

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of low-income housing credits which may be allocated in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

S. 1255

At the request of Mr. COATS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1255, a bill to provide for the establishment of demonstration projects designed to determine the social, civic, psychological, and economic effects of providing to individuals and families with limited means an opportunity to accumulate assets, and to determine the extent to which an asset-based policy may be used to enable individuals and families with limited means to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

S. 1283

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1283, a bill to award Congressional gold medals to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred collectively as the "Little Rock Nine" on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the integration of the Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend section 2301 of title 38, United States Code, to provide for the furnishing of burial flags on behalf of certain deceased members and former members of the Selected Reserve.

S. 1413

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1413, a bill to provide a framework for consideration by the legislative and executive branches of unilateral economic sanctions.

S. 1580

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1580, a bill to amend the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to place an 18-month moratorium on the prohibition of payment under the Medicare program for home health services consisting of venipuncture solely for the purpose of obtaining a blood sample, and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to study potential fraud and abuse under such program with respect to such services.

S. 1621

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1621, a bill to provide that certain Federal property shall be made available to States for State use before being made available to other entities, and for other purposes.

S. 1723

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. ASHCROFT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1723, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of the United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers.

S. 1725

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to terminate the Office of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 30, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Republic of China should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

SENATE RESOLUTION 175

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the names of the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. KEMPTHORNE], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN], the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK], and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 175, a bill to designate the week of May 3, 1998 as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 188

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 188, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Israeli membership in a United Nations regional group.

SENATE RESOLUTION 200—DESIGNATING "NATIONAL MARITIME ARBITRATION DAY"

Mr. INOUE submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 200

Whereas Congress recognizes the integral role arbitration plays in expeditiously settling maritime disputes;

Whereas the Society of Maritime Arbitrators is a nonprofit, United States based organization providing arbitration and other Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services to the international maritime industry;

Whereas the Society of Maritime Arbitrators has successfully facilitated the resolution of over 3,400 international commercial and maritime disputes since its inception in 1963; and

Whereas the Society of Maritime Arbitrators celebrates its 35th anniversary on March 26, 1998: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 26, 1998, as "National Maritime Arbitration Day"; and

(2) requests the President to issue a proclamation designating March 26, 1998, as "National Maritime Arbitration Day" and calling upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

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

MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 2136

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1768) making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place in Title II, insert the following:

SEC. . ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUGEE STATUS.

Section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997 (Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-171) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "For purposes" and inserting "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes"; and

(B) by striking "fiscal year 1997" and inserting "fiscal years 1998 and 1999"; and

(2) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) ALIENS COVERED.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An alien described in this subsection is an alien who—

"(A) is the son or daughter of a qualified national;

"(B) is 21 years of age or older; and

"(C) was unmarried as of the date of acceptance of the alien's parent for resettlement under the Orderly Departure Program.

"(2) QUALIFIED NATIONAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term 'qualified national' means a national of Vietnam who—

"(A)(i) was formerly interned in a reeducation camp in Vietnam by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; or

"(ii) is the widow or widower of an individual described in clause (i); and

"(B)(i) qualified for refugee processing under the reeducation camp internees subprogram of the Orderly Departure Program; and

"(ii) on or after April 1, 1995, is accepted—

"(I) for resettlement as a refugee; or

"(II) for admission as an immigrant under the Orderly Departure Program."

STEVENS (AND MURKOWSKI) AMENDMENTS NOS. 2137-2138

Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI) proposed two amendments to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2137

On page 38, following line 18, insert the following new section:

SEC. . PROVISION OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR ALASKA NATIVES.

Section 203(a) of the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act (Public Law 105-143, 111 Stat. 2666) is amended—

(1) by inserting "other than community based alcohol services," after "Ketchikan Gateway Borough,"; and

(2) by inserting at the end the following new sentence: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, such contract or compact shall provide services to all Indian and Alaska Native beneficiaries of the Indian Health Service in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough without the need for resolutions of support from any Indian tribe as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(e))."

AMENDMENT NO. 2138

On page 38, following line 18, insert the following new section:

SEC. .

Section 326(a) of the Act making Appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 and for other purposes (Public Law 105-83, 111 Stat. 1543) is amended—

by striking "with any Alaska Native village or Alaska Native village corporation" and inserting "to any Indian tribe as defined in the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b(e))".

BOND (AND STEVENS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2139

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. BOND, for himself and Mr. STEVENS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 15, after line 21, add the following:
SEC. 205. In addition to the amounts provided in Public Law 105-56, \$272,500,000 is appropriated under the heading "Aircraft Procurement, Navy": *Provided*, That the additional amount shall be made available only for the procurement of eight F/A-18 aircraft for the United States Marine Corps: *Provided further*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for \$272,500,000, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act.

CHAFEE AMENDMENT NO. 2140

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. CHAFEE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 17, beginning on line 10, strike "to be conducted at full Federal expense".

WYDEN AMENDMENT NO. 2141

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. WYDEN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill in Title II, insert the following new section:

SEC. . ELIMINATION OF SECRECY IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATIONS.

The President shall instruct the United States Representatives to the World Trade Organization to seek the adoption of procedures that will ensure broader application of the principles of transparency and openness in the activities of the organization, including by urging the World Trade Organization General Council to—

(1) permit appropriate meetings of the Council, the Ministerial Conference, dispute settlement panels, and the Appellate Body to be made open to the public; and

(2) provide for timely public summaries of the matters discussed and decisions made in any closed meeting of the Conference or Council.

BOND AMENDMENT NO. 2142

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. BOND) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 46, after line 25, insert:

GENERAL PROVISION

Sec. 1001. Section 206 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (Pub. L. 105-65; October 27, 1997) is amended by inserting the following before the period: ", and for loans and grants for economic development in and around 18th and Vine".

CRAIG AMENDMENT NO. 2143

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. CRAIG) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

Beginning on line 10 on page 35, strike all through line 18 on page 38 and insert in lieu thereof the following new section:

SEC. 405. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MORATORIUM.

(a)(1) The Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, in his sole discretion, may offer any timber sales that were previously scheduled to be offered in fiscal year 1998 or fiscal year 1999 even if such sales would have been delayed or halted as a result of, any moratorium on construction of roads in roadless areas within the National Forest System adopted as policy or by regulation that would otherwise be applicable to such sales.

(2) Any sales authorized pursuant to subsection (a)(1) shall—

(A) comply with all applicable laws and regulations and be consistent with applicable land and resource management plans, except any regulations or plan amendments which establish or implement the moratorium referred to in subsection (a)(1); and

(B) be subject to administrative appeals pursuant to Part 215 of title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations and to judicial review.

(b)(1) For any previously scheduled sales that are not offered pursuant to, subsection (a)(1), the Chief may, to the extent practicable, offer substitutes sales within the same state in fiscal year 1998 or fiscal year 1999. Such substitute sales shall be subject to the requirements of subsection (a)(2).

(2)(A) The Chief shall pay as soon as practicable after fiscal year 1998 and fiscal year 1999 to any State in which sales previously scheduled to be offered that are referred to in, but not offered pursuant to, subsection (a)(1) would have occurred, 25 percentum of any receipts from such sales that—

(i) were anticipated from fiscal year 1998 or fiscal year 1999 sales in the absence of any moratorium referred to in subsection (a)(1); and

(ii) are not offset by revenues received in such fiscal years from substitute projects authorized pursuant to subsection (b)(1).

(B) After reporting the amount of funds required to make any payments required by subsection (b)(2)(A), and the source from which such funds are to be derived, to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Chief shall make any payments required by subsection (b)(2)(A) from—

(i) the \$2,000,000 appropriated for the purposes of this section in Chapter 4 of this Act; or

(ii) in the event that the amount referred to in subsection (b)(2)(B)(i) is not sufficient

to cover the payments required under subsection (b)(2), from any funds appropriated to the Forest Service in fiscal year 1998 or fiscal year 1999, as the case may be, that are not specifically earmarked for another purpose by the applicable appropriation act or a committee or conference report thereon.

(C) Any State which receives payments required by subsection (b)(2)(A) shall expend such funds only in the manner, and for the purposes, prescribed in section 500 of title 16 of the United States Code.

(c)(1) During the term of the moratorium referred to in subsection (a)(1), the Chief shall prepare, and submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on, each of the following:

(A) a study of whether standards and guidelines in existing land and resource management plans compel or encourage entry into roadless areas within the National Forest System for the purpose of constructing roads or undertaking any other ground-disturbing activities;

(B) an inventory of all roads within the National Forest System and the uses which they serve, in a format that will inform and facilitate the development of a long-term Forest Service transportation policy; and

(C) a comprehensive and detailed analysis of the economic and social effects of the moratorium referred to in subsection (a)(1) on county, State, and regional levels.

(2) The Chief shall fund the study, inventory and analysis required by subsection (c)(1) fiscal year 1998 from funds appropriated for Forest Research in such fiscal year that are not specifically earmarked for another purpose in the applicable appropriation act or a committee or conference report thereon."

COCHRAN (AND BUMPERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2144

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. COCHRAN, for himself and Mr. BUMPERS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 5, line 10, strike "that had been produced but not marketed".

WELLSTONE (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2145

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. WELLSTONE, for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. DASCHLE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 3, line 6, beginning with "emer-", strike all down through and including "insured," on line 7 and insert "direct and guaranteed".

On page 3, line 11, following "disaster" insert: "as follows: operating loans, \$8,600,000, of which \$5,400,000 shall be for subsidized guaranteed loans; emergency insured loans".

On page 3, line 14, strike "\$21,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "\$29,600,000".

JEFFORDS (AND LEAHY)
AMENDMENT NO. 2146

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. JEFFORDS, for himself and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 18, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

An additional amount for emergency construction to repair the Mackville Dam in Hardwick, Vermont: \$500,000, to remain

available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Army may obligate and expend the funds appropriated for repair of the Mackville Dam if the Secretary of the Army certifies that the repair is necessary to provide flood control benefits: *Provided further*, That the Corps of Engineers shall not be responsible for the future costs of operation, repair, replacement, or rehabilitation of the project: *Provided further*, that the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request of \$500,000 that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)) is transmitted by the President to Congress: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of that Act.

LOTT AMENDMENT NO. 2147

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. LOTT) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 8 line 14 and 18 of amendment 2100 after the word "automobile," insert the following "shipbuilding,".

DASCHLE AMENDMENT NO. 2148

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. DASCHLE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in Title II, insert the following:

SEC. . . In addition to the amounts provided in Public Law 105-56, \$35,000,000 is appropriated and shall be available for deposit in the International Trust Fund of the Republic of Slovenia for Demining, Mine Clearance, and Assistance to Mine Victims in Bosnia and Herzegovina: *Provided*, That such amount may be deposited in that Fund only if the President determines that such amount could be used effectively and for objectives consistent with on-going multilateral efforts to remove landmines in Bosnia and Herzegovina: *Provided further*, That such amount may be deposited in that Fund only to the extent of deposits of matching amounts in that Fund by other government, entities, or persons: *Provided further*, That the amount of such amount deposited by the United States in that Fund may be expended by the Republic of Slovenia only in consultation with the United States Government: *Provided further*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent an official budget request, for a specific dollar amount, that includes a designation of the entire amount as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is transmitted to Congress by the President: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act.

GREGG AMENDMENT NO. 2149

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. GREGG) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 51, line 8, strike the word "design," and on line 13, strike the words "federal construction,".

LEVIN AMENDMENT NO. 2150

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the IMF title of the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . . The Secretary of the Treasury shall consult with the office of the United States Trade Representative regarding prospective IMF borrower countries, including their status with respect to title III of the Trade Act of 1974 or any executive order issued pursuant to the aforementioned title, and shall take these consultations into account before instructing the United States Executive Director of the IMF on the United States position regarding loans or credits to such borrowing countries

In the section of the bill entitled "SEC. . . REPORTS." after the first word "account", insert the following:

(i) of outcomes related to the requirements of section (described above); and (ii).

GRASSLEY (AND STEVENS) AMENDMENT NO. 2151

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. GRASSLEY, for himself and Mr. STEVENS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 46, after line 16, insert:

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE CUSTOMS FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS

In addition to the amounts made available for the United States Customs Service in Public Law 105-61, \$5,512,000, to remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That this amount may be made available for construction of a P3-AEW hangar in Corpus Christi, Texas: *Provided further*, That the funds appropriated under this heading may only be obligated 30 days after the Commissioner of the Customs Service certifies to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations that the construction of this facility is necessary for the operation of the P-3 aircraft for the counternarcotics mission.

On page 50, after line 14, insert:

CUSTOMS FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS (RESCISSION)

Of the funds made available under this heading in Public Law 102-393, \$4,470,000 and Public Law 103-123, \$1,041,754 are rescinded.

HUTCHISON AMENDMENT NO. 2152

Mr. STEVENS (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 26, after line 11, insert the following:

For an additional amount for "Wildland and Fire Management" for wildland and fire management operations to be carried out to rectify damages caused by the windstorms in Texas on February 10, 1998, \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the entire amount shall be available only at the discretion of the chief of the National Forest Service: *Provided further*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for \$2,000,000 that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

BOXER AMENDMENT NO. 2153

Mr. STEVENS (for Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 21, line 20, delete the number "\$28,938,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$32,818,000".

On page 21, line 23, delete the number "\$28,938,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$32,818,000".

On page 22, line 11, delete the number "\$8,500,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$9,506,000".

On page 22, line 13, delete the number "\$8,500,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$9,506,000".

On page 22, line 25, delete the number "\$1,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$1,198,000".

On page 23, line 3, delete the number "\$1,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$1,198,000".

On page 24, insert a new section:

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for 'Construction', \$1,837,000, to remain available until expended, to repair damage caused by floods and other natural disasters: *Provided*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for \$1,837,000, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

On page 24, insert a new section:

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for 'Construction', \$700,000, to remain available until expended, to repair damage caused by floods and other natural disasters: *Provided*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for \$700,000, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

DORGAN AMENDMENT NO. 2154

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. DORGAN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 24, after line 17, insert the following:

CONSTRUCTION

"For an additional amount for "Construction, Bureau of Indian Affairs," \$365,000 to remain available until expended, for replacement of fixtures and testing for and remediation of Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in BIA schools and administrative facilities, *Provided* that the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for \$365,000 that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

**TORRICELLI (AND LAUTENBERG)
AMENDMENT NO. 2155**

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. TORRICELLI, for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 59, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING SETTLEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS TO RECOVER COSTS.

It is the sense of the Senate that the Attorney General should not accept a settlement in proceedings to recover costs incurred in the cleanup of the Wayne Interim Storage Site, Wayne, New Jersey, unless the settlement recaptures a substantial portion of the costs incurred by the taxpayer.

**LAUTENBERG AMENDMENT NO.
2156**

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to the amount allocated for fiscal year 1998, and the amounts that would otherwise be allocated for fiscal year 1999 or any succeeding fiscal year, to the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on behalf of the Philadelphia, PA-NJ Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (in this section referred to as the "metropolitan area"), under section 854(c) of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12903(c)), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall adjust such amounts by allocating to the State of New Jersey the proportion of the metropolitan area's amount that is based on the number of cases of AIDS reported in the portion of the metropolitan area that is located in New Jersey.

(b) The State of New Jersey shall use amounts allocated to the State under this section to carry out eligible activities under section 855 of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12904) in the portion of the metropolitan area that is located in New Jersey.

**MURKOWSKI (AND BINGAMAN)
AMENDMENT NO. 2157**

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 26, after line 11, insert the following new section: Department of Energy and Strategic Petroleum Reserve

SEC. . STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.

For necessary expenses for Strategic Petroleum Reserve facility development and operations and program management activities pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.), \$207,500,000, to remain available until expended, and the sale of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve required by Public Law 105-83 shall be prohibited: *Provided*, That the entire amount shall be available and the oil sale prohibited only to the extent that an official budget request for \$207,500,000, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency require-

ment pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act."

**CLELAND (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2158**

Mr. CLELAND (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . DISASTER MITIGATION PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(b)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by adding "and" at the end; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(C) during fiscal years 1999 through 2003, to establish a pre-disaster mitigation program to make such loans (either directly or in cooperation with banks or other lending institutions through agreements to participate on an immediate or deferred (guaranteed) basis), as the Administrator may determine to be necessary or appropriate, to enable small businesses to install mitigation devices or to take preventive measures to protect against disasters, in support of a formal mitigation program established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, except that no loan or guarantee shall be extended to a small business under this subparagraph unless the Administration finds that the small business is otherwise unable to obtain credit for the purposes described in this subparagraph;"

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

(f) DISASTER MITIGATION PILOT PROGRAM.—The following program levels are authorized for loans under section 7(b)(1)(C):

- "(1) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1999.
- "(2) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.
- "(3) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.
- "(4) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.
- "(5) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

BYRD AMENDMENT NO. 2159

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. BYRD) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

At the end of the bill add the following General Provision:

"SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of law, permanent employees of county committees employed during fiscal year 1998 pursuant to 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) shall be considered as having Federal Civil Service status only for the purpose of applying for USDA Civil Service vacancies."

**BINGAMAN (AND HOLLINGS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2160**

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place insert the following:

SECTION 1. SCHOOL SECURITY.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Safe Schools Security Act of 1998".

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to provide for school security training and technology, and for local school security programs.

(c) SCHOOL SECURITY TECHNOLOGY CENTER.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Attorney General, the Secretary of Education, and the Secretary of Energy shall enter into an agreement for the establishment at the Sandia National Laboratories in partnership with the National Law Enforcement And Corrections Technology Center—Southeast of a center to be known as the "School Security Technology Center". The School Security Technology Center shall be administered by the Attorney General.

(2) FUNCTIONS.—The School Security Technology Center shall be a resource to local educational agencies for school security assessments, security technology development, technology availability and implementation, and technical assistance relating to improving school security.

(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$2,250,000 for each of the fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001.

(d) LOCAL SCHOOL SECURITY PROGRAMS.—Subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7111 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 4119. LOCAL SCHOOL SECURITY PROGRAMS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—From amounts appropriated under subsection (c), the Secretary of Education shall award grants on a competitive basis to local educational agencies to enable the agencies to acquire security technology, or carry out activities related to improving security at the middle and high schools served by the agencies, including obtaining school security assessments, and technical assistance for the development of a comprehensive school security plan from the School Security Technology Center. The Secretary shall give priority to local educational agencies showing the highest security needs as reported by the agency to the Secretary in application for funding made available under this section.

"(b) APPLICABILITY.—The provisions of this part shall not apply to this section.

"(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001."

(d) SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOL ADVISORY PANEL.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be established a panel comprised of the Secretary of Education, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Energy, or their designees to develop a proposal to further improve school security. Such proposal shall be submitted to the Congress within 18 months of the date of enactment of this Act.

COCHRAN AMENDMENT NO. 2161

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

On page 3 line 7 of amendment 2100, change to word "requirement" to "requiring".

**BAUCUS (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2162**

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BUMPERS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 59, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

SEC. . EXTENSION OF MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS.

Section 133 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7233) is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

“(c) EXTENSION.—The Secretary may extend the term of a marketing assistance loan made to producers on a farm for any loan commodity until September 30, 1998.”

D'AMATO AMENDMENT NO. 2163

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. D'AMATO) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 38, after line 18, add the following new section:

“SEC. . The Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of the Interior shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure not later than April 20, 1998, on the proposed use by the New York City Police Department for air and sea rescue and public safety purposes of the facility that is to be vacated by the U.S. Coast Guard at Floyd Bennett Field located in the City of New York.”

KENNEDY (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2164

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. WELLSTONE) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 2120 proposed by Mr. NICKLES to the bill, S. 1768, supra; as follows:

On page 39, in lieu of the matter proposed to be stricken, insert the following:

HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount for Health Care Financing Administration, “Program Management”, \$8,000,000.

On page 50, in lieu of the matter proposed to be stricken, insert the following:

GENERAL PROVISION, CHAPTER 11

SEC. 1101. Not to exceed \$75,400,000 may be obligated in fiscal year 1998 for contacts with Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organization pursuant to part B of title XI of the Social Security Act.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled “The President's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Request for the Small Business Administration—Part II.” The hearing will be held on Thursday, April 2, 1998, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will be broadcast live on the Internet from our homepage address: <http://www.senate.gov/sbc>

For further information, please contact Paul Cooksey at 224-5175.

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 on Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 10 a.m. in open session, to receive testimony on Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities in review of the Defense authorization

request for fiscal year 1999 and the future years Defense program.

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 Thursday, March 26, 1998, to conduct a hearing on the implications of the recent Supreme Court decision concerning credit union membership.

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, Thursday, March 26, 9:30 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406).

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. STEVENS. 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 26, 1998, at 10 a.m., in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen office building.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. STEVENS. 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 Head Start during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE OCEANS AND FISHERIES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Oceans and Fisheries Subcommittee on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 26, 1998 at 2 p.m. on S. 1221—American Fisheries Act.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 26, 1998 at 2 p.m. to receive testimony on the Department of Defense Domestic Emergency Response Program and support to the interagency preparedness efforts, including the Federal response plan and the city training program, in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 1999 and the future years Defense program.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE VETERANS BURIAL RIGHTS ACT OF 1998

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I am pleased to announce the introduction of the Veterans Burial Rights Act of 1998. I want to personally thank Senator FRANK MURKOWSKI, my colleague on the Veterans' Affairs Committee and the former chairman of the committee, and Senator PAUL SARBANES for joining me in introducing this legislation.

I also want to thank the veterans service organizations that worked with us to draft this very important legislation. I particularly want to thank the veterans of my state who first brought this issue to my attention and who have been true partners in this effort.

I introduced this legislation for a very simple reason: every day, veterans are being buried across this nation without full military honors—honors earned through service to us all. And that is not right.

The Veterans Burial Rights Act of 1998 is a common sense piece of legislation of great importance to the veterans of our country. Our bill requires the Department of Defense to provide honor guard services upon request at the funerals of our veterans. Our bill is the right thing to do.

Our country has asked a lot of our veterans. I believe we have a responsibility to tell each and every veteran that we remember and we honor their service to our country. The Veterans Burial Rights Act of 1998 gives meaning to the words “on behalf of a grateful nation,” that accompanies the presentation of the flag to the family at a funeral.

I can speak personally to the importance of this legislation. I lost my own father last year, a World War II veteran and proud member of the Disabled American Veterans. My family was lucky. We were able to arrange for an honor guard at his service. Having the honor guard there for my family made a big difference and a lasting impression. We were all—and particularly my mother—filled with pride at a very difficult moment for our family, as Dad's service was recognized one final time. It should be this way for every family who lays a veteran to rest.

With a downsized military, installations are no longer able to provide trained personnel to perform military honors for every veteran. Veterans service organizations have stepped in and tried to provide the color guard services for deceased fellow veterans. And by most accounts, they do a pretty good job. But VSO's cannot meet the need for color guard services. By their own admission they often lack the crispness and the precision of trained military personnel.