

REVIEW OF 104TH CONGRESS

Mr. DOLE. Finally, Mr. President, we have now completed 6 months work in the U.S. Senate and the Congress.

Mr. President, as we prepare to return to our States for the July 4 recess, I wanted to take just a minute to review the last 6 months, and to look ahead to the 6 that remain in this year.

When Republicans asked Americans to put Congress under new management for the first time in 40 years, Mr. President, we promised that we were a different way of doing business. We promised we would not stand for the status quo. We promised we would bring change to Capitol Hill.

We have kept those promises. We have kept our word. We have brought change to Capitol Hill.

One change we brought was in our work load. In past sessions, Congress would convene in January, and then take it easy for a month or two. This Congress put an end to that. We hit the ground running.

From January 5 through June 28, the Senate has been in session for 106 days, meeting for a total of 933 hours and 52 minutes—that is 21 more days and nearly 350 more hours than the Senate spent in session from January 5 through June 30, 1993—the first 6 months of the first session of the 103d Congress.

What has the Senate accomplished in that time? Well, one thing we have not done is pass more legislation than the previous Senate. And that is a good thing. Because the people did not send us here to pass more laws that mean more regulations and more Government. They sent us here to rein in the Federal bureaucracy, and to return power to States, to communities, and to the people.

And that is exactly what we have done.

We began by leading by example, passing the Congressional Accountability Act, which will subject Congress to the same laws we impose on everybody else.

We put an end to the practice of sending Federal mandates to our States and local Governments, but not sending along the money to pay for them.

We passed the Paperwork Reduction Act, which will help to reduce redtape.

We passed the line-item veto legislation, which will result in the reduction of unnecessary Federal spending.

We took the first step to reforming a civil litigation system that is out of balance, out of control, and out of common sense.

In the wake of the terrible tragedy in Oklahoma city, we moved quickly to pass antiterrorism legislation. Legislation that we can be just as proud of 10 years from now, as we are today, and legislation that included historic habeas corpus reform.

We passed a telecommunications bill that reduces Government interference in that fast growing industry.

And, of course, we passed a historic budget resolution that sets America on a 7 year path to a balanced budget.

This is just a partial list of legislation we have passed this session. All in all, not a bad start.

And let me assure the American people it is just that. A start. Republicans know we have much to do before the end of this first session.

This includes regulatory reform. Welfare reform. A tough anticrime bill. A congressional gift ban and lobby reform. And the appropriations bills, which will offer final proof that we are serious about balancing the budget. And speaking of that, we have not given up on passing the balanced budget amendment.

Teddy Roosevelt once said that “the best prize life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.” I guarantee to my colleagues that over the next 6 months we’ll have an opportunity to win that best prize, because we will continue to work hard at work worth doing. The American people deserve no less.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a listing of some of the important legislation adopted by the Senate this session be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

There being no objection, the list was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

BILLS CONSIDERED AND PASSED IN THE SENATE
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- H.R. 1(S. 2), Congressional Accountability.
- H.R. 421, Alaska Native Claims Settlement.
- H.R. 483, Medicare Select.
- H.R. 517, Chacoan Outliers Protection Act.
- H.R. 831, Self-Employed Health Insurance.
- H.R. 889, Emergency Supplemental and Recissions.
- H.R. 956, Common Sense Legal Reform.
- H.R. 1158, Emergency Supplemental/Disaster Relief.
- H.R. 1240, Sex Crimes Against Children Prevention Act.
- H.R. 1345, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Act.
- H.R. 1380, Truth in Lending.
- H.R. 1421, Statute References and Jurisdictional Changes.
- S. Con. Res. 13, Budget Resolution (Domenici).
- S. 1, Unfunded Mandates.
- S. 4, Line Item Veto.
- S. 103, Lost Creek Land Exchange Act.
- S. 178, Reauthorization Act of 1995.
- S. 184, Rare Disease Research Act.
- S. 219, Regulatory Transition.
- S. 244, Paperwork Reduction Act.
- S. 257, Veterans of Foreign Wars (South Korea).
- S. 268, Triploid Grass Carp Certification Inspections.
- S. 273, Amend Section 61h-6, of Title 2, U.S. Code.
- S. 349, Navajo-Hopi Relocation Housing Program.
- S. 377, Elementary/Secondary Education (Indian Education).
- S. 395, Alaska Power Administration.
- S. 440, National Highway System Designation Act.
- S. 441, Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Protection.
- S. 464, Reporting Deadlines.
- S. 510, Native Americans Programs Act (Reauthorization).
- S. 523, Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act.
- S. 532, Clarifying Rules Governing Venue.
- S. 534, Interstate Transportation Solid Waste.

- S. 652, Telecommunications.
- S. 735, Terrorism.
- S. 962, Extension, Middle East Peace Facilitation.
- S. Con. Res. 67, FY96 Budget Resolution Conference Report.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I might add, that list does not include many of the nominations we have acted on, too.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent there be a period for the transaction of morning business not to exceed 10 minutes each.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages 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.)

REPORT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED “THE SAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ LIVES ACT OF 1995”—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 60

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 the Judiciary.

To the Congress of the United States:

Today I am transmitting for your immediate consideration and passage the “Saving Law Enforcement Officers’ Lives Act of 1995.” This Act would limit the manufacture, importation, and distribution of handgun ammunition that serves little sporting purpose, but which kills law enforcement officers. The details of this proposal are described in the enclosed section-by-section analysis.

Existing law already provides for limits on ammunition based on the specific materials from which it is made. It does not, however, address the problem of excessively powerful ammunition based on its performance.

Criminals should not have access to handgun ammunition that will pierce the bullet-proof vests worn by law enforcement officers. That is the standard by which so-called “cop-killer” bullets are judged. My proposal would

limit the availability of this ammunition.

The process of designating such ammunition should be a careful one and should be undertaken in close consultation with all those who are affected, including representatives of law enforcement, sporting groups, the industries that manufacture bullet-proof vests and ammunition, and the academic research community. For that reason, the legislation requires the Secretary of the Treasury to consult with the appropriate groups before regulations are promulgated. The legislation also provides for congressional review of the proposed regulations before they take effect.

This legislation will save the lives of law enforcement officers without affecting the needs of legitimate sporting enthusiasts. I urge its prompt and favorable consideration by the Congress.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 30, 1995.

REPORT ON PROGRESS CONCERNING EMIGRATION LAWS AND POLICIES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 61

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 Finance.

To the Congress of the United States:

On September 21, 1994, I determined and reported to the Congress that the Russian Federation is in full compliance with the freedom of emigration criteria of sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974. This action allowed for the continuation of most-favored-nation (MFN) status for Russia and certain other activities without the requirement of a waiver.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated Report to Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of the Russian Federation. You will find that the report indicates continued Russian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 30, 1995.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:54 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1944. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance, for antiterrorism initiatives, for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred at Oklahoma City, and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill; without amendment:

S. 962. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until August 15, 1995.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 962. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until August 15, 1995.

The enrolled bill was signed on June 30, 1995, by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

At 3:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 19. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 483.

S. Con. Res. 20. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, June 29, 1995, or Friday, June 30, 1995, until Monday, July 10, 1995, and a conditional adjournment of the House on the legislative day of Friday, June 30, 1995, until Monday, July 10, 1995.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 483) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare Select policies to be offered in all States, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 211(B)(f), Public Law 101—515 as amended by section 260001, Public Law 103—322, the minority leader appoints Mr. Darryl Jones of Upper Marlboro, MD, from private life, representing law enforcement officers to the National Commission to Support Law Enforcement on the part of the House.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on June 30, 1995 he had presented to the President of the United States, the following enrolled bill:

S. 962. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until August 15, 1995.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1138. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Energy Efficient Environmental Program for Pollution Prevention in Industry"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1139. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Lease Sales: Evaluation of Bid-

ding Results and Competition"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 638. A bill to authorize appropriations for United States insular areas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-101).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services.

Vicent Reed Ryan, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Commission.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's 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. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BREAU, and Mr. LEAHY):
S. 1006. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the pension laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:
S. 1007. A bill to restrict the closure of Coast Guard small boat stations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE:
S. 1008. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for appointments to the military service academies by the Resident Representative to the United States for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. D'AMATO:
S. 1009. A bill to prohibit the fraudulent production, sale, transportation, or possession of fictitious items purporting to be valid financial instruments of the United States, foreign governments, States, political subdivisions, or private organizations, to increase the penalties for counterfeiting violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI):
S. 1010. A bill to amend the "unit of general local government" definition for Federal payments in lieu of taxes to include unorganized boroughs in Alaska and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. LEAHY):
S. 1011. A bill to help reduce the cost of credit to farmers by providing relief from antiquated and unnecessary regulatory burdens