

overall program approved by the International Monetary Fund for resolution of the crisis.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2128

At the appropriate place, add the following:

#### SEC. . ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMF POLICY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish an International Monetary Fund Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as "Advisory Committee").

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Committee shall consist of 8 members appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, after appropriate consultations with the relevant organizations, as follows:

(1) at least 2 members shall be representatives from organized labor;

(2) at least 2 members shall be representatives from nongovernmental environmental organizations;

(3) at least 2 members shall be representatives from nongovernmental human rights or social justice organizations.

(c) DUTIES.—Not less frequently than every six months, the Advisory Committee shall meet with the Secretary of the Treasury to review and provide advice on the extent to which individual IMF country programs meet the policy goals set forth in Article I of the Fund's Articles of Agreements and this Act.

(d) INAPPLICABILITY OF TERMINATION PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—Section 14(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act shall not apply to the Advisory Committee.

#### GREGG AMENDMENT NO. 2129

Mr. GREGG proposed an amendment to the amendment No. 2103 proposed by Mr. FAIRCLOTH to the bill, S. 1768, *supra*; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

#### (4) EXPENDITURES FROM TRUST FUND.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), amounts in the Trust Fund shall be available to the Secretary of Education for making expenditures to carry out subsection (a).

#### (B) RESERVATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall reserve \$1,000,000,000 of the amounts in the Trust Fund for activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1411 et seq.).

(ii) USE.—Amounts reserved under clause (i) shall be available to the Secretary of Education, during the 5-year period beginning on the date of establishment of the Trust Fund, for use in carrying out activities under such part B.

#### HELMS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2130

Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, and Mr. ASHCROFT) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, *supra*; as follows:

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

#### SEC. . UNITED STATES TAXPAYER SUPPORT TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) 8,500 men and women from the United States Armed Forces are currently serving in and around Bosnia, and 44,200 men and women from the United States Armed Forces are currently serving in and around the Persian Gulf;

(2) the Department of Defense has spent \$2,200,000,000 in fiscal year 1995, \$3,300,000,000 in fiscal year 1996, and \$2,973,000,000 in fiscal year 1997 for the incremental costs of implementing or supporting United Nations Security Council resolutions for which the United States received no credit at the United Nations;

(3) as of March 1, 1998, the United States Federal debt totaled \$5,537,630,079,097;

(4) as of the date of enactment of this Act, the United States, according to an audit by the General Accounting Office, has spent more than \$6,400,000,000 in incremental costs to the Department of Defense in and around Bosnia for which the United States received no credit at the United Nations;

(5) the President is now requesting an additional \$486,900,000 for United States deployments in and around Bosnia and \$1,361,400,000 for United States deployments in and around the Persian Gulf in "emergency fiscal year 1998 supplemental funds";

(6) those funds are in addition to the President's request for \$1,020,000,000 in arrears for all assessed contributions to international organizations, including a request for \$658,000,000 for United States arrears for United Nations peacekeeping operations;

(7) in response to spiraling United Nations peacekeeping costs and excessively broad mandates, the President on April 30, 1994, approved Public Law 103-236, which in section 404 limits the payment of the United States assessed contribution for any United Nations peacekeeping operation to 25 percent of the total of all assessed contributions for that operation;

(8) the United Nations continues to charge the United States for 30.4 percent of the costs of United Nations peacekeeping operations, despite Public Law 103-236;

(9) the United Nations continues to demand payment from the United States of the difference between 25 percent and 30.4 percent of bills for United Nations peacekeeping operations;

(10) United States law prohibits payment of those amounts as arrears to the United Nations, and the United States is not obligated to pay those amounts.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) United States taxpayers should be commended for their generous and unparalleled support in maintaining international peace and security through these additional contributions in support of United Nations Security Council resolutions, and that the United Nations should acknowledge publicly the financial and military support of the United States in maintaining international peace and stability;

(2) the United Nations should immediately reduce the percentage that the United States is assessed for United Nations peacekeeping operations to 25 percent to reflect United States law that limits assessments the United States will pay to support United Nations peacekeeping operations.

(c) RECOGNITION OF UNITED STATES SUPPORT.—

(1) REPORT BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL.—The President should direct the United States Ambassador to the United Nations to introduce a resolution in the United Nations Security Council, requiring that the Security Council publicly report to all United Nations member states on the amount of funds the United States has spent since January 1, 1990, in implementing or supporting United Nations Security Council resolutions, as determined by the Department of Defense.

(2) DEMARCHE TO SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.—The Secretary of State should issue a demarche to all member countries of the United Nations Security Council, informing them of the amount of funds, both credited

and uncredited, the Department of Defense has spent since January 1, 1990, in support of United Nations Security Council resolutions.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations and International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Appropriations and Foreign Relations of the Senate with regard to actions taken to carry out the provisions of subsection (c).

#### NICKLES AMENDMENT NO. 2131

Mr. NICKLES proposed an amendment to amendment No. 2123 proposed by Mr. BOND to the bill, S. 1768, *supra*; as follows:

Beginning on page 1, line 5, strike everything after the word "expended":

#### THE EDUCATION SAVINGS ACT FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

#### DODD AMENDMENT NO. 2132

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DODD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 2646) to amend the Internal Revenue Code for 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike section 101, and insert the following:

#### SEC. 101. FUNDING FOR PART B OF IDEA.

Any net revenue increases resulting from the enactment of title II that remain available, taking into account the provisions of this title, shall be used to carry out part B of of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1411 et seq.).

#### 1998 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR RECOVERY FROM NATURAL DISASTERS, AND FOR OVERSEAS PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS

#### ENZI (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2133

Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. REID, and Mr. SESSIONS) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1768) *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. PROHIBITION.

Notwithstanding section 11(d)(7)(B)(vii) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(7)(B)(vii)), the Secretary of the Interior shall not—

(1) promulgate as final regulations, the proposed regulations published on January 22, 1998, at 63 Fed. Reg. 3289; or

(2) issue a notice of proposed rulemaking for, or promulgate, any similar regulations to provide for procedures for gaming activities under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.), in any case in which a State asserts a defense of sovereign immunity to a lawsuit brought by an Indian

tribe in a Federal court under section 11(d)(7) of that Act (25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(7)) to compel the State to participate in compact negotiations for class III gaming (as that term is defined in section 4(8) of that Act (25 U.S.C. 2703(8))).

#### BUMPERS AMENDMENT NO. 2134

Mr. BUMPERS proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place insert the following:

#### "SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE WITH REGARD TO OFFSETS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) the Budget Enforcement Act contains discretionary spending caps to limit discretionary spending;

(2) within the discretionary spending caps, Congress has imposed firewalls to establish overall limits on spending for non-defense discretionary programs and overall limits on spending for defense discretionary programs;

(3) any increase in non-defense discretionary spending that would exceed the non-defense discretionary spending caps must be offset by rescissions in non-defense discretionary programs;

(4) any increase in defense discretionary spending that would exceed the defense discretionary spending caps must be offset by rescissions in defense discretionary programs;

(5) the Budget Enforcement Act exempts emergency spending from the discretionary spending caps;

(6) certain items funded in the fiscal year 1998 supplemental appropriations bill have been designated as emergencies and thus are exempt from the budget cap limitations;

(7) the House of Representatives will be considering a version of the fiscal year 1998 supplemental appropriations bill that will purportedly make rescissions to offset spending on items that have been deemed emergencies;

(8) the rescissions included in the House of Representatives fiscal year 1998 supplemental appropriations bill will purportedly come solely from non-defense discretionary programs;

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the Sense of the Senate that of the rescissions, if any, which Congress makes to offset appropriations made for emergency items in the fiscal year 1998 supplemental appropriations bill, defense spending should be rescinded to offset increases in spending for defense programs.

#### ROBB AMENDMENT NO. 2135

Mr. ROBB proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

#### "SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This section may be cited as the 'Agricultural Credit Restoration Act'.

#### SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSOLIDATED FARM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT.

(a) Section 343(a)(12)(B) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(12)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

"(B) EXCEPTIONS.—The term 'debt forgiveness' does not include—

"(i) consolidation, rescheduling, reamortization, or deferral of a loan;

"(ii) debt forgiveness in the form of a restructuring, write-down, or net recovery buy-out during the lifetime of the borrower that is due to a financial problem of the borrower relating to a natural disaster or a

medical condition of the borrower or of a member of the immediate family of the borrower (or, in the case of a borrower that is an entity, a principal owner of the borrower or a member of the immediate family of such an owner); and

"(iii) any restructuring, write-down, or net recovery buy-out provided as a part of a resolution of a discrimination complaint against the Secretary."

(b) Section 353(m) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2001(m)) is amended by striking all that precedes paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

"(m) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF WRITE-DOWNS AND NET RECOVERY BUY-OUTS PER BORROWER.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide a write-down or net recovery buy-out under this section on not more than 2 occasions per borrower with respect to loans made after January 6, 1988."

(c) Section 353 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2001) is amended by striking subsection (o).

(d) Section 355(c)(2) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2003(c)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) RESERVATION AND ALLOCATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, to the greatest extent practicable, reserve and allocate the proportion of each State's loan funds made available under subtitle B that is equal to that State's target participation rate for use by the socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers in that State. The Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, distribute the total so derived on a county by county basis according to the number of socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers in the county.

"(B) REALLOCATION OF UNUSED FUNDS.—The Secretary may pool any funds reserved and allocated under this paragraph with respect to a State that are not used as described in subparagraph (A) in a State in the first 10 months of a fiscal year with the funds similarly not so used in other States, and may reallocate such pooled funds in the discretion of the Secretary for use by socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in other States."

(e) Section 373(b)(1) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2008h(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary may not make or guarantee a loan under subtitle A or B to a borrower who on, 2 or more occasions, received debt forgiveness on a loan made or guaranteed under this title."

(f) Section 373(c) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2008h(c)) is amended to read as follows:

"(c) NO MORE THAN 2 DEBT FORGIVENESSES PER BORROWER ON DIRECT LOANS.—The Secretary may not, on 2 or more occasions, provide debt forgiveness to a borrower on a direct loan made under this title."

#### SEC. 2. REGULATIONS.

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the amendments made by this Act, without regard to—

(1) the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code; and

(2) the statement of policy of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to notices of proposed rule-making and public participation in rule-making that became effective on July 24, 1971 (36 Fed. Reg. 13804).

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to

meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, in open session, to receive testimony on the situation in the Persian Gulf.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, to conduct a hearing on the re-nomination of Arthur Levitt, Jr., to be a commissioner and chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to continue markup of S. 8, the Superfund Cleanup Acceleration Act of 1997, Wednesday, March 25, 9:30 a.m., Hearing room (SD-406).

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

##### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at 10 a.m., for a hearing on the Government Secrecy Act of 1997, S. 712.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 1998 beginning at 9:30 a.m., until business is completed, to receive testimony on the Federal election Commission's budget authorization request for FY99.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs requests unanimous consent to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to receive the legislative presentations of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Retired Officers Association.

The hearing will be held on March 25, 1998, at 9:30 a.m., in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building.

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

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select