

Senator BYRD said: The recess appointment power should not be used simply to avoid controversy or to circumvent the constitutional power and responsibility of the Senate. In several cases, Reagan's recess appointments avoided serious and probing debate by the Senate on controversial issues. There is no evidence that the needs of government required any of these appointments to be made as recess appointments.

Then Senator BYRD went on to give the history, as he always does in his very eloquent style, as to how the Constitution does provide for emergencies, for such things as appointments back in the 1800s when people were traveling and unable to get here or when something strategic is pending. In the case of James Hormel, certainly there is not anything strategic pending.

For that reason, I am serving official notice today that I am going to do the same thing Senator BYRD did back in 1985: I am putting holds on every single Presidential nomination.

In the case of James Hormel, it is a little confusing to a lot of people as to why he became controversial. Yes, he is gay. That is not the reason for people opposing him. It is the fact that he is a gay activist who puts his agenda ahead of the agenda of America.

I can recall when he made the statement when first nominated by the President: I wish the President had nominated me to be Ambassador to Norway, because if they have something on the ballot—same-sex marriages or something like that—I might be able to influence it.

That, to me, demonstrated very clearly that he wanted to use this position to advance his own agenda and not the agenda of America.

I hasten to say, I would have the same feelings about any other appointment on any other issue. If David Duke were appointed and came to the conclusion he was going to use his militia interests as his motivation and his agenda more than America's agenda, I certainly would oppose that nomination in the same way. Notice is hereby served.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. STEVENS. I ask for the regular order.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 12:30 having arrived, the Senate stands in recess until the hour of 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, at 12:29 p.m., the Senate recessed until 2:15 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. SESSIONS).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 2:15 having arrived, the Senator from Hawaii is recognized for 5 minutes; and under the previous order, at the hour of 2:20, the Senator from Alaska is to be recognized.

Mr. GREGG addressed the Chair.

Mr. INOUE. I yield my time to my friend from New Hampshire.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

AMENDMENT NO. 548, AS MODIFIED

Mr. GREGG. I send a modification to the desk to amendment No. 548.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is modified.

The amendment, as modified, is as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

SEC. . PROHIBITION ON USE OF REFUGEE RELIEF FUNDS FOR LONG-TERM REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE.

None of the funds made available in the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law 106-31) may be made available to implement a long-term, regional program of development or reconstruction in Southeastern Europe except pursuant to specific statutory authorization enacted on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

Mr. GREGG. I yield the floor.

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

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that Commander Tom Bailey, a fellow serving on the staff of Senator COCHRAN, be allowed privileges of the floor during the debate on this bill.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 575

(Purpose: To authorize \$4,000,000 of Army research, development, test, and evaluation funds (in PE 60481A) to be used for the Advanced Integrated Helmet System Program)

Mr. STEVENS. I send an amendment to the desk for Senator GORTON and ask it be numbered and qualified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. GORTON, proposes an amendment numbered 575.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 107, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in the title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DE-

VELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY", \$4,000,000 shall be made available for the Advanced Integrated Helmet System Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is laid aside.

AMENDMENT NO. 576

Mr. STEVENS. I send an amendment to the desk for the distinguished majority leader and ask it be numbered and qualified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. LOTT, proposes an amendment numbered 576.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

Office of Net Assessment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, jointly with the United States Pacific Command, shall submit a report to Congress no later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act which addresses the following issues:

1. A review and evaluation of the operational planning and other preparations of the U.S. Defense Department, including but not limited to the U.S. Pacific Command, to implement the relevant sections of the Taiwan Relations Act since its enactment in 1979.

2. A review and evaluation of all gaps in relevant knowledge about the current and future military balance between Taiwan and mainland China, including but not limited to Chinese open source writings.

3. A set of recommendations, based on these reviews and evaluations, concerning further research and analysis that the Office of Net Assessment and the Pacific Command believe to be necessary and desirable to be performed by the National Defense University and other defense research centers.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is laid aside.

AMENDMENT NO. 577

Mr. STEVENS. I send an amendment to the desk for the Senator from New Mexico, Mr. DOMENICI, and ask that it be qualified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. DOMENICI, proposes an amendment numbered 577.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 106, line 4, strike "The Communications Act" and insert "(a) The Communications Act of 1934".

On page 107, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

(b)(1) Not later than 15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Communications Commission shall each submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report which shall—
(A) set forth the anticipated schedule (including specific dates) for—

(i) preparing and conducting the competitive bidding process required by subsection (a); and

(ii) depositing the receipts of the competitive bidding process;

(B) set forth each significant milestone in the rulemaking process with respect to the competitive bidding process;

(C) include an explanation of the effect of each requirement in subsection (a) on the schedule for the competitive bidding process and any post-bidding activities (including the deposit of receipts) when compared with the schedule for the competitive bidding and any post-bidding activities (including the deposit of receipts) that would otherwise have occurred under section 337(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 337(b)(2)) if not for the enactment of subsection (a);

(D) set forth for each spectrum auction held by the Federal Communications Commission since 1993 information on—

(i) the time required for each stage of preparation for the auction;

(ii) the date of the commencement and of the completion of the auction;

(iii) the time which elapsed between the date of the completion of the auction and the date of the first deposit of receipts from the auction in the Treasury; and

(iv) the dates of all subsequent deposits of receipts from the auction in the Treasury; and

(E) include an assessment of how the stages of the competitive bidding process required by subsection (a), including preparation, commencement and completion, and deposit of receipts, will differ from similar stages in the auctions referred to in subparagraph (D).

(2) Not later than October 5, 2000, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Communications Commission shall each submit to the appropriate congressional committees the report which shall—

(A) describe the course of the competitive bidding process required by subsection (a) through September 30, 2000, including the amount of any receipts from the competitive bidding process deposited in the Treasury as of September 30, 2000; and

(B) if the course of the competitive bidding process has included any deviations from the schedule set forth under paragraph (1)(A), an explanation for such deviations from the schedule.

(3) The Federal Communications Commission may not consult with the Director in the preparation and submittal of the reports required of the Commission by this subsection.

(4) In this subsection, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means the following:

(A) The Committees on Appropriations, the Budget, and Commerce of the Senate.

(B) The Committees on Appropriations, the Budget, and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is laid aside.

AMENDMENT NO. 578

(Purpose: To extend for a period of 3 years the Agriculture Export Relief Act of 1998 and the India-Pakistan Relief Act of 1998)

Mr. STEVENS. I send an amendment to the desk for Senator ROBERTS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. ROBERTS, proposes an amendment numbered 578.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

SEC. 8109. EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURE EXPORT RELIEF ACT OF 1998 AND INDIA-PAKISTAN RELIEF ACT OF 1998.

(a) EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURE EXPORT RELIEF ACT OF 1998.—Section 2 of the Agri-

culture Export Relief Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-194; 112 Stat. 627) is amended by striking "September 30, 1999" each place it appears and inserting "September 30, 2002".

(b) EXTENSION OF INDIA-PAKISTAN RELIEF ACT OF 1998.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 902(a) of the India-Pakistan Relief Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 2799aa-1 note) is amended by striking "for a period not to exceed one year upon enactment of this Act" and inserting "for a period not to exceed September 30, 2002".

(2) REPORT.—Section 904 of such Act is amended by striking "a one-year period described in section 902" and inserting "the first year following the date of enactment of this Act and annually thereafter".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the earlier of the date of enactment of this Act or September 30, 1999.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is laid aside.

Mr. STEVENS. Does the Senator from Hawaii have any amendments?

Mr. INOUE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

AMENDMENT NO. 579

(Purpose: Relating to the conveyance of the remaining Army Reserve property at former Fort Sheridan, Illinois)

Mr. INOUE. I offer an amendment on behalf of Senator DURBIN on Fort Sheridan and ask that it be set aside.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], for Mr. DURBIN, proposes an amendment numbered 579.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . (a)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to carry out any conveyance of land at the former Fort Sheridan, Illinois, unless such conveyance is consistent with a regional agreement among the communities and jurisdictions in the vicinity of Fort Sheridan and in accordance with section 2862 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (division B of Public Law 104-106; 110 Stat. 573).

(2) The land referred to in paragraph(1) is a parcel of real property, including any improvement thereon, located at the former Fort Sheridan, Illinois, consisting of approximately 14 acres, and known as the northern Army Reserve enclave area, that is covered by the authority in section 2862 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 and has not been conveyed pursuant to that authority as of the date of enactment of this Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is laid aside.

AMENDMENT NO. 580

(Purpose: To express the sense of Congress regarding the accidental civilian casualties of live ammunition testing at Vieques, Puerto Rico, and actions to prevent a recurrence of such a tragic accident)

Mr. INOUE. I offer an amendment on behalf of Senator BINGAMAN on Vieques, Puerto Rico, and ask that it be numbered and set aside.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], for Mr. BINGAMAN, proposes an amendment numbered 580.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

SEC. 8109. (a) Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Congress recognizes and supports, as being fundamental to the national defense, the ability of the Armed Forces to test weapons and weapon systems thoroughly, and to train members of the Armed Forces in the use of weapons and weapon systems before the forces enter hostile military engagements.

(2) It is the policy of the United States that the Armed Forces at all times exercise the utmost degree of caution in the testing of weapons and weapon systems in order to avoid endangering civilian populations and the environment.

(3) In the adherence to these policies, it is essential to the public safety that the Armed Forces not test weapons or weapon systems, or engage in training exercises with live ammunition, in close proximity to civilian populations unless there is no reasonable alternative available.

(b) It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) there should be a thorough and independent investigation of the circumstances that led to the accidental death of a civilian employee of the Navy installation in Vieques, Puerto Rico, and the wounding of four other civilians during a live-ammunition weapons test at Vieques, including a re-examination of the adequacy of the measures that are in place to protect the civilian population during such testing and of the extent to which the civilian population at the site can be adequately protected during such testing;

(2) the President should not authorize the Navy to resume live ammunition testing on the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, unless and until he has advised the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives that—

(A) there is not available an alternative testing site with no civilian population located in close proximity;

(B) the national security of the United States requires that the testing be carried out despite the potential risks to the civilian population;

(C) measures to provide the utmost level of safety to the civilian population are to be in place and maintained throughout the testing; and

(D) in the event that testing resumes, measures are to be taken to protect the Island of Vieques and the surrounding area from environmental degradation, including possible environmental harm, that might result from the testing of ammunition containing radioactive materials; and

(3) in addition to advising committees of Congress of the findings as described in paragraph (2), the President should advise the Governor of Puerto Rico of those findings and, if the President decides to resume live-ammunition weapons testing on the Island of Vieques, consult with the Governor on a regular basis regarding the measures being taken from time to time to protect civilians from harm from the testing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is laid aside.

AMENDMENT NO. 581

Mr. INOUE. I offer an amendment for Senator INOUE on native Hawaiians, and I ask to have that numbered and set aside.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment will be numbered and laid aside.

AMENDMENT NO. 582

(Purpose: To authorize the use of up to \$35,000,000 for the retrofitting and improvement of the current inventory of Patriot missiles to meet current and projected threats from cruise missiles)

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I offer an amendment for Senator KENNEDY on Patriot missiles, and I ask that it be numbered and set aside.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], for Mr. KENNEDY, proposes an amendment numbered 582.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

Of the funds appropriated in title III, Procurement, under the heading "MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY", up to \$35,000,000 may be made available to retrofit and improve the current inventory of Patriot missiles in order to meet current and projected threats from cruise missiles.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is numbered and laid aside.

AMENDMENT NO. 583

(Purpose: To reduce funding for the National Missile Defense program by \$200,000,000 and to increase funding for Army modernization programs by \$200,000,000)

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I offer an amendment for Senator LEVIN on the National Missile Defense program, and I ask that it be numbered and set aside.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], for Mr. LEVIN, proposes an amendment numbered 583.

The amendment is as follows:

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

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in Title IV of this act under Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, is hereby reduced by \$200,000,000: *Provided*, That not more than \$836,555,000 of the funds provided under this Act may be obligated for National Missile Defense programs: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Aircraft Procurement, Army is hereby increased by \$56,100,000 for re-engining of the CH-47 helicopter; *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army is hereby increased by \$20,000,000 for procurement of the Field Artillery Ammunition Supply Vehicle; *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Other Procurement, Army is hereby increased by \$25,500,000 for procurement of SINCGARS radios.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is numbered and set aside. Mr. INOUE. Mr. 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. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 584

(Purpose: To reduce amounts appropriated for unrequested, low-priority, unnecessary, and wasteful spending by \$3,100,000,000)

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I have 2 amendments to send to the desk. My understanding is, under the unanimous consent agreement, both of these amendments have to be proposed by the time of 2:30, so I send them at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] proposes an amendment numbered 584.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike section 8108, and insert the following:

SEC. 8108. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act by titles III, IV, and VI is hereby reduced by \$3,100,000,000, the reductions to be derived from appropriations as follows:

- (1) From Operation and Maintenance, Army, \$27,000,000.
- (2) From Operation and Maintenance, Navy, \$36,000,000.
- (3) From Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps, \$10,200,000.
- (4) From Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, \$61,800,000.
- (5) From Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, \$78,900,000.
- (6) From Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard, \$53,500,000.
- (7) From Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard, \$2,900,000.
- (8) From Aircraft Procurement, Army, \$178,000,000.
- (9) From Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army, \$26,400,000.
- (10) From Procurement of Ammunition, Army, \$37,500,000.
- (11) From Other Procurement, Army, \$135,500,000.
- (12) From Aircraft Procurement, Navy, \$69,000,000.
- (13) From Weapons Procurement, Navy, \$54,400,000.
- (14) From Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy, \$317,500,000.
- (15) From Other Procurement, Navy, \$67,800,000.
- (16) From Procurement, Marine Corps, \$54,900,000.
- (17) From Aircraft Procurement, Air Force, \$164,500,000.
- (18) From Missile Procurement, Air Force, \$25,400,000.
- (19) From Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force, \$5,100,000.
- (20) From Other Procurement, Air Force, \$53,400,000.
- (21) From Procurement, Defense-Wide, \$73,000,000.
- (22) From National Guard and Reserve Equipment, \$190,500,000.

(23) From Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, \$249,100,000.

(24) From Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, \$288,700,000.

(25) From Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force, \$263,300,000.

(26) From Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, \$287,900,000.

(27) From Defense Health Program, \$226,200,000.

(28) From Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense, \$61,600,000.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is numbered and laid aside.

AMENDMENT NO. 585

(Purpose: To authorize the Secretary of Defense to waive certain domestic source or content requirements in the procurement of items)

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I send a second amendment to the desk, and I ask that it be numbered and set aside.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] proposes an amendment numbered 585.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

SEC. 8109. (a) Subject to subsection (c) and except as provided in subsection (d), the Secretary of Defense may waive any domestic source requirement or domestic content requirement referred to in subsection (b) and thereby authorize procurements of items that are grown, reprocessed, reused, produced, or manufactured—

(1) inside a foreign country the government of which is a party to a reciprocal defense memorandum of understanding that is entered into with the Secretary of Defense and is in effect;

(2) inside the United States or its possessions; or

(3) inside the United States or its possessions partly or wholly from components grown, reprocessed, reused, produced, or manufactured outside the United States or its possessions.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) A domestic source requirement is any requirement under law that the Department of Defense must satisfy its needs for an item by procuring an item that is grown, reprocessed, reused, produced, or manufactured in the United States, its possessions, or a part of the national technology and industrial base.

(2) A domestic content requirement is any requirement under law that the Department must satisfy its needs for an item by procuring an item produced or manufactured partly or wholly from components grown, reprocessed, reused, produced, or manufactured in the United States or its possessions.

(c) The authority to waive a requirement under subsection (a) applies to procurements of items if the Secretary of Defense first determines that—

(1) the application of the requirement to procurements of those items would impede the reciprocal procurement of defense items under a memorandum of understanding providing for reciprocal procurement of defense items that is entered into between the Department of Defense and a foreign country in accordance with section 2531 of title 10, United States Code;

(2) the foreign country does not discriminate against items produced in the United States to a greater degree than the United States discriminates against items produced in that country; and

(3) one or more of the conditions set forth in section 2534(d) of title 10, United States Code, exists with respect to the procurement.

(d) LAWS NOT WAIVED.—The Secretary of Defense may not exercise the authority under subsection (a) to waive any of the following laws:

(1) The Small Business Act.

(2) The Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c).

(3) Sections 7309 and 7310 of title 10, United States Code, with respect to ships in Federal Supply Class 1905.

(4) Section 9005 of Public Law 102-396 (10 U.S.C. 2241 note), with respect to articles or items of textiles, apparel, shoe findings, tents, and flags listed in Federal Supply Classes 8305, 8310, 8315, 8320, 8335, 8340, and 8345 and articles or items of clothing, footwear, individual equipment, and insignia listed in Federal Supply Classes 8405, 8410, 8415, 8420, 8425, 8430, 8435, 8440, 8445, 8450, 8455, 8465, 8470, and 8475.

(e) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The authority under subsection (a) to waive a domestic source requirement or domestic content requirement is in addition to any other authority to waive such requirement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is numbered and set aside.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask the distinguished chairman when he would like me to address the issue of one amendment concerning reallocation of \$3.1 billion.

Mr. STEVENS. Could we wait until after 2:30? We are trying to get these in by the deadline, and then I will be happy to listen to the Senator's comments.

Mr. MCCAIN. I thank the chairman, and I yield the floor.

AMENDMENT NO. 588

(Purpose: To provide funds for continued research and development in Space Control Technology)

Mr. STEVENS. I send an amendment to the desk for Senator SHELBY, and I ask that it be numbered and qualified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. SHELBY, proposes an amendment numbered 588.

The amendment is as follows:

In title IV, under Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, add the following:

"Of the funds appropriated for research, development, test and evaluation Army, up to \$10 million dollars may be utilized for Army Space Control Technology."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is numbered and laid aside.

AMENDMENT NO. 587

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I have a parliamentary inquiry. As I understand it, amendments should be numbered and qualified now, and we still have a portion of the managers' package to complete. Would it be in order for me to reserve a place now for the final portion of the managers' amendment and just have an amendment numbered for that purpose at this time.

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

Mr. STEVENS. May I inquire now from the clerk what number will that be?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. No. 587.

Mr. STEVENS. I thank the Chair, and 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. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 588

(Purpose: To authorize the use of \$220,000 for a study at Badger Army Ammunition Plant, Wisconsin, relating to environmental restoration and remediation at weapons and ammunition production facilities)

Mr. STEVENS. On behalf of the Senator from Hawaii, I send to the desk an amendment for Senator KOHL, and I ask that it be numbered and qualified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. INOUE, for Mr. KOHL, proposes an amendment numbered 588.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 107, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 8109. (a) Of the amounts appropriated by title II under the heading "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE", up to \$220,000 may be made available to carry out the study described in subsection (b).

(b)(1) The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, shall carry out a study for purposes of evaluating the cost-effectiveness of various technologies utilized, or having the potential to be utilized, in the demolition and cleanup of facilities contaminated with chemical residue at facilities used in the production of weapons and ammunition.

(2) The Secretary shall carry out the study at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant, Wisconsin.

(3) The Secretary shall provide for the carrying out of work under the study through the Omaha District Corps of Engineers and in cooperation with the Department of Energy Federal Technology Center, Morgantown, West Virginia.

(4) The Secretary may make available to other departments and agencies of the Federal Government information developed as a result of the study.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is numbered and laid aside.

Mr. STEVENS. Again, Mr. President, for the benefit of all Senators, after 2:30, no further amendments in the first degree will be in order; is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. 589

(Purpose: To provide \$3,800,000 (in PE 0602315N) for polymer cased ammunition and to provide an offset)

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk for Senators LOTT and COCHRAN, and I ask that it be qualified and set aside.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. LOTT and Mr. COCHRAN, proposes an amendment numbered 589.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

SEC. . . Of the total amount appropriated in this Act for RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT TEST AND EVALUATION, NAVY shall be increased by \$3,800,000 to continue research and development on polymer cased ammunition.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is numbered and laid aside.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. 590

(Purpose: To set aside an additional \$7,300,000 for space launch facilities, for a second team of personnel for range reconfiguration to accommodate launch schedules)

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator GRAHAM, I send an amendment to the desk and ask that it be numbered and qualified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. GRAHAM, proposes an amendment numbered 590.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

SEC. 8109. (a) Of the funds appropriated in title II under the heading "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE" (other than the funds appropriated for space launch facilities), \$7,300,000 shall be available, in addition to other funds appropriated under that heading for space launch facilities, for a second team of personnel for space launch facilities for range reconfiguration to accommodate launch schedules.

(b) The funds set aside under subsection (a) may not be obligated for any purpose other than the purpose specified in subsection (a).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is numbered and laid aside.

AMENDMENT NO. 591

(Purpose: To provide for a study of the long term solutions to the removal of ordnance from the Toussaint River, Ohio)

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk for Senator

VOINOVICH, and I ask that it be numbered and qualified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. VOINOVICH, proposes an amendment numbered 591.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

SEC. . Of the funds appropriated in this Act under the heading "Operation and Maintenance, Army", up to \$500,000 may be available for a study of the costs and feasibility of a project to remove ordnance from the Touse-saint River.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is numbered and laid aside. Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative assistant proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

AMENDMENTS NOS. 592 THROUGH 601, EN BLOC

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I have a series of amendments that I ask be adopted at this time: A Bond-Santorum amendment, \$4 million for MTAPP; Senator HELMS amendment, \$5 million for visual display environmental research; Senator BYRD, \$10 million for addressing exposure to chemical warfare agents; Senator BYRD, \$10 million for biometrics; Senators ASHCROFT and BOND related to the B-2 bomber; Senator SMITH, \$10 million for U-2 upgrades; Senator HARKIN, \$6 million for Gulf War syndrome; Senator GRAMM, \$17.5 million for the F-15 data link; and Senator COLLINS, \$3 million for MK-43 gun conversion; Senator INOUE for Ford Island. I ask that these amendments be considered en bloc and adopted en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendments will be considered en bloc.

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] proposes amendments numbered 592 through 601, en bloc.

The amendments are as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 592

(Purpose: To set aside \$4,000,000 for the Manufacturing Technology Assistance Pilot Program)

On page 107, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title II under the heading "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE", up to \$4,000,000 may be made available for the Manufacturing Technology Assistance Pilot Program.

AMENDMENT NO. 593

(Purpose: To set aside \$5,000,000 of Army RDT&E funds for visual display performance and visual display environmental research and development)

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY", up to \$5,000,000 may be available for visual display performance and visual display environmental research and development.

AMENDMENT NO. 594

(Purpose: To increase by \$10,000,000 the amount provided for the Army for other procurement for an immediate assessment of biometrics sensors and templates repository requirements, and for combining and consolidating biometrics security technology and other information assurance technologies to accomplish a more focused and effective information assurance effort)

On page 107, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title III under the heading "OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY", \$51,250,000 shall be available for the Information System Security Program, of which up to \$10,000,000 may be made available for an immediate assessment of biometrics sensors and templates repository requirements and for combining and consolidating biometrics security technology and other information assurance technologies to accomplish a more focused and effective information assurance effort.

AMENDMENT NO. 595

(Purpose: To set aside \$10,000,000 of Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide funds for carrying out first-year actions of the 5-year research plan for addressing low-level exposures to chemical warfare agents)

On page 107, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title II under the heading "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE" for the Office of the Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Gulf War Illnesses, up to \$10,000,000 may be made available for carrying out the first-year actions under the 5-year research plan outlined in the report entitled "Department of Defense Strategy to Address Low-Level Exposures to Chemical Warfare Agents (CWAs)", dated May 1999, that was submitted to committees of Congress pursuant to section 247(d) of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261; 112 Stat. 1957).

AMENDMENT NO. 596

(Purpose: To express the sense of Congress commending the men and women of Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, for their ongoing contributions to Operation Allied Force over Yugoslavia)

At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

SEC. 8109. (a) Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The B-2 bomber has been used in combat for the first time in Operation Allied Force against Yugoslavia.

(2) The B-2 bomber has demonstrated unparalleled strike capability in Operation Allied Force, with cursory data indicating that the bomber could have dropped nearly 20 percent of the precision ordnance while flying less than 3 percent of the attack sorties.

(3) According to the congressionally mandated Long Range Air Power Panel, "long range air power is an increasingly important element of United States military capability".

(4) The crews of the B-2 bomber and the personnel of Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, deserve particular credit for flying and

supporting the strike missions against Yugoslavia, some of the longest combat missions in the history of the Air Force.

(5) The bravery and professionalism of the personnel of Whiteman Air Force Base have advanced American interests in the face of significant challenge and hardship.

(6) The dedication of those who serve in the Armed Forces, exemplified clearly by the personnel of Whiteman Air Force Base, is the greatest national security asset of the United States.

(b) It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the skill and professionalism with which the B-2 bomber has been used in Operation Allied Force is a credit to the personnel of Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, and the Air Force;

(2) the B-2 bomber has demonstrated an unparalleled capability to travel long distances and deliver devastating weapons payloads, proving its essential role for United States power projection in the future; and

(3) the crews of the B-2 bomber and the personnel of Whiteman Air Force Base deserve the gratitude of the American people for their dedicated performance in an indispensable role in the air campaign against Yugoslavia and in the defense of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 597

In the appropriate page in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . Of the funds appropriated in title III under the heading "Aircraft Procurement, Air Force," up to \$10,000,000 may be made available for U-2 aircraft defensive system modernization.

AMENDMENT NO. 598

(Purpose: To set aside \$25,185,000, the amount provided for research and development relating to Persian Gulf illnesses, of which \$4,000,000 is to be available for continuation of research into Gulf War syndrome that includes multidisciplinary studies of fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome and \$2,000,000 is to be available for expansion of the research program in the Upper Great Plains region)

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. 8104. Of the amount appropriated in title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE", \$25,185,000 shall be available for research and development relating to Persian Gulf illnesses, of which \$4,000,000 shall be available for continuation of research into Gulf War syndrome that includes multidisciplinary studies of fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, multiple chemical sensitivity, and the use of research methods of cognitive and computational neuroscience, and of which up to \$2,000,000 may be made available for expansion of the research program in the Upper Great Plains region.

AMENDMENT NO. 599

(Purpose: To set aside \$17,500,000 for procurement of the F-15A/B data link for the Air National Guard)

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

SEC. 8109. Of the total amount appropriated in title III under the heading "AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE", up to \$17,500,000 may be made available for procurement of the F-15A/B data link for the Air National Guard.

AMENDMENT NO. 600

(Purpose: To increase funds for the MK-43 Machine Gun Conversion Program)

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following: