

**"SEC. 520D. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

"There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subpart \$5,000,000 for each fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001."

Amend the title to read as follows: "A bill to prohibit the forceful taking of minors across State lines to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions, and to assist States in enforcing parental involvement laws."

**FEINSTEIN AMENDMENT NO. 3606**

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill, S. 1645, supra; as follows:

On page 5, strike line 17, and insert the following: "apply—

"(A) to any individual who is an adult member of the family of the minor who obtained the abortion, as the term 'adult' is defined for purposes of the State law requiring parental involvement in a minor's abortion decision; or

"(B) if the abortion was necessary to save the life of \* \* \*."

**BOXER AMENDMENT NO. 3607**

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill, S. 1645, supra; as follows:

On page 6, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"(3) No prosecution shall be commenced or continued under subsection (a) if a parent of the individual upon whom the abortion is performed consents to the abortion after the abortion is performed."

**KENNEDY AMENDMENT NO. 3608**

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 1645, supra; as follows:

On page 6, strike line 17, and insert the following:

"(e) DIFFERENCE TO STATE AUTHORITIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—No prosecution of any offense described in subsection (a) shall be commenced by the United States except upon the written notification of the Attorney General to the Federal prosecutor certifying that—

"(A) the appropriate court of the State does not have jurisdiction or refuses to assume jurisdiction with respect to the acts allegedly committed in violation of subsection (a); and

"(B) it is in the public interest and necessary to secure substantial justice for the United States to commence the prosecution."

"(2) SURRENDER TO STATE AUTHORITIES.—If the Attorney General does not make the certifications described in paragraph (1), the defendant shall be surrendered to the appropriate legal authorities of the State."

"(f) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

**KENNEDY AMENDMENT NO. 3609**

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 1645, supra; as follows:

On page 5, strike lines 16 and 17, and insert the following:

"(2) The prohibition of subsection (a) does not apply if—

"(A) the law requiring parental involvement in a minor's abortion decision in the State where the individual who obtains the abortion resides has been enjoined or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction;

"(B) the enforcement authorities of the State where the individual who obtains the abortion resides have declined to enforce the law described in paragraph (1); or

"(C) the abortion was necessary to save the life of

**ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS****SALUTE TO DOW STEREO/VIDEO**

• Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to salute DOW Stereo/Video of San Diego, and its Director, Tom Campbell, for successfully introducing HDTV to the consuming public. As co-chair of the Internet Caucus I am particularly pleased with this accomplishment, given Mr. Campbell's hard work as a member of the Advisory Board to the Caucus.

Following years of development, which has enjoyed substantial support from Congress, HDTV is now a reality. The technology for the first commercial units was largely developed by Panasonic/USA in the San Diego area. It once again proves what can happen when American ingenuity and talent are combined with commitment and perseverance.

DOW Stereo/Video, through its leadership in Michael Romagnolo, President/CEO, and Tom Campbell, has been on the cutting edge of introducing new technologies to the American public for over 20 years. They were first in introducing WEB TV, digital video disc player (DVD), personal communications systems (PCS), consumer digital camcorder (DVC), and the first interactive multimedia system for automobiles featuring GPS navigation. Various industry awards and recognition has clearly earned DOW the title of "industry launch pad for the consumer electronic industry".

I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Tom Campbell and DOW Stereo/Video. The American consumer will continue to benefit from their ongoing efforts. •

**TRIBUTE TO DR. GEORGE VERNON IRONS, SR.**

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to eulogize and celebrate the life of one of Alabama's great native sons—Dr. George Vernon Irons, Sr., who passed away July 21, 1998.

Dr. Irons was Distinguished Professor of History and Political Science Emeritus at Samford University, having served the University for 43 years. During that time, he taught a record number of University Presidents, 17.

Dr. Irons was the oldest member of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and one of Alabama's athletic greats—the only Alabama track and distance star inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall

of Fame from the University of Alabama. Mr. President, only three men have been inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame on the first ballot: Ralph Shug Jordan, Paul "Bear" Bryant, and Dr. George Irons.

Dr. Irons is survived by his wife, Velma Wright Irons, a distinguished educator and nominee for the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame at Judson College; two sons: Dr. George Vernon Irons, Jr., a cardiologist in Charlotte, North Carolina; and William Lee Irons, a prominent Birmingham attorney. Dr. Irons and his son William are the only father and son to be selected for the 1998 Who's Who in America from Alabama.

Mr. President, Dr. George Vernon Irons Sr., gave tirelessly of himself to God and country. He was a man of great distinction, and I take great pride in offering this tribute on his behalf.

Mr. President, the following tribute, edited to meet CONGRESSIONAL RECORD length requirements, was written by Dr. Irons' son. It provides a comprehensive and detailed account of Dr. Irons' life and many accomplishments.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the tribute written by Dr. Irons' son William be printed in the RECORD.

The tribute follows:

**TRIBUTE TO DR. GEORGE VERNON IRONS, SR.**

(By William L. Irons)

Dr. George Vernon Irons, Sr., arrived at Birmingham's Howard College (now Samford University) in 1931. At that time, the school was experiencing serious financial difficulty, owing more than \$400,000. Dr. Irons' first assignment for the troubled school began when University President Neal called him in and explained that the school had been noticed for foreclosure. "Your job, Irons, is to go to the banker and stop this foreclosure," President Neal directed.

Dr. Irons persuaded the banker, after much deliberation, to grant the university a two-year extension. The rest is history. Today, Samford University is the largest privately endowed Baptist school in the world, and is the only Baptist institution in America with an inspiring domed school of divinity.

As a result of Dr. Irons' key role in assisting Howard College to grow into an internationally acclaimed university, he was elected by the Samford University faculty to serve as Grand Marshall of all academic, graduation and commencement exercises. Leading the academic procession for 15 years. In 1976, he was recognized by Samford University Faculty Resolution for "his impeccable character and qualities of modesty, humility, kindness, and selfless service to the University."

While the final years of service often ebb, this was not the case for Dr. Irons. In the last few months of his life, at nearly 96 years of age, Dr. Irons secured a \$100,000 scholarship contribution to Samford University as a perpetual memorial to his academic excellence as Distinguished Professor for 43 years.

In addition to his tireless efforts on behalf of Samford University, Dr. Irons is known as a sports legend. In the early 1920's, George Irons kept the athletic flame burning at the University of Alabama as its "Knight of the Cinderpath."

As a Junior in 1922, Irons won the prestigious A.A.U. Road Race in Atlanta. That same year, Irons broke the A.A.U. record,

running four miles in 17-minutes and 24-seconds—an average of four, four-minute 21-second miles in succession. The four minute mile record would not be broken until 30-years later.

Irons then won the All Southern S.I.A.A. Road Race in Birmingham—a grueling three mile event over solid pavement. In a hard, driving rain, he broke the record by more than 20 seconds. This record has never been equaled nor broken.

For his prowess on the track field, Irons ran himself into the Alabama record books, including his addition to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1978 on the first ballot—the only track and distance runner ever inducted into the Hall of Fame.

While at the University of Alabama, Dr. Irons was a Phi Beta Kappa honors student, and the University's nominee for the Rhodes Scholarship in 1924. From there, he went on to Duke University where he earned his doctorate degree in history.

To his friends, Dr. Irons was the quintessential American. With large inviting hands, captivating smile and charming gentleman's demeanor, he radiated a generous spirit accessible to everyone. Witty and charming, he always made the other person "look good," even if to his own detriment. Eager to listen, never critical or negative, he could penetrate the soul of another and give an inspiring uplifting word of encouragement or silently go about doing good. A generous heart who cared deeply and passionately about the loves of his life and consecrated his energies to them. A braveheart of Scottish ancestry, he had the heart of a lion when his interests were challenged.

A consummate gentleman with the "can do" American spirit on any endeavor—interested in what you were doing and how he could help accomplish your objectives. With foresight he encouraged female colleagues to pursue their professional goals long before it was a popular undertaking.

He was a genteel man ever sensitive to another's hurt. He went about assisting without being asked. Dr. Irons had an unlimited capacity to give his endless energies to any task. His crisp walks across the Samford campus at near running gait were legendary among his students and the faculty. He had a great fighting heart for his beliefs and often referred to his middle initial "V" as "V for victory." Dr. Irons had an elegance rarely seen rivaling the beauty and grace of a swan, yet strong with the swift power of a lion if called upon.

Loyal and faithful, easy to greet, he was at ease before a large convocation audience or content to enjoy cherished time of solitude.

In addition to his other accomplishments, Dr. Irons, who was also Colonel Irons, proudly defended the United States in war and in peace for over one-third of the 20th Century. Dr. Irons, who achieved the rank of Lt. Col., served in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery branch of the U.S. Army and reserves.

Devoted to God, Dr. Irons gave selfless service to his Church as deacon, Sunday school teacher, and Chairman of the Board of Deacons. He was elected as lifetime Deacon, Southside Baptist Church. His life reflects his depth of devotion in word, deed and thought. Dr. Irons was an icon of virtue and a legendary role model for Samford students for almost a century.

Dr. Irons' life was one of sacrificial service. From his service to our nation, to his work on behalf of Samford University students and faculty, Dr. Irons was a figure of character, devotion to cause, and exemplary standards of honor, duty and integrity. His life is an inspiration to all.

Funeral services for Dr. Irons were conducted at Mountain Brook Baptist Church Chapel on July 27, 1998 by Dr. Irons' former

student, Dr. James D. Moebes, Senior Minister. •

#### RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF SAM HOWARD

• Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the achievement of Mr. Sam Howard, Chief Executive Officer of Phoenix Healthcare Corporation, who was recently selected to serve as Chairman of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. Aside from the general prestige which accompanies attaining such an honor, Mr. Howard bears the distinction of being the first African American to hold this position. His talent and skills will certainly benefit the city of Nashville.

As the first African American to hold this position, Mr. Howard has a unique opportunity to encourage minority membership within the Chamber of Commerce and to promote minority entrepreneurs. The Urban Journal's July 1, 1998 edition highlighted Mr. Howard's top goals, including the development of a foreign trade mission, as well as focusing attention on public education and investments in the field of biomedicine and biotechnology.

Mr. Howard serves with me as a member of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare. The Commission has held a number of field hearings in Tennessee to gather the views and concerns of industry leaders and beneficiaries in the state. Mr. Howard's perspective as CEO of a health maintenance organization, which contracts with companies, Medicare and the TennCare program, is appropriate and useful for the Commission's goal of identifying challenges facing the Medicare program and for creating potential solutions.

Mr. President, I congratulate Mr. Howard on this worthy achievement and thank him for serving as a role model for the next generation. I am proud of his optimistic view toward life, and his perseverance and dedication toward overcoming obstacles. I wish him well throughout his tenure as Chairman of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce. •

#### NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998

Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of calendar No. 549, S. 2317.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2317) to improve the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 2317

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1998".

#### SEC. 2. UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE AND FISH REFUGE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section 4(a)(3) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a)(3)), there are transferred to the Corps of Engineers, without reimbursement, approximately 37.36 acres of land of the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge in the State of Minnesota, as designated on the map entitled "Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge lands transferred to Corps of Engineers", dated January 1998, and available, with accompanying legal descriptions of the land, for inspection in appropriate offices of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The first section and section 2 of the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge Act (16 U.S.C. 721, 722) are amended by striking "Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge" each place it appears and inserting "Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge".

#### SEC. 3. KILLCOHOOK COORDINATION AREA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section 4(a)(3) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a)(3)), the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service over approximately 1,439.26 acres of land in the States of New Jersey and Delaware, known as the "Killcohook Coordination Area", as established by Executive Order No. 6582, issued February 3, 1934, and Executive Order No. 8648, issued January 23, 1941, is terminated.

(b) EXECUTIVE ORDERS.—Executive Order No. 6582, issued February 3, 1934, and Executive Order No. 8648, issued January 23, 1941, are revoked.

#### SEC. 4. LAKE ELSIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section 4(a)(3) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a)(3)), the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service over approximately 634.7 acres of land and water in Richland County, North Dakota, known as the "Lake Elsie National Wildlife Refuge", as established by Executive Order No. 8152, issued June 12, 1939, is terminated.

(b) EXECUTIVE ORDER.—Executive Order No. 8152, issued June 12, 1939, is revoked.

#### SEC. 5. KLAMATH FOREST NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

Section 28 of the Act of August 13, 1954 (25 U.S.C. 564w-1), is amended in subsections (f) and (g) by striking "Klamath Forest National Wildlife Refuge" each place it appears and inserting "Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge".

#### SEC. 6. VIOLATION OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION ACT.

Section 4 of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of subsection (c), by striking "knowingly"; and

(2) in subsection (f)—

(A) by striking "(f) Any" and inserting the following: