

money receive none of the bill's benefits. Further, the bill raises the individual contribution limit for candidates who comply with the bill's provisions when they run against someone who either refuses to comply with the spending limits or exceeds the personal contribution limit.

Some have said that the simple solution of raising the individual contribution limit is the answer to the problem. That solution just is not true. Raising the individual contribution limit does nothing to control or limit the amount of money spent in a race. It may actually have the perverse effect of discouraging candidates of modest means from seeking office when confronted with an incumbent with unlimited resources. Under the current system, an incumbent's access to PAC contributions and an incumbent's appeal to well represented interests in Washington who like to bet safely on election favorites will almost always allow the incumbent to outspend his or her challenger.

Increasing contribution limits would do nothing to level the playing field and may, in fact, only further entrench incumbents who will always have superior advantages when it comes to attracting big money. It has been said several times that the public spends more on yogurt than is spent on campaigns. That is almost a catchphrase around here. My friends use the example to demonstrate that spending limits are not needed. Mr. President, I must respectfully disagree. This comparison is amusing but completely irrelevant. There is not a crisis of confidence in the yogurt industry. Confidence, trust, and faith in the yogurt industry is not important for the well-being of future generations. This country is not the great Nation it is today due to the yogurt industry.

We live in the greatest democracy in the history of the world because of the foresight of our Founding Fathers to create a government that represented and had the trust of the people. It is that trust that we must seek to restore.

Poll after poll reveals the public's urgent demands for genuine finance campaign reform. These polls mark the progress of public sentiment on this question. The people's cynicism over the way we seek office has grown into contempt for the way we retain office. The foundations of self-government rest on the public's faith in the basic integrity of our legal system. That faith is shaken today.

This bill will not cure public cynicism for politics. But we believe it will prevent cynicism from becoming contempt, and contempt from becoming utter alienation.

Our bill represents substantial, necessary change to the status quo—a status quo that has generated a reelection rate of over 90 percent for Members of the House and Senate. We know the current system has served incumbents well, and we know what a daunting task it will be to convince the Congress to reform this system.

Our appreciation for the political realities and institutional impediments arrayed against reform will not extinguish our determination for reform because we know the consequences of failing to act are far more frightening than the personal prospect of involuntary retirement.

We must move forward. We must pass meaningful campaign finance reform. The American people expect us to do at least that much.

Today's Washington Post stated: "Give them a vote, and perhaps for another Congress the issue will go away: That's the leadership position. It's the way both parties deal with the issue; they spend half their time endorsing reform and the other half making sure it won't occur."

Mr. President, I challenge my colleagues to prove the Washington Post wrong. I urge my colleagues to vote for cloture and make reform more than an unkept promise.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now resume consideration of S. 1745, the Department of Defense authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1745) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Kyl/Reid Amendment No. 4049, to authorize underground nuclear testing under limited conditions.

Kempthorne Amendment No. 4089, to waive any time limitation that is applicable to awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross to certain persons.

Warner/Hutchison Amendment No. 4090 (to Amendment No. 4089), to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the stalking of members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their immediate families.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Calendar No. 433, S. 1745, the Department of Defense authorization bill.

Trent Lott, Don Nickles, Dirk Kempthorne, Rod Grams, Jim Jeffords,

Craig Thomas, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Judd Gregg, Bill Frist, Fred Thompson, Mike DeWine, Rick Santorum, John Ashcroft, Sheila Frahm, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Hank Brown.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak.

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

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, 4 years ago when I commenced these daily reports to the Senate it was my purpose to make a matter of daily record the exact Federal debt as of the close of business the previous day.

In my very first report on February 27, 1992, the Federal debt the previous day stood at \$3,825,891,293,066.80, at the close of business. The Federal debt has, of course, shot further into the stratosphere since then.

Mr. President, at the close of business this past Friday, June 21, a total of \$1,283,809,880,199.26 had been added to the Federal debt since February 26, 1992, meaning that the exact Federal debt stood at \$5,109,701,173,266.06. On a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$19,271.14 as his or her share of the Federal debt.

REPORT ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE EXPORT OF UNITED STATES-ORIGIN SATELLITES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 154

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 Foreign Relations.

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 902(b)(2) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (P.L. 101-246) ("the Act"), and as President of the United States, I hereby report to Congress that it is in the national interest of the United States to terminate the suspensions under section 902(a) of the Act with respect to the issuance of licenses for defense article exports to the People's Republic of China and the export of U.S.-origin satellites, insofar as such restrictions pertain to the Hughes Asia Pacific Mobile Telecommunications project. License requirements remain in place for these exports and require review and approval on a case-by-case basis by the United States Government.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 23, 1996.

REPORT OF REVISED DEFERRAL OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 155

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, and to the Committee on Finance.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report one revised deferral of budgetary resources, totaling \$7.4 million. The deferral affects the Social Security Administration.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON,

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 24, 1996.

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-3108. A communication from the White House, President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the presence of personnel from states of the former Soviet Union at the Juragua nuclear facility near Cienfuegos, Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3109. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to nectarines and peaches grown in California, received on June 20, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3110. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to Irish potatoes grown in Washington, received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3111. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to limes and avacados grown in Florida, received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3112. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to grapes being grown in a designated area of Southeastern California, received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3113. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to specialty crops, received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3114. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule relative to Japanese Beetles, received on June 20, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3115. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 92-84; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3116. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 93-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3117. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of intent to obligate funds, following the transfer, for the purpose of upgrading existing non-government television stations in Bosnia and Herzegovina; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3118. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the description of property to be transferred to the Republic of Panama in 1996 and 1997; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3119. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, relative to the retirement of Lieutenant General Harold W. Blot, United States Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3120. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, relative to the retirement of Lieutenant General George R. Christmas, United States Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3121. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, relative to the retirement of Lieutenant General James A. Brabham, Jr., United States Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3122. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, relative to the retirement of Lieutenant General Arthur C. Blades, United States Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3123. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Defense Environmental Restoration Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3124. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense Acquisition and Technology, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Amphibious Transport Dock Ship; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3125. A communication from the Director of Financial Management and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Secretary's Report on Audit Followup; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3126. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Lands and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Effective Dates of Permit Decisions" (RIN1004-AB51), received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3127. A communication from the Office of the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule relative to being exempted from regulation of the construction and operation of connecting railroad track, received on June 14, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3128. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule concerning energy consumption and water use, received on June 14, 1996; to

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3129. A communication from the Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule relative to Magnuson Act Provisions (RIN0648-A117), received on June 19, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3130. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Regulatory Actions Affecting Tourist Railroads"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3131. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of four final rules concerning special local regulations (RIN2115-AE46, 2130-AA97), received on June 20, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3132. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of twenty-one final rules concerning airspace (RIN2120-AA66, AA64, A64, AF90, AA65), received on June 20, 1996; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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. DOMENICI:

S. 1898. A bill to protect the genetic privacy of individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1899. A bill entitled the Mollie Beattie Alaska Wilderness Area Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1900. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1901. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the requirement for annual resident review for nursing facilities under the Medicaid program and to require resident reviews for mentally ill or mentally retarded residents when there is a significant change in physical or mental condition; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1898. A bill to protect the genetic privacy of individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

THE GENETIC CONFIDENTIALITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1996

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to return a momentous issue to the forefront. This issue is genetics confidentiality and nondiscrimination. I am pleased to report that the human