

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to credits arising in taxable years beginning after December 31, 1999.

**BENNETT (AND HATCH)
AMENDMENTS NOS. 1713-1714**

(Order to lie on the table.)

Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. HATCH) submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by them to amendment No. 1676 proposed by Mr. CHAFEE to the bill, S. 1173, *supra*; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 1713

At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

SEC. 11. TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR OLYMPIC CITIES.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to authorize the provision of assistance for, and support of, State and local efforts concerning surface transportation issues necessary to obtain the national recognition and economic benefits of participation in the International Olympic movement and the International Paralympic movement by hosting international quadrennial Olympic and Paralympic events in the United States.

(b) PRIORITY FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RELATING TO OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC EVENTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from funds available to carry out section 104(k) of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary may give priority to funding for a transportation project relating to an international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic event if—

(1) the project meets the extraordinary needs associated with an international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic event; and

(2) the project is otherwise eligible for assistance under section 104(k) of that title.

(c) TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary may participate in—

(1) planning activities of States and metropolitan planning organizations and transportation projects relating to an international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic event under sections 134 and 135 of title 23, United States Code; and

(2) developing intermodal transportation plans necessary for the projects in coordination with State and local transportation agencies.

(d) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding section 541(a) of title 23, United States Code, from funds made available under that section, the Secretary may provide assistance for the development of an Olympic and a Paralympic transportation management plan in cooperation with an Olympic Organizing Committee responsible for hosting, and State and local communities affected by, an international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic event.

(e) TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RELATING TO OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC EVENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide assistance, including planning, capital, and operating assistance, to States and local governments in carrying out transportation projects relating to an international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic event.

(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project assisted under this subsection shall not exceed 80 percent.

(f) ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTS.—A State or local government shall be eligible to receive assistance under this section only if the government is hosting a venue that is part of an international quadrennial Olympics that is officially selected by the International Olympic Committee.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) to carry out this sec-

tion such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2003.

AMENDMENT No. 1714

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FOR OLYMPIC CITIES.

(a) PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS.—

(1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to provide assistance and support to State and local efforts on surface and aviation-related transportation issues necessary to obtain the national recognition and economic benefits of participation in the International Olympic movement and the International Paralympic movement by hosting international quadrennial Olympic and Paralympic events in the United States.

(2) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Transportation.

(b) PRIORITY FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RELATED TO OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC EVENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may give priority to funding for a mass transportation project related to an international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic event to carry out 1 or more of sections 5303, 5307, and 5309 of title 49, United States Code, if the project—

(A) in the determination of the Secretary, will meet extraordinary transportation needs associated with an international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic event; and

(B) is otherwise eligible for assistance under the section at issue.

(2) CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION.—A grant or a contract for a project described in paragraph (1), approved by the Secretary and funded with amounts made available under this subsection, is a contractual obligation to pay the Government's share of the cost of the project.

(3) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—For purposes of determining the non-Federal share of a project funded under this subsection, highway and transit projects shall be considered to be a program of projects.

(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

(c) TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may participate in—

(1) planning activities of State and metropolitan planning organizations, and project sponsors, for a transportation project related to an international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic event under sections 5303 and 5305a of title 49, United States Code; and

(2) developing intermodal transportation plans necessary for transportation projects described in paragraph (1), in coordination with State and local transportation agencies.

(d) TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS RELATED TO OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC EVENTS.—

(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may provide assistance to State and local governments, and an Olympic Organizing Committee responsible for hosting an international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic event, in carrying out transportation projects related to an international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic event. Such assistance may include planning, capital, and operating assistance.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the costs of any transportation project assisted under this subsection shall not exceed 80 percent. For purposes of determining the non-Federal share of a project assisted under this subsection, highway and

transit projects shall be considered to be a program of projects.

(e) ELIGIBLE GOVERNMENTS.—A State or local government is eligible to receive assistance under this section only if it is hosting a venue that is part of an international quadrennial Olympics that is officially selected by the International Olympic Committee.

(f) AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—

(1) AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT DEFINED.—Section 47102(3) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(H) Developing, in coordination with State and local transportation agencies, intermodal transportation plans necessary for Olympic-related projects at an airport."

(2) DISCRETIONARY GRANTS.—Section 47115(d) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (5);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting "; and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(7) the need for the project in order to meet the unique demands of hosting international quadrennial Olympic or Paralympic events."

(g) GRANT OR CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a grant or contract funded under this section shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may determine, including the waiver of planning and procurement requirements.

(h) USE OF FUNDS BEFORE APPORTIONMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available under section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, may be used by the Secretary for projects funded under this section before apportioning or allocating funds to States, metropolitan planning organizations, or transit agencies.

(i) USE OF APPROPRIATIONS.—From amounts made available to carry out sections 5303, 5307, and 5309 of title 49, United States Code, in each of fiscal years 1998 through 2003, the Secretary may use such amounts as may be necessary to carry out this section.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 5, 1998, at 9 a.m. in SR-328A. The purpose of this meeting will be to hold a hearing examining the Kyoto treaty on climate change and its effect on the agricultural economy.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 5, 1998, at 10 a.m. in open session, to receive testimony on the role of the Department of Defense in countering the transnational threats of the 21st century.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. CHAFEE. 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, March 5, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to consider the President's proposed budget for FY1999 for the Department of the Interior.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, March 5, 1998, at 4 p.m. for a business meeting. The agenda will be the approval of the Committee Report on the Special Investigation of Illegal and Improper Activities in Connection with 1996 Federal Election Campaigns.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CHAFEE. 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, March 5, 1998, at 10 a.m., in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Children and Families, be authorized to meet for a hearing on after school child care during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 5, 10 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the subcommittee on Immigration, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 5, 1998, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen Building, on: "Immigration and Naturalization Service Oversight: Reforming the Naturalization Process."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND
SPACE

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 5, 1998, at 2 p.m. on commercialization of space.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF LT. COL. EILEEN
COLLINS, THE FIRST WOMAN SE-
LECTED TO COMMAND A MIS-
SION OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE

• Mr. MOYNIHAM. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, a New York native who earlier this morning was named the first female space shuttle commander by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Ms. Collins was born in Elmira, New York and graduated from the Elmira Free Academy in 1974. She received her associate's degree in mathematics and science from Corning Community College in 1976, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from Syracuse University in 1978. Ms. Collins later received graduate degrees in operations research and space systems management at Stanford University and Webster University.

Ms. Collins has logged over 4,700 hours in thirty different types of aircraft. She was an assistant professor of mathematics at the Air Force Academy in Colorado from 1986 to 1989 and also served as an instructor pilot during her time there. Her many awards include the Department of Defense Superior Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in Grenada, and the NASA Space Flight Medal.

Lt. Col. Collins has soared to great heights, both literally and figuratively. She is, in several senses, a modern day pioneer. Her career has already been distinguished by efforts to push forward the frontiers of knowledge, through her work as a scientist and as a professor. She has contributed to efforts to bridge gaps between Russia and the United States, though her service as the first woman to pilot the space shuttle during the first flight of the new joint Russian-American Space Program—a program which embodies our vision of a new era of international scientific collaboration. Moreover, she is a member of an elite cadre of women who have served in our astronaut program. Ms. Collins is one of only 27 women who have flown in the history of the U.S. space shuttle program, out of a total of 229 people. Today, she steps up to her place in history as the first woman to be assigned command of a space shuttle mission, and in so doing expands our national vision of the opportunities and possibilities open to all American women.

I am proud to claim Lt. Col. Collins as a native of New York State, and as a product of New York educational institutions through her undergraduate years. Good luck, congratulations, and Godspeed, Lt. Col. Collins. •

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 1998 OLYMPIC
GOLD MEDALISTS

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate

Sarah Tueting, Gretchen Ulion, Katie King, Tarah Mounsey, Tricia Dunn, Sue Merz, Colleen Coyne and Karyn Bye, all distinguished athletes, for bringing home an Olympic gold medal in women's hockey. This gold medal symbolizes their dedication to excellence, relentless drive for greatness and unflinching crusade to become the best of the best.

It is a special honor to have these Granite Staters represent our country and the State of New Hampshire while competing in Nagano, Japan. Concord's Tara Mounsey and Salem's Katie King both went to Brown University in Rhode Island. Tricia Dunn, a resident of Derry graduated from the University of New Hampshire.

I also feel New Hampshire has a special claim to the Olympiads that attended Granite State Universities. Sarah Tueting and Gretchen Ulion both went to Dartmouth College. Sarah is from Winnetka, Illinois, and Gretchen is from Marlborough, Connecticut. Also, Colleen Coyne, Sue Merz, and Karyn Bye all went to the University of New Hampshire. Colleen is from East Falmouth, Massachusetts, Sue is from Greenwich, Connecticut, and Karyn is from River Falls, Wisconsin.

The team was a strong medal contender coming into the Games, however, the Canadian team had a stronger pre-Olympic record. Nonetheless, they beat the odds and prevailed. Team USA went undefeated, winning the final gold medal game against Team Canada, 3 to 1.

Their triumph created an immediate boom to women's hockey. Like pioneers, they have forged ahead in a sport historically not common for women and have proven to the world that it is no longer a sport just for men. As a result, they have become a catalyst for significant change in the interest of women's hockey. Already, local skating rinks across the country are reporting huge increases in lesson sign-ups.

These young Americans have reached the pinnacle of success, achieved what most only dream about, and have proven once again that Americans continue to achieve great feats. They are very much like diplomats, proudly representing America and delivering a superb performance in the world arena of Olympiads.

This Olympic team best exemplifies the qualities of a winning team. Four words come to mind that best represent the tools they used to bring home the gold: teamwork, dedication, hard work, and perseverance. Their attributes are an example for all that inspire others to succeed and reach that dream of dreams.

As a participant in the Olympics, they have joined an elite group of athletes who have continued a tradition rooted since the days of the ancient Greeks. The Olympics are a time when countries come together and put aside their differences to celebrate not only competition but humanity. It is a gathering of diverse cultures, beliefs and