

It is the Sense of the Senate that fish taken and retained in a manner and under circumstances that are inconsistent with the recommendations of the ICCAT made pursuant to article VIII of the Convention and adopted by the Secretary of Commerce should be prohibited entry into the United States.

AMENDMENTS NOS. 942 AND 943, AS MODIFIED

Mr. CAMPBELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that amendments Nos. 942 and 943 be modified, and I send those modifications to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has that right.

The amendments (Nos. 942 and 943), as modified, are as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 942, AS MODIFIED

At page 47, starting at line 18, strike all to page 48, line 1 at "Provided".

In lieu thereof, insert "trol Policy, submits a strategy to the Committees on Appropriations and Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Senate that includes (1) a certification, and guidelines to ensure that funds will supplement and not supplant current anti-drug community based coalitions; (2) a certification, and guidelines to ensure that none of the funds will be used for partisan political purposes; (3) a certification, and guidelines to ensure that no media campaigns to be funded pursuant to this campaign shall feature any elected officials, persons seeking elected office, cabinet-level officials, or other Federal officials employed pursuant to Schedule C of 5 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 213, absent notice to the Chairmen and ranking members of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and Judiciary; (4) a detailed implementation plan to be submitted to the Chairmen and ranking members of the Committees on Appropriations and Judiciary for securing private sector contributions including but not limited to in kind contributions; (5) a detailed implementation plan to be submitted to the Chairmen and ranking members of the Committees on Appropriations and Judiciary of the qualifications necessary for any organization, entity, or individual to receive funding for or otherwise provided broadcast media time.

AMENDMENT NO. 943, AS MODIFIED

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . PERSONAL ALLOWANCE PARITY AMONG NAFTA PARTIES.

(A) IN GENERAL.—The United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall initiate discussions with officials of the Governments of Mexico and Canada to achieve parity in the duty-free personal allowance structure of the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

(b) REPORT.—The United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of the Treasury shall report to Congress within 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act on the progress that is being made to correct any disparity between the United States, Mexico, and Canada with respect to duty-free personal allowances.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—If parity with respect to duty-free personal allowances between the United States, Mexico, and Canada is not achieved within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of the Treasury shall submit recommendations to Congress for appropriate legislation and action.

AMENDMENTS NOS. 940; 941; 942, AS MODIFIED; AND 943, AS MODIFIED

Mr. CAMPBELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that amend-

ments Nos. 940, 941, 942, as modified and 943, as modified, be adopted, en bloc, and that the motion to reconsider the vote on the adoption of those amendments be laid upon the table.

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

The amendments (Nos. 940 and 941) and (Nos. 942 and 943), as modified, were agreed to, en bloc.

AMENDMENT NO. 940

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, we have accepted amendment No. 940, but I do want to mention that we may need to fine-tune it in conference. The reason is that, as currently drafted, the proposal is somewhat ambiguous. And for that reason, the Justice Department has told us that it has serious concerns about the amendment.

Now, I read the language to apply prospectively; that is, to people who are subsequently convicted of a crime—but not to those employees who were convicted years ago—or at any time prior to when this proposal becomes law. And I also believe that parts (a)(1) and (a)(2) should be read conjunctively; that is, to apply to government employees who are convicted of drug-related bribery—but not to employees who are convicted of either bribery or drug-related crimes alone.

We have talked to Senator COVERDELL's staff and they are willing to work on the language of the amendment to make this clear and I am optimistic that we can write it to everybody's satisfaction in conference.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. BOND. Madam President, we are now back on the VA-HUD bill.

I see my colleague from Minnesota has come in. I understand he wants to speak on another measure. But I ask my colleagues, if they have any business, if they wish to do anything, please be here before 6 o'clock. We are willing, ready, and able to do business and move forward on VA-HUD. But we do not need to hold personnel here if nobody is going to come forward.

With that invitation, or request, that all of our colleagues who may have either amendments or colloquies advise the ranking member or myself by 10 o'clock tomorrow that we will be here for votes, it will be a good opportunity for us to determine what measures are

going to come before the body so we can schedule the work on this very important bill and move forward.

I thank my colleagues for their cooperation. I hope they will let us know what amendments they have.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Madam President, I have discussed the floor situation with the Democratic leadership. They are currently doing a hotline asking that all Democrat Senators who have amendments to please apprise us of them this evening so that we will be able to report to the chairman tomorrow and to our leadership what those amendments are.

Upon the completion tomorrow on Treasury, postal, it would be my hope that anyone who must offer amendments on NASA—and some amendments have been traditionally offered on NASA—that they be on the floor so we can do this before the party conference. I know there are many Senators who have given a great deal of thought on how to improve these programs. We will be anxious to hear about their amendments.

So, Madam President, we are doing our best to make progress on this particular bill, and moving this bill forward. We will be able to report to you tomorrow morning.

I yield the floor.

Mr. GRAMS addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS].

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to be able to speak as if in morning business for up to 10 minutes.

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

Mr. GRAMS. Thank you very much, Madam President.

IS THERE NO SHAME IN WASHINGTON?

Mr. GRAMS. Madam President, I would like to speak a little bit tonight about taxes and the big controversy over tax cuts—and not only over tax cuts themselves but who qualifies for these tax cuts—what is fair, what is not fair. And really the basic bottom line is there is not enough money in the pot for the tax cuts that Americans need.

Madam President, as negotiators from the House and Senate meet with administration officials to hammer out a tax package, I rise today to be the voice for the millions of Americans who no longer seem to be heard here in Washington: the Nation's hard-working, overtaxed, middle-class families.

And I want to ask my colleagues, is there no shame in Washington?

Madam President, I read the comments made by the minority leader this morning, arguing that the \$77 billion tax cut bill "is not fair."

I have to say that I agree with the Senator from South Dakota. Any bill that cuts taxes by just \$77 billion is not only unfair—it's an outrage.

Let me remind my colleagues what happened in 1993.