

Subtitle F—National Emergency Family Support

SEC. 681. CHILD CARE AND YOUTH ASSISTANCE.

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense may provide assistance for families of members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty during fiscal year 2002, in order to ensure that the children of such families obtain needed child care and youth services.

(b) **APPROPRIATE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE.**—The assistance authorized by this section should be directed primarily toward providing needed family support, including child care and youth services for children of such personnel who are deployed, assigned, or ordered to active duty in connection with operations of the Armed Forces under the national emergency.

SEC. 682. FAMILY EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

During fiscal year 2002, the Secretary of Defense is authorized to provide family education and support services to families of members of the Armed Services to the same extent that these services were provided during the Persian Gulf war.

AMENDMENT NO. 1820

(Purpose: To authorize the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, to waive, or limit the application of, vehicle weight limits applicable to a route on the Interstate System in the State of Maine during a period of national emergency)

On page 363, after line 25, add the following:

SEC. 1066. WAIVER OF VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS DURING PERIODS OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

Section 127 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) **WAIVER FOR A ROUTE IN STATE OF MAINE DURING PERIODS OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, may waive or limit the application of any vehicle weight limit established under this section with respect to the portion of Interstate Route 95 in the State of Maine between Augusta and Bangor for the purpose of making bulk shipments of jet fuel to the Air National Guard Base at Bangor International Airport during a period of national emergency in order to respond to the effects of the national emergency.

“(2) **APPLICABILITY.**—Emergency limits established under paragraph (1) shall preempt any inconsistent State vehicle weight limits.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 1809

Mr. BINGAMAN. Madam President, I am introducing this amendment with Senator DOMENICI to S. 1438, the fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act, to provide funds badly needed for two vital test support activities in the Department of Defense, DoD. The Big Crow program provides DoD with highly sophisticated airborne electronic warfare capabilities that enable us to test our newest weapon systems and technologies in a realistic battle environment in which electronic warfare is likely to be used. The system can also be used operationally if a requirement suddenly occurs. The Defense Systems Evaluation, DSE, pro-

gram provides aircraft to replicate enemy and friendly aircraft in testing Army air defense programs and technology. Both of these programs provide vital test support assets used by all the military services. Unfortunately, it is typical for programs that provide cross-service support to be inadequately funded by their parent service organization. This year's President's budget request did not seek any funding for these programs, perhaps relying on the Congress, once again, to provide the emergency funds needed to keep them operating.

Thus we find ourselves again this year, seeking the funding needed for these two programs in order for them to continue to provide vital test support activities for all of the military services. The amendment, which Senator DOMENICI and I offer, will provide the minimum necessary funding to enable Big Crow and DSE to operate during fiscal year 2002.

There are other test support programs in the DoD that suffer the same circumstance as the two for which I am seeking funding. They refer to them in the Pentagon as “the orphans.” The Defense Science Board, DSB, recently completed a review of operational testing and evaluation in the Department of Defense and published a report containing a number of significant recommendations about how to improve that process to make it more effective and efficient. The DSB recommended that DoD seek ways to encourage and implement joint service testing. Among their recommendations, the DSB endorsed budget oversight responsibility for orphan programs such as Big Crow and DSE to the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Actual test and evaluation activities would remain the province of the military services.

This year's Defense authorization bill reported out by the Armed Services Committee contains a provision requesting the Secretary of Defense to review the DSB report and to submit recommendations regarding its implementation with the budget request submission for fiscal year 2003. I am hopeful that the Secretary will endorse the DSB findings so that the Department will finally exercise appropriate oversight and support for cross-service test activities. In the meantime, the amendment I am introducing is necessary to keep those essential test activities underway. I urge my colleagues to support its adoption.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to amendments Nos. 1809 through 1820, en bloc.

The amendments (Nos. 1809 through 1820) were agreed to.

Mr. LEVIN. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. WARNER. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, we had hoped and expected there was going to be an additional amendment of Senator HOLLINGS to which Senator WARNER and I had agreed, but there was a last minute objection, I believe, on the Republican side. We will try to do the best we can on that in the morning.

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, the chairman is correct. We believed we had it worked out, and at the last minute there was an objection on this side.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that there be a period for morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for me to deliver my remarks from my seat.

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

CAREER-ENDING HONORS FOR GENERAL HENRY H. SHELTON

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, this morning marked an unmistakably glorious conclusion to the remarkable military career of one of North Carolina's most famous citizens, GEN Henry H. Shelton.

It occurred at Fort Myer, VA, with scores of America's best-known leaders—both military and civilian, on hand for the spectacular event.

All branches of the armed services participated. The Secretary of Defense, for example, Don Rumsfeld, was there, as was Secretary of State Colin Powell. The marching bands didn't miss a cue or a note. It was splendid, every minute of it, in every detail.

General Shelton's farewell remarks were a modest review of the many things he had seen and things he had done in many places around the world. His wife Carolyn's eyes brimmed with tears a few times, a measurement of her pride in, and her love for, her remarkable husband.

All in all, it served to make those of us present a bit prouder of our country as we surveyed the troops from all of the services and heard the bands strike up.

I believe Senators will enjoy reviewing the address by GEN Henry H. Shelton on this, the morning of his retirement from the U.S. Army—and especially, as General Shelton turned over the chairmanship of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to his friend, GEN Dick Myers.