

they simply wouldn't have the time to explore alternatives. In fact, the treaty allows any country to request a 5-year waiver. Under my language, the United States would automatically request that extension if an alternative method can be found.

The condition to the treaty states that if "the President determines that alternatives to incineration are available which are safer and more environmentally sound, but whose use would preclude the United States from meeting the Convention time lines, the President shall consult with the Congress on whether to request to the Executive Council of the OPSW for an extension of the Convention's destruction deadline."

Finally, adding this condition to the treaty is crucial to the effort to find alternative methods because last year's appropriations language not only has to be renewed every single year, but fails to address the treaty's deadline. Year after year, we're going to be faced with fighting the funding aspect out on the House and Senate floor, with no guarantee of winning.

But with my language attached to the treaty, the search for alternative methods won't be left entirely up to a yearly floor battle. That's because I will have effectively closed any loophole related to treaty deadlines that might allow the Army to avoid searching for alternative technologies.

In closing, let me say that up until this point I have withheld support for the Chemical Weapons Convention. But because I have been able to negotiate these critical protections of the exploration of safe, affordable, and environmentally sound alternatives to chemical weapons incineration. I will now put my support behind the treaty.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a letter from the President to Secretary of Defense William Cohen, and a letter sent to me by the Acting Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, Sandy Berger, be included in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letters were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, DC, February 27, 1997.

Hon. WILLIAM S. COHEN,
Secretary of Defense, Washington DC.

DEAR BILL: Since the enactment of the FY 1997 Defense Appropriations Act (P.L. 104-208) last fall, Under Secretary Kaminski has acted quickly and diligently to begin implementation of Section 8065, establishing a pilot program to identify and demonstrate alternatives to the Army's baseline incineration process for the demilitarization of assembled chemical munitions. As I stated in a letter last July to Senator Ford, who sponsored a similar provision on the FY 1997 Defense Authorization Act, I am committed to going the extra mile to explore whether there may be safer and more environmentally sound alternatives to incineration.

I would, therefore, request that Defense give this pilot program high priority in order to ensure that the United States has the best plans and programs for meeting its chemical weapons destruction requirements.

Sincerely,

BILL CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

Washington, DC, February 27, 1997.

Hon. WENDELL H. FORD,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR WENDELL: I am pleased that we have reached agreement with you on the attached Condition to the Chemical Weapons Convention CWC resolution of ratification, making clear the President's commitment to exploring alternatives to incineration for the destruction of the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile and clarifying the relationship between the CWC and our chemical weapons demilitarization program.

We look forward to entering this historic treaty into force on April 29 with the U.S. as an original Party. As the President said in his State of the Union address, "Make no mistake about it, it will make our troops safer from chemical attack. It will help us to fight terrorism. We have no more important obligations, especially in the wake of what we now know about the Gulf War."

Again, we appreciate your support on this crucial issue.

Sincerely,

SAMUEL R. BERGER,
Acting Assistant to the President,
for National Security Affairs.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

FORD EXECUTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 20

(Ordered referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.)

Mr. FORD submitted an Executive amendment intended to be proposed by him to the Chemical Weapons Convention (Treaty Doc. No. 103-21); as follows:

CONDITION #15

CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION.—Prior to depositing the United States instrument of ratification, the President shall certify to the Senate that he is committed to exploring alternative technologies for the destruction of the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile in order to ensure that the U.S. has the best plans and programs for meeting its chemical weapons destruction requirements. The President shall also certify that—

A. the current statutory requirement for completing destruction of the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile by December 31, 2004 shall be superseded after the Convention enters into force by the CWC-mandated deadline of April 29, 2007;

B. the requirement under Article III, paragraph 1 (a)(v) of the Convention for a declaration not later than 30 days after the Convention enters into force on general plans for chemical weapons destruction does not in any way preclude the United States from deciding in the future to employ a destruction technology different than that specified in this U.S. declaration; and,

C. if, as a result of the alternative technologies program mandated in Section 8065 of the FY 1997 DOD Appropriations Bill (PL 104-208), the President determines that alternatives to incineration are available which are safer and more environmentally sound, but whose use would preclude the United States from meeting the Convention's timelines, the President shall consult with the Congress on whether to submit a request to the Executive Council of the OPCW for an

extension of the Convention's destruction deadline, as provided under Part IV (A) of the Verification Annex.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS EXPENDITURES AU- THORIZATION RESOLUTION

GLENN AMENDMENT NO. 21

Mr. GLENN proposed an amendment to the resolution, Senate Resolution 39, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs; as follows:

On page 10, strike lines 17 through 20 and insert the following:

"(b) PURPOSE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The additional funds authorized by this section are for the sole purpose of conducting an investigation into illegal or improper fundraising and spending practices in the 1996 Federal election campaigns, including the following:

"(A) Foreign contributions and the effect of those contributions on the United States political system.

"(B) Conflicts of interest involving Federal office holders and employees, and the misuse of Government offices.

"(C) Failure by Federal employees to maintain and observe legal limitations relating to fundraising and official business.

"(D) The independence of the Presidential campaigns from the political activities pursued for their benefit by outside individuals or groups.

"(E) The misuse of charitable and tax exempt organizations in connection with political or fundraising activities.

"(F) Amounts given to or spent by a political party for the purpose of influencing Federal elections generally that are not subject to the limitations or reporting requirements of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.) (commonly referred to as 'soft money') and the effect of soft money on the United States political system.

"(G) Promises or grants of special access in return for political contributions or favors.

"(H) The effect of independent expenditures (whether by corporations, labor unions, or otherwise) upon the current Federal campaign finance system, and the question as to whether such expenditures are truly independent.

"(I) Contributions to and expenditures by entities for the benefit or in the interest of Federal officers.

"(J) Practices described in subparagraphs (A) through (I) that occurred in previous Federal election campaigns to the extent that those practices are similar or analogous.

"(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the Committee on Governmental Affairs under the Senate Rules or section 13(d) of this resolution.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and the House Subcommittee on the Constitution will hold a joint hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. in