

on the Rockefeller amendment. I voted to table Senator JOHN ROCKEFELLER's amendment on the balanced budget amendment. Senators on the other side of the aisle would have you believe that this Congress is ready and willing to break a sacred obligation to care for our veterans and their survivors. Binding future Congresses in how we manage veterans' programs is counterproductive micromanagement which could very well harm the best interests of veterans and has no place in a constitutional amendment. No one should interpret my vote as waning in my personal commitment to veterans and their families. I have always worked hard to properly fund veterans' programs and I will personally do everything I can to ensure veterans benefits are fully funded in the future. The truth of the matter is that this country has a moral obligation to those who have paid dearly through their pain and suffering in defense of the freedoms that all Americans enjoy today and we must not and will not abdicate our responsibilities.

PROTECTING FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
DOLLARS—AMENDMENT NO. 301

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I rise in support of Senator BYRD's amendment to protect Federal outlays for law enforcement, and the reduction and prevention of crime.

I am proud of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act we passed last year. It is a comprehensive approach to solving our Nation's crime problem. It includes: funds for 100,000 new police officers across the Nation; a ban on the manufacture, sale, and future possession of 19 semiautomatic assault weapons; and increased penalties for Federal violent crimes and sex crimes.

However, passing tougher laws and putting more police on our streets will not stop the violence that is ravaging our Nation. These measures, while effective, are only part of the larger solution. We also must focus on preventive measures if we hope to find permanent solutions to the epidemic of violence.

Last year's crime bill does just that. The legislation includes: the Violence Against Women Act, which authorizes funding for rape education and community prevention programs, battered women's shelters, and a national family violence hotline.

The crime bill also authorizes local grants for education, after-school safe haven programs, and other initiatives aimed at reducing gang membership among young people. The bill provides for grants to localities for crime prevention measures, including: police partnerships for children, supervised child visitation centers, and partnerships between senior citizens and police.

In addition, the legislation provides grants to law enforcement to create partnerships with child and family support agencies to fight crimes committed against children.

Madam President, I believe in the value and necessity of these vital pro-

grams. As a woman, a mother, and a former teacher I want to make sure we let our children know we care about them, they can trust us to do the right thing, and we will not turn our backs on them.

Although I am pleased that Republican proposals to redirect these important prevention dollars do not target the Violence Against Women Act, I am disturbed about the implications for programs aimed at our Nation's youth.

Our children are afraid, and sadly, they have every reason to be. Every day, 5,703 teenagers are victims of violent crimes. Every 2 hours, a child is murdered. Every 5 seconds of the schoolday, a student drops out of public school.

We, as adults, have a responsibility to care for our children, to teach them to value themselves and their communities, and not to give up on them. It is time for us as adults to address the issue of violence honestly. Violence is a symptom of deeper problems. Lets not restrict our attention to punishing criminals and building more prisons, while ignoring the causes of violence among our children.

I have talked with young people throughout the State of Washington. My overwhelming conclusion is that a lot of the youth on our streets have been victims themselves—victims of abusive adults, victims of our overburdened school system, and victims of a juvenile justice system that cannot respond to their real needs. These disaffected kids invariably have kids of their own, and the cycle of violence begins again. Prevention and education are the keys to breaking this dangerous pattern of violence.

Madam President, the dollars allocated to fund the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 are extremely important. I applaud Senator BYRD's effort to safeguard these crime fighting dollars.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENTS

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent that the vote occur in relation to the pending amendment numbered 267 and the Bumpers motion and amendments numbered 299 and 300 on Tuesday, February 28, in the stacked sequence to begin at 2:15 p.m.

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

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent that at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, Senator HATCH be recognized to control the next 30 minutes for debate only.

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

Mr. HATCH. I ask unanimous consent that at 12 noon the next 30 minutes be under the control of Senator BYRD for debate only.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. I further ask that following the conclusion of the stacked votes on Tuesday, February 28, Senator BYRD be recognized for up to 15 minutes for debate only, to be followed by

15 minutes under the control of Senator HATCH for debate only, to be followed by 15 minutes under the control of Senator DASCHLE for debate only, with the last 15 minutes under the control of Senator DOLE to close the debate prior to the final vote on House Joint Resolution 1.

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

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. HATCH. As if in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to the consideration of the following nominations on the Executive Calendar en bloc: Calendar Nos. 8, 9, 10, and 11, and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk; further, that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

AIR FORCE

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1370:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Dale W. Thompson, Jr., 000-00-0000, U.S. Air Force

ARMY

The following-named officer to be placed on the retired list in the grade indicated under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, Section 1370:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Jerry R. Rutherford, 000-00-0000, U.S. Army

NAVY

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of Vice Admiral while assigned to be position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, United States Code, Section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. John A. Lockard, 000-00-0000, U.S. Navy

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Eleanor Hill, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, vice Susan J. Crawford.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S
DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY

Air Force nominations beginning Alan L. Christensen, and ending Gardner G. Bassett, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 1995.

Air Force nominations beginning Barrett W. Bader, and ending Joseph N. Zemis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 6, 1995.

Air Force nominations beginning Jonathan E. Adams, and ending Sharon G. Freier,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 1995.

Air Force nominations beginning Timothy L. Anderson, and ending Raymond E. Ratajick, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 1995.

Army nominations beginning Rodger T. Hosig, and ending Sara M. Lowe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 1995.

Army nomination of Frederick B. Brown, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 1995.

Army nominations beginning Ronnie Abner, and ending Vincent A. Zike, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 1995.

Navy nominations beginning James P. Screen III, and ending Jason R.J. Testa, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 1995.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:53 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 830. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public, and for other purposes.

H.R. 889. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 1928a, the Speaker appoints to the U.S. Group of the North Atlantic Assembly the following members on the part of the House: Mr. ROSE, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. RUSH.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of Public Law 94-304, as amended by section 1 of Public Law 99-7, the Speaker appoints to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe the following members on the part of the House: Mr. PORTER, Mr. WOLF, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. SALMON, Mr. HOYER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RICHARDSON, and Mr. CARDIN.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 889. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 830. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Lacy H. Thornburg, of North Carolina, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of North Carolina.

Sidney H. Stein, of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Thadd Heartfield, of Texas, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

David Folsom, of Texas, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Sandra L. Lynch, of Massachusetts, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HEFLIN):

S. 464. A bill to make the reporting deadlines for studies conducted in Federal court demonstration districts consistent with the deadlines for pilot districts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 465. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide congressional authorization for restrictions on receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste and for State control over transportation of municipal solid waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BREAU:

S. 466. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the rule providing for termination of disabled adult child's benefits upon marriage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 467. A bill for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc., and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GLENN (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 468. A bill to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in Ohio, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. COATS):

S. 469. A bill to eliminate the National Education Standards and Improvement Council and opportunity-to-learn standards; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 470. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the distribution to the public of violent video programming during hours when children are reasonably likely to comprise a substantial portion of the audience; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. ROTH, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 471. A bill to provide for the payment to States of plot allowances for certain veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery who are buried in cemeteries of such States; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 472. A bill to consolidate and expand Federal child care services to promote self sufficiency and support working families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. SIMON, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN):

S.J. Res. 27. A joint resolution to grant the consent of the Congress to certain additional powers conferred upon the Bi-State Development Agency by the States of Missouri and Illinois; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HEFLIN):

S. 464. A bill to make the reporting deadlines for studies conducted in Federal court demonstration districts consistent with the deadlines for pilot districts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM ACT AMENDMENT ACT OF 1995

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce legislation that would work a purely technical correction to extend the time period for a study currently being conducted in certain Federal courts.

The Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990 set up two programs to study various innovative programs in court management. One program involves so-called pilot courts, and the other involves what are referred to as demonstration districts. Those court programs were originally established for a 3-year period, with the studies to be conducted over a 4-year period and the resulting reports transmitted to Congress by December 31, 1995. The Rand Corp. has been carrying out the study of the pilot courts, while the Federal Judicial Center is conducting the study of the demonstration districts.

Last year, the pilot court programs were extended for an additional year, and the Rand Corp. received a 1-year extension for its study of those courts. That extension was included in the Judicial Amendments Act of 1994.