

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

The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Minnesota [Mr. DAYTON] proposes an amendment numbered 1896.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To appropriate, with an offset, an additional \$120,000,000 for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, for certain child and family assistance benefits for members of the Armed Forces)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE.—The amount appropriated by title II under the heading “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE” is hereby increased by \$120,000,000.

(b) AVAILABILITY FOR CHILD AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.—Of the amount appropriated by title II under the heading “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE”, as increased by subsection (a), \$120,000,000 may be available as follows:

(1) \$100,000,000 may be available for childcare services for families of members of the Armed Forces.

(2) \$20,000,000 may be available for family assistance centers that primarily serve members of the Armed Forces and their families.

(c) OFFSET.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for the Missile Defense Agency is hereby reduced by \$120,000,000.

(2) LIMITATION.—The reduction in paragraph (1) shall not be derived from amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for the Missile Defense Agency and available for missile defense programs and activities of the Army.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time between 2 p.m. and 2:15 be equally divided between the sponsor and the managers of the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. And that there be no second-degree amendments but any motion in relation to this amendment be in order.

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

AMENDMENTS NOS. 1929, 2000, AND 1924, EN BLOC

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I have a managers' package. I send it to the desk. In this package is an amendment for Senator LEVIN, No. 1929, for the medium tactical vehicle modifications; Senator LEVIN, No. 2000, pertaining to Indian tribes; and, Senator KENNEDY, No. 1924, for humvee integrated starters.

I ask unanimous consent that these three amendments be considered en bloc.

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

Mr. STEVENS. I ask for consideration of those amendments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the question is on agreeing to the amendments en bloc.

The amendments were agreed to en bloc, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1929

(Purpose: To make available \$5,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, for Medium Tactical Vehicle Modifications)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Of the amount appropriated by title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY”, up to \$5,000,000 may be used for Medium Tactical Vehicle Modifications.

AMENDMENT NO. 2000

(Purpose: To provide that the governments of Indian tribes be treated as State and local governments for purposes of the disposition of real property recommended for closure in the report to the President from the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, July 1993)

On page 220, after line 25, insert the following:

SEC. 8116. Section 8013 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1994 (Public Law 103-139; 107 Stat. 1440) is amended by striking “the report to the President from the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, July 1991” and inserting “the reports to the President from the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, July 1991 and July 1993”.

AMENDMENT NO. 1924

(Purpose: To make available \$1,000,000 from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, for Integrated Starter/Alternator for Up-Armored High Mobility Multi-Wheeled Vehicles)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Of the amount appropriated by title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY”, up to \$1,000,000 may be used for Integrated Starter/Alternator for Up-Armored High Mobility Multi-Wheeled Vehicles.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

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

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, we are going to try to work through this bill. The bill is open to debate. I will be pleased to take up any other amendments Senators might bring before us. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MARTINEZ). The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECESS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the time continue to run but that the Senate stand in temporary recess until 2 p.m.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:56 p.m., recessed until 2 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. ALEXANDER).

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AMENDMENT NO. 1896

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time between now and 2:15 is evenly divided on the Dayton amendment.

Who yields time?

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the time is equally divided on this amendment. This amendment would add \$100 million to childcare services and \$20 million for family assistance centers.

I will speak in response to the Senator's explanation of this amendment when he is finished.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

AMENDMENT NO. 1896, AS MODIFIED

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I send a modification of my amendment to the desk, and I ask unanimous consent it be so modified.

Mr. STEVENS. We would like to see the modification before it is accepted.

Mr. DAYTON. The staff is working on slight adjustments to the amendment so it meets the concerns of the chairman. I thank the chairman for his willingness to consider the amendment as part of the managers' amendment as modified. It needs to be further modified to conform to the desire of the chairman to have the language read up to the particular amounts which are \$40 million for the increased antinarcotics efforts of the National Guard, \$50 million for increased funding for childcare, and \$10 million for increased funding for family assistance centers.

If it is agreeable to the chairman, I will spend about 5 minutes discussing the amendment at this time, and I will proceed on that basis and recognize the amendment itself is still subject to further discussions.

Mr. STEVENS. We have no objection to the modification.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is so modified.

The amendment (No. 1896), as modified, is as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) CHILD AND FAMILY ASSISTANCE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—

(1) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE.—The amount appropriated by title II under the heading “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE” is hereby increased by \$60,000,000.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNT.—Of the amount appropriated by title II under the heading “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE”, as increased by paragraph (1), not less than \$60,000,000 shall be made available as follows:

(A) Not less than \$50,000,000 shall be made available for childcare services for families of members of the Armed Forces.

(B) Not less than \$10,000,000 shall be made available for family assistance centers that primarily serve members of the Armed Forces and their families.

(b) NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG SUPPORT ACTIVITIES.—

(1) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES.—The