promoting, and producing the match; and

"(B) there is no other person primarily responsible for organizing, promoting, and producing the match.";

On page 18, line 1, strike "(1)" and insert "(2)".

On page 18, line 4, strike "(2)" and insert "(3)".

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to.

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

The amendment (No. 3082) was agreed to.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that 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 bill (H.R. 1832), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY, DOCUMENT PRODUCTION, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 284, submitted earlier by Senator LOTT and Senator DASCHLE.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 284) to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in United States of America v. George Patrick Calhoun.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony in a criminal action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. In a federal indictment, the defendant has been charged with threatening a public official in violation of federal law. The charge arises out of a threat telephoned to Senator PHIL GRAMM's office in Houston. At the request of the U.S. Attorney who is prosecuting this case, this resolution authorizes employees in Senator GRAMM's office who heard the threat to testify about the threat and produce documents at trial, with representation by the Senate Legal Counsel.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 284) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to. The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 284

Whereas, in the case of United States v. George Patrick Calhoun, Cr. No. H-99-111, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, testimony has been requested from Court Koenning and Patrick McCartney, employees in the office of Senator Phil Gramm;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and rule XI of the Stand-

ing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistently with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Court Koenning, Patrick McCartney, and any other employee of Senator Gramm's office from whom testimony may be required, are authorized to testify and produce documents in the case of United States v. George Patrick Calhoun, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Court Koenning, Patrick McCartney, and any other employee of Senator Gramm's office in connection with the testimony and document production authorized in section 1 of this resolution.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, April 10, 2000. I further ask consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions:

Senator DURBIN, or his designee, 12 noon to 1 o'clock; Senator MURKOWSKI, 1 o'clock to 1:30; Senator THOMAS, or his designee, 1:30 to 2 o'clock; Senator BROWNBACK, 30 minutes; and Senator CRAIG, 30 minutes.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. MURKOWSKI. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 12 noon on Monday and will be in a period of morning business throughout the day, with some debate on the gas tax repeal legislation. Cloture was filed on the gas tax legislation today, and that vote has been scheduled to occur on Tuesday at 2:25 p.m. That cloture vote will be the first vote of next week. Also, during next week's session, we expect to begin consideration of the marriage tax penalty legislation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I see no other Senator wishing to be recognized. If there is no further business