

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 50

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith the Annual Report of the Railroad Retirement Board for Fiscal Year 2000, pursuant to the provisions of section 7(b)(6) of the Railroad Retirement Act and section 12(1) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 23, 2001.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar.

S. 1564. A bill to convey land to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Research Foundation for a research park and technology center.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1909. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

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SA 1921. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2506, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1909. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

KENNETH M. LUDDEN

SEC. . This Act shall be cited as the Kenneth M. Ludden Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2002.

SA 1910. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 163, line 19, after "Syria" insert the following: " , or to the government of any nation which the President determines harbored or is harboring, or provided or is providing financing for, individuals or organizations involved in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States".

On page 177, line 19 after "Sudan," insert the following: "or to the government of any nation which the President determines harbored or is harboring, or provided or is providing financing for, individuals or organizations involved in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States".

SA 1911. Mr. MCCAIN (for Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. LEAHY)), proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 212, line 25, after the period insert the following:

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section or any other provision of law, funds appropriated by this Act may be made available for assistance to the Government of Cambodia's Ministry of Women and Veteran's Affairs to combat human trafficking, subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

SA 1912. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 144, line 6, after "That", insert: " , in addition to funds otherwise available for such purposes."

On page 144, line 9, after "State", insert: " , and not more than \$4,500,000 shall be available for administrative expenses of the United States Agency for International Development".

SA 1913. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 214, line 13, strike "30" and insert in lieu thereof: "15".

SA 1914. Mr. LEAHY proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 121, line 10, after "1961," insert the following: "including in areas where population growth threatens biodiversity or endangered species,".

SA 1915. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MCCONNELL)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 219, line 15, strike everything after "That" through "equipment" on line 24, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "not more than 15 percent of the funds may be used for administrative and representational expenses, including expenditures for salaries, office rent and equipment: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations regarding plans for the expenditure of funds under this section: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading are made available subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committee on Appropriations".

SA 1916. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . REPORTS ON CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG.

(a) Section 301 of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act (22 U.S.C. 5731) is amended by striking "and March 31, 2000," and inserting: "March 31, 2000, March 31, 2001, March 31, 2002, March 31, 2003, March 31, 2004, March 31, 2005, and March 31, 2006".

(b) The requirement in section 301 of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act, as amended by subsection (a), that a report under that section shall be transmitted not later than March 31, 2001, shall be considered satisfied by the transmittal of such report by August 7, 2001.

SA 1917. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an

amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 155, line 21, after "later" insert the following: "Provided further, That the ninth proviso under the heading "Foreign Military Financing Program" in title III of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2001, as enacted by Public Law 106-429, is amended by inserting "or 2002" after "2001".

SA 1918. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 225, line 18, after "any" insert the following: "new project involving the".

On page 226, line 16, strike "15" and insert in lieu thereof: "10".

On page 227, lines 5 and 6, strike "United States executive directors of the international financial institutions" and insert in lieu thereof: "Secretary of the Treasury".

On page 227, line 17, strike "Agreement and its Annexes" and insert in lieu thereof: "Accords".

SA 1919. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 125, line 1, strike "\$25,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$35,000".

SA 1920. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 137, strike everything after "available" on line 9 through "schools" on line 12 and insert in lieu thereof: "to support an education initiative in Armenia to provide computer equipment and internet access to Armenian primary and secondary schools".

SA 1921. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 232, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

WAIVER OF RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE TO
AZERBAIJAN

SEC. 581. Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act (Public Law 102-511; 22 U.S.C. 5812 note) is amended—

(1) by striking "United States" and inserting "(a) RESTRICTION.—United States"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:
"(b) WAIVER.—The President is authorized to waive the restriction in subsection (a) if the President determines that it is in the na-

tional security interest of the United States to do so."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the nominations of Joseph E. Schmitz to be Inspector General, Department of Defense and Sandra L. Pack to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DODD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 23, 2001 at 10:15 a.m. to hold a hearing.

Agenda

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (Treaty Doc. 106-6) and International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (Treaty Doc. 106-49).

Witnesses: The Honorable Francis X. Taylor, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State, Washington, DC; the Honorable William H. Taft, IV, Legal Adviser, Department of State, Washington, DC; the Honorable Michael Chertoff, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Brian Hanley, a fellow in my office, be allowed to be in the Chamber throughout the debate on the foreign operations appropriations bill.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—
S. 739

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 191, and I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to, the amendment to the title be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

This is the veterans homeless bill. This is a bill that provides support for homeless veterans.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, on behalf of another Member on this side of the aisle and not myself, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I very much appreciate the Senator from Kentucky saying that the objection is not on his behalf. I say to whoever is objecting that I am going to do this every day. I would like to know who objects. It is interesting. I am not going to mix the agenda. But in all due respect, it is hardly helpful to veterans to object to a piece of legislation that passed with unanimous support out of the veterans committee of Republicans and Democrats alike focusing on what is a national scandal.

If you look at the number of men who are homeless—there are too many women and children—probably about 30 percent of them are veterans. Many of them are Vietnam veterans. Many of them struggle with addictions.

This piece of legislation was a bipartisan piece of legislation coming out of committee. LANE EVANS has done great work for veterans in the House of Representatives. He has taken the lead. It is legislation named after Katie Marie Harman, who is Miss America. Her dad is a disabled veteran. She has made it her priority.

I say to whoever is objecting that I would like for them to come out on the floor of the Senate and object. Tomorrow I will spend as much time as I can finding out who is objecting to this piece of legislation. Pretty soon we will either find out, and we can work it out together, or I will figure out a way to come out on the floor with this legislation and take a long time talking about what is on for veterans and the health care needs in particular.

The fact that I can't even move a piece of legislation that passed with unanimous support out of a committee that deals with providing a little bit of help to homeless veterans—I am not being histrionic; I am not trying to be melodramatic—is just plain maddening.

My God, in order to have a piece of legislation that deals with universal health care coverage and national health insurance, there can be a debate about the role of the Government.

Economic stimulus, I hope we will have that debate. There are many other issues. But when you take the most modest step that you can think of—I will start outlining the provisions of this bill tomorrow when I get a chance—and you have support among Republicans and Democrats in the committee and you believe you can move it and you have a lot of veterans who are hopeful about it—a number of them came from all around the country to testify for this legislation—then we have some anonymous objection.