

WARNER (AND OTHERS)  
AMENDMENT NO. 3643

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ROBB, and Ms. MIKULSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2279, supra; as follows:

On page 47 of the manager's amendment, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

SEC. 607. (g) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, unless all of the members of the Board of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority established under section 49106 of title 49, United States Code, have been appointed to the Board under subsection (c) of that section and this is no vacancy on the Board, the Secretary may not grant exemptions provided under section 41716 of title 49, United States Code.

WARNER (AND OTHERS)  
AMENDMENT NO. 3644

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. ROBB) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2279, supra; as follows:

On page 43 of the manager's amendment beginning with line 21, strike through line 5 on page 44 and insert the following:

(D) ASSESSMENT OF SAFETY, NOISE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.—The Secretary shall assess the impact of granting exemptions, including the impacts of the additional slots and flights at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport provided under subsections (a) and (b) on safety, noise levels and the environment within 90 days of the date of the enactment of this Act. The environmental assessment shall be carried out in accordance with parts 1500-1508 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations. Such environmental assessment shall include a public meeting.

SPECTER (AND OTHERS)  
AMENDMENT NO. 3645

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. LOTT) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2279, supra; as follows:

SEC. . COMPENSATION UNDER THE DEATH ON  
THE HIGH SEAS ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the Death on the High Seas Act (46 U.S.C. App. 762) is amended by—

(1) inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—" before "The recovery"; and

(2) adding at the end thereof the following:

"(b) COMMERCIAL AVIATION.—  
"(1) IN GENERAL.—If the death was caused during commercial aviation, additional compensation for non-pecuniary damages for wrongful death of a decedent is recoverable in a total amount, for all beneficiaries of that decedent, that shall not exceed the greater of the pecuniary loss sustained or a sum total of \$750,000 from all defendants for all claims. Punitive damages are not recoverable.

"(2) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—The \$750,000 amount shall be adjusted, beginning in calendar year 2000 by the increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the prior year over the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the calendar year 1998.

"(3) NON-PECUNIARY DAMAGES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'non-pecuniary damages' means damages for loss of care, comfort, and companionship."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies to any death caused during commercial aviation occurring after July 16, 1996.

MCCAIN (AND FORD) AMENDMENT  
NO. 3646

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FORD) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2279, supra; as follows:

On page 18 of the managers' amendment, line 17, strike "11(4)" and insert "(4)".

On page 34 of the managers' amendment, line 6, insert "directly" after "person".

On page 34, beginning in line 10, strike "aircraft registration numbers of any aircraft; and" and insert "the display of any aircraft-situation-display-to-industry derived data related to any identified aircraft registration number; and".

On page 34 of the managers' amendment, beginning in line 14, strike "that owner or operator's request within 30 days after receiving the request." and insert "the Administration's request."

On page 34 of the managers' amendment, strike lines 16 through 21.

On page 34 of the managers' amendment, line 22, strike "(c)" and insert "(b)".

On page 36 of the managers' amendment, strike lines 16 and 17 and insert the following:

"(1) An airport with fewer than 2,000,000 annual enplanements; and

On page 39 of the managers' amendment, beginning in line 4, strike "shall, in conjunction with subsection (f)," and insert "shall".

On page 40 of the managers' amendment, strike lines 1 through 8 and insert the following:

"(i) REGIONAL JET DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'regional jet' means a passenger, turboprop-powered aircraft carrying not fewer than 30 and not more than 50 passengers."

On page 41 of the managers' amendment, beginning in line 9, strike "In addition to any exemption granted under section 41714(d), the" and insert "The".

On page 41 of the managers' amendment, beginning in line 24, strike "In addition to any exemption granted under section 41714(d) or subsection (a) of this section, the" and insert "The".

On page 42 of the managers' amendment, beginning in line 5, strike "smaller than large hub airports (as defined in section 47134(d)(2))" and insert "with fewer than 2,000,000 annual enplanements".

On page 42 of the managers' amendment, line 10, strike "airports other than large hubs" and insert "such airports".

On page 46, line 18, strike "(d)" and insert "(f)".

On page 46, line 24, after "and the" insert "metropolitan planning organization for".

On page 47, line 1, strike "Council of Governments".

On page 35 of the managers' amendment, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 529. CERTAIN ATC TOWERS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, regulation, intergovernmental circular advisory or other process, or any judicial proceeding or ruling to the contrary, the Federal Aviation Administration shall use such funds as necessary to contract for the operation of air traffic control towers, located in Salisbury, Maryland; Bozeman, Montana; and Boca Raton, Florida, provided that the Federal Aviation Administration has made a prior determination of eligibility for such towers to be included in the contract tower program.

On page 114, insert:

SEC. 530. COMPENSATION UNDER THE DEATH ON  
THE HIGH SEAS ACT

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the Death on the High Seas Act (46 U.S.C. App. 762) is amended by—

(1) inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—" before "The recovery"; and

(2) adding at the end thereof the following:

"(b) COMMERCIAL AVIATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—If the death was caused during commercial aviation, additional compensation for non-pecuniary damages for wrongful death of a decedent is recoverable in a total amount, for all beneficiaries of that decedent, that shall not exceed the greater of the pecuniary loss sustained or a sum total of \$750,000 from all defendants for all claims. Punitive damages are not recoverable.

"(2) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—The \$750,000 amount shall be adjusted, beginning in calendar year 2000 by the increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the prior year over the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the calendar year 1998.

"(3) NON-PECUNIARY DAMAGES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'non-pecuniary damages' means damages for loss of care, comfort, and companionship."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies to any death caused during commercial aviation occurring after July 16, 1996.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO  
GERALD R. AND BETTY FORD

D'AMATO AMENDMENT NO. 3647

Mr. MCCAIN (for Mr. D'AMATO) proposed an amendment to bill (H.R. 3506) to award a congressional gold medal to Gerald R. and Betty Ford; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following new sections:

SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS FOR THE  
"LITTLE ROCK NINE".

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

(1) Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, hereafter in this section referred to as the "Little Rock Nine", voluntarily subjected themselves to the bitter stinging pains of racial bigotry;

(2) the Little Rock Nine are civil rights pioneers whose selfless acts considerably advanced the civil rights debate in this country;

(3) the Little Rock Nine risked their lives to integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and subsequently the Nation;

(4) the Little Rock Nine sacrificed their innocence to protect the American principle that we are all "one nation, under God, indivisible";

(5) the Little Rock Nine have indelibly left their mark on the history of this Nation; and

(6) the Little Rock Nine have continued to work toward equality for all Americans.

(b) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is authorized to present, on behalf of Congress, to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred to as the "Little Rock Nine", gold medals of appropriate design, in recognition of the selfless heroism that such individuals exhibited and the pain they suffered in the cause of civil rights by integrating Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

(c) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the presentation referred to in subsection (b) the Secretary of the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary for each recipient.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—Effective October 1, 1997, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(e) DUPLICATE MEDALS.—

(1) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary of the Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medals struck pursuant to this section under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

(3) RIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATION.—The appropriation used to carry out this section shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of sales under paragraph (1).

#### SEC. 5. COMMEMORATIVE COINS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(7)(D) of the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-239, 110 Stat. 4009) is amended to read as follows:

“(D) MINTING AND ISSUANCE OF COINS.—

The Secretary—

“(i) may not mint coins under this paragraph after July 1, 1998; and

“(ii) may not issue coins minted under this paragraph after December 31, 1998.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall be construed to have the same effective date as section 101 of the United States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

##### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will reconvene on Friday, September 25, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. in Room SR-301 Russell Senate Office Building, to continue a hearing on Capitol security issues and to mark-up S. 2288, the Wendell H. Ford Government Publications Reform Act of 1998.

For further information concerning this meeting, please contact Ed Edens at the Rules Committee on 4-6678.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 24, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. in open/closed session, to receive testimony on the report of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 24, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the recent mid-west electricity price spikes.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, September 24, 1998 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, September 24, 1998, at 2:15 p.m. for a business meeting to considering pending Committee business.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 24, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. to conduct a hearing on H.R. 1805, the Auburn Indian Restoration Act. The hearing will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to hold an executive business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 24, 1998, off the floor in the Presidents room, S-216 of the United States Capitol, immediately following the first vote.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 24, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. to receive testimony on Capitol Security issues.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled “Can Small Businesses Compete With Campus Bookstores?” The hearing will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 1998, in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Readiness Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 24, 1998, in open session, to receive testimony regarding the readiness challenges confronting the U.S. Army and Marine forces and their ability to successfully execute the National Military strategy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, September 24, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing on the topic of “improving The Safety of Food Imports.”

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

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT OF 1998

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to address an issue the Senate addressed yesterday, amendment #3616 by Senator HARKIN. While I cast my vote against tabling this Sense of the Senate, I must admit I did so with great personal reluctance. I respect the independence of the Federal Reserve Board, and I particularly respect the judgement and ability of its Chairman, Alan Greenspan.

Our country has experienced an unprecedented period of economic growth and stability. Congress took the politically difficult step of putting our financial house in order by enacting the 1994 budget reconciliation legislation. But the steady hand of the Federal Reserve Board and its Open Market Committee has helped that seed grow. With the able leadership of Alan Greenspan, the Fed has helped guide our country from the brink of recession to an unprecedented period of economic growth.

But even the Fed is looking at the current economic conditions and re-evaluating its interest rate policies. We have a problem with liquidity of capital in this country, which makes it harder for other countries to stabilize their currencies. As they try to acquire dollars, two things happen.

First, our foreign trading partners find it increasing more difficult to purchase American goods. Just ask any farmer in Montana whether this has negative economic consequences for our country and you will get an earful. If farmers can't sell their products in the export market, they cannot survive economically. Communities that are economically dependent upon farmers find themselves in their own downward spiral, as businesses who rely on farmers to buy their goods are also squeezed economically. This same pattern can be repeated in other communities around the country, whether their economic health is tied into farm exports or any other kind of exports.

The second consequence of tight capital is that it can lead to what is known as deflation. It has been a long time since we have had to worry about a deflationary spiral in this country, but it certainly seems to me that this