

Whereas Chicago already holds a place in the international community as a city of immigrants from around the world, who are eager to be ambassadors to visiting Olympic athletes;

Whereas the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be played in the heart of Chicago so that athletes and visitors can appreciate the beauty of the downtown parks and lakefront;

Whereas Chicago is one of the transportation hubs of the world and can provide accessible transportation to international visitors through extensive rail, transit, and motorways infrastructure, combined with the world-class O'Hare and Midway International Airports;

Whereas the motto of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Chicago would be "Stir the Soul," and the games would inspire citizens around the world, both young and old;

Whereas a Midwestern city has not hosted the Olympic Games since the 1904 games in St. Louis, Missouri, and the opportunity to host the Olympics would be an achievement not only for Chicago and for the State of Illinois, but also for the entire Midwest;

Whereas hosting the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games would provide substantial local, regional, and national economic benefits;

Whereas Mayor Richard M. Daley, Patrick Ryan, and members of the Chicago 2016 Committee have campaigned tirelessly to secure Chicago's bid to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games;

Whereas, through the campaign to be selected by the United States Olympic Committee, Chicago's citizens, officials, workers, community groups, and businesses have demonstrated their ability to come together to exemplify the true spirit of the Olympic Games and the City of Chicago; and

Whereas the Olympic and Paralympic Games represent the best of the human spirit and there is no better fit for hosting this event than one of the world's truly great cities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) congratulates the City of Chicago on securing the bid to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and

(2) encourages the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 888. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 889. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 890. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 891. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, supra.

SA 892. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 893. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 894. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 895. Mr. BIDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 896. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 378, supra.

SA 897. Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 888. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 507. OFFSET REQUIREMENT.

Any funds appropriated for the activities authorized by this Act shall be offset by an equal amount of funds appropriated to the Department of Justice that are unobligated which shall be returned to the Treasury for retirement of the national debt.

SA 889. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 5 . . . PROHIBITION ON FUNDING TO THE DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE OF NEW MEXICO.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Justice may not provide any funds to the Drug Policy Alliance of New Mexico.

SA 890. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 5 . . . PROHIBITION ON FUNDING TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO NOT OPPOSE THE LEGALIZATION OR DECRIMINALIZATION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Justice may not provide any funds to any organization that does not explicitly oppose the legalization or decriminalization of illegal drugs.

SA 891. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC 5. . . SENSE OF THE SENATE.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) the national debt of the United States of America now exceeds \$8,500,000,000,000;

(2) each United States citizen's share of this debt is approximately \$29,183;

(3) every cent that the United States Government borrows and adds to this debt is money stolen from future generations of Americans and from important programs, including Social Security and Medicare on which our senior citizens depend for their retirement security;

(4) the power of the purse belongs to Congress;

(5) Congress authorizes and appropriates all Federal discretionary spending;

(6) for too long, Congress has simply borrowed more and more money to pay for new spending, while Americans want Congress to live within its means, using the same set of common sense rules and restraints Americans face everyday; because in the real world, families cannot follow Congress's example and must make difficult decisions and set priorities on how to spend their limited financial resources; and

(7) it is irresponsible for Congress to authorize new spending for programs that will result in borrowing from Social Security, Medicare, foreign nations, or future generations of Americans.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that Congress has a moral obligation to offset the cost of new government programs, initiatives, and authorizations.

SA 892. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 5 . . . DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "conference" means a meeting that—

(1) is held for consultation, education, or discussion;

(2) includes participants who are not all employees of the same agency;

(3) is not held entirely at an agency facility;

(4) involves costs associated with travel and lodging for some participants; and

(5) is sponsored by 1 or more agencies, 1 or more organizations that are not agencies, or a combination of such agencies or organizations.

(b) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Justice may not expend more than \$35,000,000 for conferences in any fiscal year.

SA 893. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 507. COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR COPS.

(a) GRANT COMPETITIVENESS.—Each grant made under part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (COPS program) shall be—

(1) awarded on a competitive basis;

(2) given priority based on—