

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE SUPERFUND CLEANUP
ACCELERATION ACT OF 1997SMITH (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 1

(Ordered referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works)

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. LOTT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (S. 8) to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title IX, add the following:

Subtitle B—Amendments to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986**SEC. 911. EXTENSION OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND.**

(a) EXTENSION OF TAXES.—

(1) EXCISE TAXES.—Section 4611(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting “, on and after the 10th day after the date of the enactment of the Superfund Cleanup Acceleration Act of 1997, and before January 1, 2003” after “January 1, 1996”.

(2) INCOME TAX.—Section 59A(e)(1) of such Code is amended by inserting “, and to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1996, and before January 1, 2003” after “January 1, 1996”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Paragraph (2) of section 4611(e) of such Code is amended—

(A) by striking “1993” and inserting “2000”;

(B) by striking “1994” each place it appears and inserting “2001”; and

(C) by striking “1995” each place it appears and inserting “2002”.

(b) INCREASE IN AGGREGATE TAX WHICH MAY BE COLLECTED.—Paragraph (3) of section 4611(e) of such Code is amended—

(1) by striking “\$11,970,000,000” each place it appears and inserting “\$22,000,000,000”;

(2) by striking “December 31, 1995” in subparagraph (A) and inserting “December 31, 2000”, and

(3) by striking “January 1, 1996” inserting “January 1, 2003”.

(c) EXTENSION OF SUPERFUND BORROWING.—Subparagraph (B) of section 9507(d)(3) of such Code is amended by striking “December 31, 1995” and inserting “December 31, 2002”.

(d) EXTENSION OF TRUST FUND PURPOSES.—Subparagraph (A) of section 9507(c)(1) of such Code is amended—

(1) by striking clause (i) and inserting the following:

“(i) paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of section 111(a) of CERCLA as in effect on the date of the enactment of the Superfund Cleanup Acceleration Act of 1997.”; and

(2) by striking clause (iii) and inserting the following:

“(iii) subsections (m), (n), (q), (r), (s), (t), and (u) of section 111 of CERCLA (as so in effect), or”.

(e) EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TO TRUST FUND.—Subsection (b) of section 517 of the Superfund Revenue Act of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 9507 note) is amended by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (8), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (9) and inserting a comma, and by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(10) 1998, \$250,000,000,

“(11) 1999, \$250,000,000,

“(12) 2000, \$250,000,000,

“(13) 2001, \$250,000,000, and

“(14) 2002, \$250,000,000.”

(f) COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROVISIONS.—Paragraph (2) of section 9507(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “CERCLA” and all that follows through “Acts)” and inserting “CERCLA, the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, and the Superfund Cleanup Acceleration Act of 1997 (or in any amendment made by any of such Acts)”.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture Nutrition, and Forestry will hold a business meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. in SR-328A. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve subcommittee assignments, committee rules, and committee budget.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet in SR-301, Russell Senate Office Building, on Tuesday, January 28, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on the nomination of Alan M. Hantman, of New Jersey, to be Architect of the Capitol.

At 10:15 a.m., the committee will hold an organizational meeting and markup to consider pending legislative and executive business.

Individuals and organizations who wish to submit a statement on the nomination of Alan Hantman to be Architect of the Capitol are requested to contact Ed Edens of the Rules Committee staff on 224-6678. For further information regarding the confirmation hearing and organizational meeting markup, please contact Ed Edens of the committee staff on 224-6678.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of a great man who did much to change our Nation for the better. Before he was struck down by an assassin's bullet, the Reverence Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. awakened the conscience of a nation. His campaign of nonviolent protest brought to light the injustices of a racially segregated society and played a major role in fostering the legislation necessary to do away with many forms of official discrimination.

Our Nation remains far from perfect, particularly in regard to relations between the races. But America is more just and honest because of the efforts of this man of God. And, in confronting the problems now before us, we still can look to Dr. King for guidance.

Clearly we have more work ahead of us in order to achieve justice in our racial relations. But our greatest challenge in my view is that of restoring

hope and opportunity to those of us living in our impoverished inner cities. Reverend King knew of this tragedy. And the spoke out forcefully against it. I myself have seen the poverty and isolation of many of our inner-city neighborhoods. These areas are cut off from the rest of the city, and suffer from a lack of economic hope and the breakdown of the institutions of community on which people everywhere must rely. America must address these pockets of hopelessness, to bring to them the economic growth and spiritual fulfillment necessary for a functioning community life.

Through his speeches and grassroots activism, Dr. King addressed the problem of poverty and the loss of community. He also gave us advice on how to face our problems. The key word, I submit, is “action.” As Reverend King put it:

We must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of men willing to be coworkers with God, and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.

Mr. President, I am proud to say that many people in my State of Michigan are carrying on Dr. King's work even as we speak. They know that the time is ripe for doing right. In Detroit's Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, for example, students are participating in the DECA Program. These students have dedicated themselves to helping their community. They have adopted a local senior center to see to it that the resident senior citizens have the comfort and community provided by regular visitors. They have participated in walks for the homeless, put together a silent auction with proceeds going to the homeless, and given up a recent Sunday to assist with the Special Gift Holiday Party for Homeless Children held just before Christmas.

Mr. President, I commend participants in the DECA Program at Martin Luther King, Jr. High School in Detroit. I strongly believe that the kinds of positive local community action in which they are engaged do credit to the memory and legacy of Reverend King, and that their efforts can be part of a larger effort to rebuild our inner cities. Now that we have celebrated the life of Dr. King in our homes, let us celebrate his life by building on his legacy in our communities.●

CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE TO THE LINE-ITEM VETO ACT

• Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, on Thursday, January 2, in the first civil action of 1997 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, a lawsuit was filed challenging the constitutionality of the Line-Item Veto Act of 1996. On this the first day of legislative business in the first session of the 105th Congress, I rise as one of the plaintiffs