

have a major impact on the overall bill that we are recommending from the committee. But these are all part of the managers' package. I did not want anyone to be blindsided or have any thought of any right being diminished by the action of the committee.

Excuse me, Mr. President, there is a second page. Amendments, like mushrooms, tend to grow in the night:

An amendment by Senator MCCAIN on allocation of health care resources at VA; an amendment by Senator HATFIELD, Umpqua River basin from existing funds; an amendment by Senator MCCAIN on disaster funds allocated in accordance with established prioritization processes; a technical amendment making section changes; an amendment by Senator MURKOWSKI; Greens Creek, AK.

Mr. President, at the time when we move to act on these packaged amendments, I will also ask unanimous consent that the following statements and colloquies be placed in the RECORD: A statement by Senator HUTCHISON; a statement by Senator DEWINE; a colloquy by Senators STEVENS and CAMPBELL; a colloquy by Senators SPECTER and PELL; a colloquy by Senators SIMON and SPECTER; a colloquy by Senators HOLLINGS, MCCAIN, and SPECTER; a colloquy by Senators MCCONNELL and LEAHY; and a colloquy by Senators HARKIN, JOHNSTON, and SPECTER.

I would also ask further that a statement by Senator MCCAIN be printed in the RECORD at the appropriate place following the Burns amendment adopted herein. That is a lot.

Mr. BUMPERS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

Mr. BUMPERS. Let me ask the distinguished Senator if there is not also a Dole amendment on the IRS commission, which he did not list.

Mr. HATFIELD. I am told there is. Typographical error.

Mr. BUMPERS. Would the Senator add that to the unanimous-consent request?

Mr. HATFIELD. I have not asked yet unanimous consent, but we do have that included. That is on the second page.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business for just a few minutes.

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

Mr. WELLSTONE. Thank you, Mr. President.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, at the end of last week I came to the floor and talked about the Violence Against Women Act. I announced that we now set up an important hotline, and that every day on the floor of the Senate I wanted to just announce this number for families in our country. This is the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and the number is 1-800-799-SAFE. There is also a TTD number for the hearing-impaired, and that is 1-800-787-3224.

Mr. President, I talked about domestic violence last week. I will not take the time today. But I would like for the next couple of weeks to get about 30 seconds every day to announce this number.

Again, for those that are watching C-SPAN, the National Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE, and the TTD number for the hearing-impaired is 1-800-787-3224. If a woman feels she needs help because she is being beaten or her children are being beaten, she is being battered, this is the number to call. There are people who are skillful; there are people who understand this issue. Because of this hotline, there is help for women, there is help for children, there is help for families in this country.

Mr. President, I thank the Chair, and 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. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

BALANCED BUDGET DOWNPAYMENT ACT, II

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 3553 TO AMENDMENT NO. 3466

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, I send to the desk the managers package, as I have outlined it and explained it.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Oregon [Mr. HATFIELD], for himself and Mr. BYRD, proposes an amendment numbered 3553 to Amendment No. 3466.

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

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

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, again, let me call to the Senate's attention—as I have done now in the Republican caucus at lunch, and others in the Democratic Caucus, I think, had similar material—that we have put to-

gether, with the clearance of Senator BYRD on the Democratic side of the aisle, a managers package to accommodate those Members who were not present when a unanimous-consent agreement was entered into at 7:45 last Thursday night. The deadline was 8:05. So there were those who were negotiating at that time with other colleagues.

I have recited those amendments and we have indicated very clearly that people's rights to either modify, to change, second degree, or strike were certainly open.

We have waited now close to half an hour for anyone to appear to take advantage of that opportunity.

I ask unanimous consent that the statements and colloquies—I am just boxing those together—be placed in the RECORD. As I recited before, there is a statement by Senator HUTCHISON; a statement by Senator DEWINE; a colloquy by Senators HATFIELD and SPECTER; a colloquy by Senators STEVENS and CAMPBELL; a colloquy by Senators SPECTER and PELL; a colloquy by Senators SIMON and SPECTER; a colloquy by Senators HOLLINGS, MCCAIN, and SPECTER; a colloquy by Senators MCCONNELL and LEAHY; a colloquy by HARKIN, JOHNSTON, and SPECTER; a colloquy by Senators SIMON and SPECTER; a colloquy by Senators MCCAIN and BURNS, which I ask be placed in the RECORD in the appropriate place following the Burns amendment that we will have adopted in this package.

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

SEMATECH

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, the purpose of my amendment is to restore the funding level for Sematech to the full amount authorized in the 1996 Defense authorization bill.

Mr. President, semiconductor manufacturing leadership is as critical to America's national defense and economic security today as it was in 1987 when Sematech was formed. Sematech has proven to be a model for government-industry cooperation. Unlike so many other programs, Sematech has produced all that it has promised it would and then took the unprecedented step of deciding to decline all future direct Federal funding.

It is indeed ironic that as this program come to an end, our competitors in Japan recently announced they are establishing a consortium modeled after Sematech. They have publicly admitted that the success of Sematech has resulted in America reclaiming world market share leadership in both chips and the equipment used to manufacture them and the Japanese now feel the need for their own Sematech.

We must never surrender our leadership or our resolve to be the technology leader of the world. In this the final year of funding, I believe we have an obligation to provide adequate funding to ensure Sematech is able to complete its mission and finish research