

These companies offer what are called energy saving performance contracts which provide private sector expertise to assess what energy saving technologies are most cost effective, provide nongovernmental financing to make the improvements, install and maintain the equipment, and guarantee that energy savings will be achieved.

Agencies pay for the service over time using the energy costs they have saved—if they do not see the saving they do not pay for the service—it's that simple, that's the guarantee.

This type of contract is used every day in the private sector and State and local government facilities. For instance, Honeywell Corp. has entered into these energy-saving arrangements with over 1,000 local school districts nationwide, allowing schools to reinvest \$800 million in savings in critical education resources rather than continuing to pay for energy waste.

Unfortunately, even though Congress first authorized Federal agencies to take advantage of this innovative business approach in 1986, agencies have been dragging their heels.

To help get things moving, the Department of Energy recently prepared streamlined procedures to encourage their use.

Now is the time for Congress to put the agencies feet to the fire on financial reform of Government energy waste. Agencies must enter into these partnerships with the private sector.

That's why, today, I am introducing an amendment calling for the agencies to reduce Government energy costs by 5 percent in 1996. I'm also asking that agencies report back to us by the end of 1996 to ensure that they have actually taken action to reduce their energy costs.

You know, we are often called upon up here to make really hard controversial decisions that please some and anger others. This is a winner for everyone. If 1,000 local school boards have examined it and are reaping the savings, I say it's about time we got our Nation's biggest energy waster on track too.

With this one, simple reform, we will create thousands of job and business opportunities in every one of our States, improve the environment by reducing air pollution, and save ourselves hundreds of millions of dollars every year, at no up-front cost to taxpayers.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT
AGREEMENT—H.R. 1944**

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I would like to propound a unanimous-consent agreement relating to a rescission package that has been here before the Senate. I understand that it has been agreed to by the parties involved and the leadership on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following the disposition of the legislative appropriations bill, the

Senate turn to the consideration of H.R. 1944 and it be considered under the following agreement:

One amendment in order to be offered by Senators WELLSTONE and MOSELEY-BRAUN regarding education funding, job training, and low-income energy assistance, on which there be a division, and each of the two divisions be limited to 1 hour each, to be equally divided in the usual form and with all time being used tonight except for 30 minutes under the control of Senators WELLSTONE and MOSELEY-BRAUN; and that at 10:10 a.m. the managers be recognized to utilize 20 minutes for debate to be followed by Senators WELLSTONE and MOSELEY-BRAUN to be recognized for their 30 minutes of debate, to be followed by a vote on a motion to table the first Wellstone division, and that following that vote, the majority leader be recognized to place the bill on the calendar, and if that action is not exercised, the Senate then proceed immediately to a vote on a motion to table the second Wellstone division, and that following that vote, the majority leader be recognized to exercise the same right with respect to placing the bill on the calendar, and if that action is not utilized, the Senate proceed immediately to a vote on passage of H.R. 1944.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. MACK. It is my understanding that there has been a request for a recorded vote. So I ask for the yeas and nays.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, before we go to that, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1803

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment, No. 1803, as amended, is agreed to.

So the amendment (No. 1803), as amended, was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NOS. 1806, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, AND 1832

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the pending Specter amendment and the following five amendments, which I have sent to the desk on behalf of Senators DOLE, SIMON, LIEBERMAN, BINGAMAN, and myself be considered agreed to, en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc.

So the amendment (No. 1806) was agreed to.

So the amendments (No. 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831 and 1832) were agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1828

(Purpose: To retain the Capitol Guide Service and Special Services Office)

On page 27 of the bill, strike all between lines 1-25, and insert the following:

CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE

For salaries and expenses of the Capitol Guide Service, \$1,628,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate: Provided, That none of these funds shall be used to employ more than thirty-three individuals: Provided further, That the Capitol Guide Board is authorized, during emergencies, to employ not more than two additional individuals for not more than one hundred twenty days each, and not more than ten additional individuals for not more than six months each, for the Capitol Guide Service.

SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE

For salaries and expenses of the Special Services Office, \$363,000, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

AMENDMENT NO. 1829

(Purpose: To repeal the prohibitions against political recommendations relating to Federal employment, and for other purposes)

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . REPEAL OF PROHIBITIONS AGAINST POLITICAL RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Section 3303 of title 5, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The table of sections for chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking out the item relating to section 3303.

(2) Section 2302(b)(2) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(2) solicit or consider any recommendation or statement, oral or written, with respect to any individual who requests or is under consideration for any personnel action unless such recommendation or statement is based on the personal knowledge or records of the person furnishing it and consists of—
“(A) an evaluation of the work performance, ability, aptitude, or general qualifications of such individual; or
“(B) an evaluation of the character, loyalty, or suitability of such individual;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 1830

At the end of Sec. 308(b)(2) insert:

(c) The amendments made by this section shall take effect only if the Administrative Conference of the United States ceases to exist prior to the completion and submission of the study to the Board as required by Section 230 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1371).

AMENDMENT NO. 1831

(Purpose: To add a general provision)

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. . (a) The head of each agency with responsibility for the maintenance and operation of facilities funded under this Act shall take all actions necessary to achieve during fiscal year 1996 a 5-percent reduction in facilities energy costs from fiscal year 1995 levels. The head of each such agency shall transmit to the Treasury of the United States the total amount of savings achieved under this subsection, and the amount transmitted shall be used to reduce the deficit.

(b) The head of each agency described in subsection (a) shall report to the Congress