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Gentlemen:

From my satellite here in Hawaii, I have been watching a great program you have and recently a bill was shown being introduced in the Senate by Senator Simon and another senator.

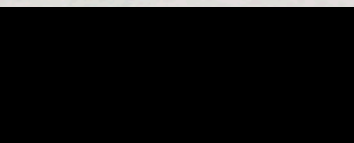
This bill was very simple and would save the taxpayers 2 1/2 million dollars per year if passed and adopted. It was a bill prohibiting the government from paying for a program that now lets the government underwrite what basically amounts to "Target Shooting" by firearm organizations. In other words, we, the taxpayers, are letting our money be spent for ammunition and contests by various organizations including the Boy Scouts.

Not only did the bill not pass the Senate, it was tabled by about a 64 to 36 vote before it could even come up. Such senators as Mitchell and McClowsky, who I have great respect for, even voted to table this bill and I am at a loss to know why!

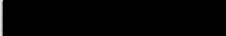
The only <sup>strong</sup>~~strong~~ opponents to this bill seemed to be Senators from Alaska, Idaho, Hawaii and other "hunters" states who obviously favor the use of firearms. As one senator so wisely pointed out, the government does not pay for balls and bats for Little Leagues, so why should it pay for the expenses of these firearm clubs?

Hopeful you can enlighten me as to why this bill was tabled and was not even given a chance to be voted upon. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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