

S. 2599, a bill to amend section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 100

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 100, a concurrent resolution expressing support of Congress for a National Moment of Remembrance to be observed at 3:00 p.m. eastern standard time on each Memorial Day.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 117—COMMENDING THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA FOR ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES AND NATO, AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT SLOVENIA'S ACCESSION TO NATO WOULD ENHANCE NATO'S SECURITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. ROTH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 117

Whereas on June 25, 1991, the Republic of Slovenia declared its independence;

Whereas on December 23, 1991, the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia adopted the State's new constitution based on the values of human rights, market economy, rule of law, and democracy;

Whereas on April 7, 1992, the United States formally recognized the Republic of Slovenia;

Whereas, since its independence, Slovenia has demonstrated an excellent record on human rights;

Whereas Slovenia has developed a successful and growing market economy and enjoys the highest per capita gross domestic product in Central and Eastern Europe;

Whereas the European Union has recognized Slovenia's economic prosperity and the strength of its democracy by initiating accession negotiations with Slovenia as well as by putting into effect Slovenia's Association Agreement with the European Union;

Whereas Slovenia has demonstrated its commitment to bring peace, security, stability, democracy, and economic prosperity to Southeastern Europe through its membership in NATO's Partnership for Peace, the Central European Initiative, the Central European Free Trade Association (CEFTA), and the Stability Pact for Southeast Europe;

Whereas Slovenia has been an active contributor to peace support operations around

the world, including the NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina, NATO's Kosovo Force, and United Nations peacekeeping operations in Cyprus and Lebanon;

Whereas Slovenia made invaluable contributions to NATO's Operation ALLIED FORCE by providing NATO access and use of its airspace and ground transportation systems and by assisting the NATO efforts to provide Albania humanitarian relief during the air campaign against Yugoslavia;

Whereas Slovenia has contributed financial and humanitarian aid to the assistance effort in Kosovo, including refuge for more than 3500 people who had fled the region as a consequence of the violence that occurred in Kosovo;

Whereas Slovenia promotes regional cooperation through its contributions to the Trilateral Multinational Land Force, a multinational brigade established with Italy and Hungary;

Whereas Slovenia, a leader in the effort to remove land mines from the war-torn regions of the former Republic of Yugoslavia, established the highly effective International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance; and

Whereas the NATO Enlargement Facilitation Act of 1996, passed by the Senate on July 25, 1996, identified Slovenia, along with Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, as being among the NATO applicant states most prepared for the burdens and responsibilities of NATO membership; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That (a) it is the policy of the United States to—

(1) support the integration of the Republic of Slovenia into transatlantic and European political, economic, and security institutions, including the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union; and

(2) continue and further reinforce the partnership between the United States and Slovenia, particularly their joint efforts to bring lasting peace and stability to all of Europe.

(b) It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Republic of Slovenia is to be commended for—

(A) its commitment to democratic principles, human rights, and rule of law;

(B) its transition from a communist, centrally planned economic system to a thriving free market economy; and

(C) its partnership with the United States and NATO during the recent conflicts that have undermined peace and stability in Southeastern Europe; and

(2) the accession of the Republic of Slovenia to full membership in transatlantic and European institutions would be an important step toward a Europe that is undivided, whole and free.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL

MIKULSKI (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3166

Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DURBIN) proposed an

amendment to the bill (S. 2603) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF SENATE COMMENDING CAPITOL POLICE.

The Senate finds that—

(a)(1) the United States Capitol is the people's house, and, as such, it has always been and will remain open to the public;

(2) millions of people visit the Capitol each year to observe and study the workings of the democratic process;

(3) the Capitol is the most recognizable symbol of liberty and democracy throughout the world and those who guard the Capitol guard our freedom;

(4) on July 24, 1998, Officer Jacob Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson of the United States Capitol Police sacrificed their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of tourists, Members of Congress, and staff;

(5) the officers of the United States Capitol Police serve their country with commitment, heroism, and great patriotism;

(6) the employees of the United States working in the United States Capitol are essential to the safe and efficient operation of the Capitol building and the Congress;

(7) the operation of the Capitol and the legislative process are dependent on the professionalism and hard work of those who work here, including the United States Capitol Police, congressional staff, and the staff of the Congressional Research Office, the General Accounting Office, the Congressional Budget Office, the Government Printing Office, and the Architect of the Capitol; and

(8) the House of Representatives should restore the cuts in funding for the United States Capitol Police, congressional staff, and congressional support organizations.

(b) It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States Capitol Police and all legislative employees are to be commended for their commitment, professionalism, and great patriotism; and

(2) the conferees on the legislative branch appropriations legislation should maintain the Senate position on funding for the United States Capitol Police and all legislative branch employees.

BENNETT (AND FEINSTEIN) AMENDMENTS NOS. 3167-3170

Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) proposed four amendments to the bill, S. 2603 supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3167

At the appropriate place insert:

The first sentence under the subheading "SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE" under the heading "CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE" under title I of the bill is amended by inserting ", of which \$2,500,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2003" after "\$71,261,000".

AMENDMENT NO. 3168

At the appropriate place insert:

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. ____ (a) Section 201 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1993 (40 U.S.C. 216c note) is amended by striking "\$10,000,000" each place it appears and inserting "\$14,500,000".

(b) Section 201 of such Act is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a)" before "Pursuant", and