

“(3) a detailed description of the Secretary’s contingency plans in the event that the Secretary is unable to meet the planned schedule and timeline; and

“(4) an analysis by the Secretary of its funding needs for fiscal year 1997 through 2001.

“(b) ANNUAL REPORTS.—On each anniversary of the submittal of the report required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall make annual reports to the Congress for the purpose of updating the information contained in such report. The annual reports shall be brief and shall notify the Congress of:

“(1) any modifications to the Secretary’s schedule and timeline for meeting its obligations under this Act;

“(2) the reasons for such modifications, and the status of the implementation of any of the Secretary’s contingency plan; and

“(3) Secretary’s analysis of its funding needs for the ensuing 5 fiscal years.

“SEC. 703. EFFECTIVE DATE.

“This Act shall become effective one day after enactment.”.

THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

MCCAIN (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 5017

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D’AMATO, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LOTT, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 3540) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 198, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

INFORMATION ON COOPERATION WITH UNITED STATES ANTI-TERRORISM EFFORTS IN ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORTS ON TERRORISM

SEC. 580. Section 140 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989 (22 U.S.C. 2656f) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (1);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) with respect to each foreign country from which the United States Government has sought cooperation during the previous five years in the investigation or prosecution of an act of international terrorism against United States citizens or interests, the certification of the Secretary—

“(A) whether or not the government of the foreign country is cooperating fully with the United States Government in apprehending, convicting, and punishing the individual or individuals responsible for the act; and

“(B) whether or not the government of the foreign country is cooperating fully with the United States Government in preventing further acts of terrorism against United States citizens in the foreign country; and

“(4) with respect to each foreign country from which the United States Government has sought cooperation during the previous five years in the prevention of an act of international terrorism against such citizens or interests, the certification of the Secretary described in paragraph (3)(B).”; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “The report” and inserting “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the report”;

(B) by indenting the margin of paragraph (1), as so designated, 2 ems; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) If the Secretary determines that the transmittal of a certification with respect to a foreign country under paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection (a) in classified form would make more likely the cooperation of the government of the foreign country as specified in such paragraph, the Secretary may transmit the certification under such paragraph in classified form.”.

COVERDELL (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 5018

Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. GRASSLEY) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 3540, supra; as follows:

On page 104, line 19, strike “\$1,290,000,000” and insert “\$1,262,000,000”.

On page 124, line 20, strike “\$160,000,000” and insert “\$213,000,000”.

On page 138, line 5, strike “\$295,000,000” and insert “\$270,000,000”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be allowed to meet during the Wednesday, July 24, 1996, session of the Senate for the purpose of conducting an oversight hearing on NASA’s Space Station and Space Shuttle Programs.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to meet Wednesday, July 24, at 9:30 a.m. to consider pending business.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a hearing Wednesday, July 24, immediately following the Committee’s 9:30 Business Meeting, to receive testimony from Nils J. Diaz, nominated by the President to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Edward McGaffigan, Jr., nominated by the President to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 24, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. to conduct a Business Meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Wednesday, July 24, at 4:00 p.m. for a hearing on the nomination of Franklin D. Raines, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 24, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a markup on the following: Committee markup of S. 199, the trading with Indian Act, Repeal; H.R. 3068, to revoke the Charter of the Prairie Island Indian Community; S. 1962, the Indian Child Welfare Act Amendments of 1996, H.R. 2464, Utah Schools and Land Improvement Act, Amendment, and S. 1893, the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Claims Settlement Act; S. 1970, the National Museum of the American Indian Act Amendments of 1996; S. 1973, the Navajo/Hopi Land Dispute Settlement Act of 1996; and S. 1972 the Older American Indian Technical Amendments Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 24, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. to hold an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 24, 1996, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 24, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m. until business is completed, to hold a hearing on Public Access to Government Information in the 21st Century, Title 44/GPO—Government Input.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for an oversight hearing on Wednesday, July 24, 1996, which will begin at 3:00

p.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building. The hearing is entitled "Implementation of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996."

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. The Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a markup on pending legislation at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, July 24, 1996. The markup will be held in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 24, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. to hold an open hearing on Intelligence Matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, FEDERALISM, AND PROPERTY RIGHTS OF THE SENATE

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to meet during a session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 24, 1996, at 2:00 p.m., in Senate Dirksen room 226, to hold a hearing on, "Reauthorization of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND REGULATORY RELIEF

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 24, 1996, to conduct a hearing regarding the condition of consumer credit, the implications of consumer credit trends and the risks they impose on financial institutions.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability to meet on Wednesday, July 24, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing on the S. 1434, Biennial Budgeting Act of 1995.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ENDING WELFARE WITH COMPASSION

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, yesterday we debated a welfare bill that

will have far-reaching impacts, and I'd like to draw your attention to the words used in the debate, and to a handful of them in particular. One word you heard is the word "children."

For quite a while now, I have been amazed at how many debates happen on the Senate floor in which we do not hear this word, and do not spend enough time considering the actual children the word represents. It's ironic to me that so much of our attention in the welfare debate has been focused on children. I know everyone here cares; I know we have all strived, and tried to protect children. I want to be able to say we've done everything we can—and we almost have gotten over that line, but it is with great personal regret that I say I think we could have done just a bit more.

The bill we sent out yesterday will change the lives of all children in this country, and could have dire implications for many of them. All of us were children, many of us have children, and some of us are currently raising children—I know this word is not exclusive or partisan.

I just hope after today each of us will continue to use this word in other debates, and always keep children in our thoughts.

Another word you've heard quite a bit is welfare. I think people in this country have varying levels of understanding about all the services we call "welfare" and what they do. But it's obvious from the bill we considered that many Americans these days share a wish to end welfare programs.

In my view, the welfare reform debate here in the Senate will officially end with the final passage of this bill. I hope that it will finally be a bill we can all support. However, a whole new discussion must now begin—a discussion about the needs of children in families from any income category, and about how we as adults will create new opportunities for them.

I think the welfare reform debate we've been having is really part of a larger discussion about something people often mention here—personal responsibility.

I am in favor—and I've said this many times before—of asking Americans to remember not only their rights, but also their responsibilities. What we are asking from people in this country who are on public assistance, is to do every thing they can to contribute to our society and economy, in exchange for the help all other tax-paying citizens are making possible. Whether it's work, or training for work, we need people to end their own dependency on outside assistance and contribute to the work of this great Nation.

But when we talk about personal responsibility, all Americans must recall those eloquent words from President John F. Kennedy on this topic. Each of us in this country must think about our own responsibility, whether we are on public assistance, or are calling for its reform.

Whether you ask the American public generally, or people on public assistance themselves, you will hear about the problems with welfare. Welfare has created a cycle of dependence. Welfare sets up perverse incentives, which actually discourage work. Welfare has been around long enough for everyone to see its effects, but though it has helped many people, it has not turned around the prospects of thousands of poor people living in a rich Nation.

As long as we all know what we mean by welfare, I agree with these statements, and I think we are obligated to change this system to address these problems.

When I say we need to agree about what welfare is, I'm thinking of the many stereotypes, attacks and characterizations we hear. I think welfare has become a negative word in this country people use to beat up on poor women and children. And, if this week we have stopped supporting programs that create that kind of thinking, and started to support individual people in ways that will make them more independent, then we've made a good first step.

I'm also thinking about the real picture—at least in my State—of who is on welfare. In my State, the most common profile is a single mother, age 29, with two children. Three-fourths of the time she is white, more than half of the time she became a mother as a teenager. Almost 60 percent of the time, her youngest child is more than 3 years old.

We know that getting a woman who fits this description into a job is a little easier in my State than many others, but we also know we need different strategies to get many different types of people back into work, or into work for the first time.

We know that each of these women has prior experiences that affect their reliance on public assistance. We know their experiences with work are important, as are their experiences with education and skill training, and other factors such as literacy, learning disability, and domestic violence. We need to remember this as localities design different strategies, or it just won't work.

Despite all we know about our welfare system and people who are on public assistance, I think most of us still agree that what we have now isn't doing the job.

So, the people of this country are demanding new tools that work better, and the demand has been heard here. The will of the Senate is to change, fundamentally, the way public assistance will work. I just worry that we have not adequately protected the ones who are not making the decisions—the kids.

The effect of last night's Senate action will be to put the brakes on our current system of public assistance, so we can embark in a new direction. This will be difficult. People will need all of our help making this transition.