

shall coordinate the program with other programs of the Department of Commerce.

“(7) REPORT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Technology Administration Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, the Under Secretary shall prepare and submit a report that meets the requirements of this paragraph to the Secretary. Upon receipt of the report, the Secretary shall transmit a copy of the report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives.

“(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORT.—The report prepared under this paragraph shall contain with respect to the program—

“(i) a description of the structure and procedures of the program;

“(ii) a management plan for the program;

“(iii) a description of the merit-based review process to be used in the program;

“(iv) milestones for the evaluation of activities to be assisted under the program in each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999;

“(v) an assessment of the eligibility of each State that participates in the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research of the National Science Foundation to participate in the program under this subsection; and

“(vi) the evaluation criteria with respect to which the overall management and effectiveness of the program will be evaluated pursuant to paragraph (8).

“(8) EVALUATION.—Not earlier than the date that is 4 years after the date on which the program is established, the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary, shall carry out an evaluation of the program. In carrying out the evaluation the Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary, shall apply the criteria described in paragraph (7)(B)(vi).”

(b) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available by appropriations pursuant to section 4—

(1) for fiscal year 1998, \$1,650,000 shall be used to carry out the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Technology established under section 5(f) of the Stevenson Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980, as added by subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) for fiscal year 1999, \$3,000,000 shall be used to carry out the program referred to in paragraph (1).

#### SEC. 17. FASTENER QUALITY ACT STANDARDS.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Section 15 of the Fastener Quality Act (15 U.S.C. 5414) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a) TRANSITIONAL RULE.—” before “The requirements of this Act”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) AIRCRAFT EXEMPTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of this Act shall not apply to fasteners specifically manufactured or altered for use on an aircraft if the quality and suitability of those fasteners for that use has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, except as provided in paragraph (2).

“(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to fasteners represented by the fastener manufacturer as having been manufactured in conformance with standards or specifications established by a consensus standards organization or a Federal agency other than the Federal Aviation Administration.”

(b) DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS.—The regulations issued under the Fastener Quality Act by the National Institute of Standards and Technology on April 14, 1998, and any other regulations issued by the National Institute of Standards and

Technology pursuant to the Fastener Quality Act, shall not take effect until after the later of June 1, 1999, or the expiration of 120 days after the Secretary of Commerce transmits to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, a report on—

(1) changes in fastener manufacturing processes that have occurred since the enactment of the Fastener Quality Act;

(2) a comparison of the Fastener Quality Act to other regulatory programs that regulate the various categories of fasteners, and an analysis of any duplication that exists among programs; and

(3) any changes in that Act that may be warranted because of the changes reported under paragraphs (1) and (2).

The report required by this section shall be transmitted to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, by February 1, 1999.

#### SEC. 18. INTERNATIONAL ARCTIC RESEARCH CENTER.

There are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999 and 2000 for the Federal share of the administrative costs of the International Arctic Research Center.

The title was amended so as to read:

A Bill to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000, and for other purposes.

#### FASTENER QUALITY ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 498, H.R. 3824.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3824) amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

H.R. 3824

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.

Section 15 of the Fastener Quality Act (15 U.S.C. 5414) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a) TRANSITIONAL RULE.—” before “The requirements of this Act”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

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“(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of this Act shall not apply to fasteners specifically manufactured or altered for use on an aircraft if the quality and suitability of those fasteners for that use has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, except as provided in paragraph (2).

“(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to fasteners represented by the fastener manufacturer as having been manufactured in conformance with standards or specifications established by a consensus standards organization or a Federal agency other than the Federal Aviation Administration.”

#### SEC. 2. DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS.

The regulations issued under the Fastener Quality Act by the National Institute of Standards and Technology on April 14, 1998, and any other regulations issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology pursuant to the Fastener Quality Act, shall not take effect until after the later of June 1, 1999, or the expiration of 120 days after the Secretary of Commerce transmits to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, a report on—

(1) changes in fastener manufacturing processes that have occurred since the enactment of the Fastener Quality Act; [and]

(2) a comparison of the Fastener Quality Act to other regulatory programs that regulate the various categories of fasteners, and an analysis of any duplication that exists among programs; and

[(2)] (3) any changes in that Act that may be warranted because of the changes reported under [paragraph (1).] paragraphs (1) and (2).

The report required by this section shall be transmitted to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, by February 1, 1999.

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendments be agreed to, the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 3824), as amended, was considered read the third time and passed.

#### FINDING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ IN UNACCEPTABLE AND MATERIAL BREACH OF ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 499, S.J. Res. 54.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 54) finding the Government of Iraq in unacceptable and material breach of its international obligations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the joint resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments to the preamble; as follows:

(The parts of the preamble intended to be stricken are shown in boldface