

60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter assess and collect from each manufacturer of tobacco products a user fee for the conduct of teen anti-tobacco activities by the Food and Drug Administration.

(c) AMOUNT.—With respect to each year, the user fee assessed to a manufacturer under subsection (b) shall be equal to an amount that bears the same ratio to \$150,000,000 as the tobacco product market share of the manufacturer bears to the tobacco market share of all tobacco product manufacturers for the year preceding the year in which the determination is being made.

(d) DEPOSITS.—Amount collected under subsection (b) shall be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

(e) APPROPRIATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated in each fiscal year, and there are appropriated, an amount equal to the amount deposited into the Treasury under subsection (d) for that fiscal year, to be used by the Food and Drug Administration to carry out teen anti-tobacco activities under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

(f) NO REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENT.—The Secretary shall not require that a manufacturer pay a user fee under this section for any tobacco product for any fiscal year if the Secretary determines that the tobacco product involved as manufactured by the manufacturer is used by less than 0.5 percent of the total number of individuals determined to have used any tobacco product as manufactured by all manufacturers for the year involved.

(g) FINAL DETERMINATION.—The determination of the Secretary as to the amount and allocation of an assessment under subsection (b) shall be final and the manufacturer shall pay such assessment within 30 days of the date on which the manufacturer is assessed. Such payment shall be retained by the Secretary pending final judicial review.

(h) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—The amount of any user fee paid under subsection (b) shall be subject to judicial review by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, based on the arbitrary and capricious standard of section 706(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no court shall have the authority to stay any payment due to the Secretary under subsection (b) pending judicial review.

BAUCUS AMENDMENT NO. 3194

Mr. COCHRAN (for Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2159, supra; as follows:

On page 13, line 11, strike "\$50,500,000" and insert "\$51,400,000".

On page 14, line 17, strike "\$432,082,000" and insert "\$432,982,000".

DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

BOND (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3195

Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. CLELAND, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. COVERDELL) proposed an amendment to the bill (S.

2168) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, as follows:

On page 7, line 18, add the following new provisos prior to the period: "*Provided further*, That the funds made available under this heading, \$14,000,000 shall be for the homeless grant program and \$6,000,000 shall be for the homeless per diem program: *Provided further*, That such funds may be used for vocational training, rehabilitation, and outreach activities in addition to other authorized homeless assistance activities".

MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 3196

Mr. BOND (for Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SEC. 423. (a) Each entity that receives a grant from the Federal Government for purposes of providing emergency shelter for homeless individuals shall—

(1) ascertain, to the extent practicable, whether or not each adult individual seeking such shelter from such entity is a veteran; and

(2) provide each such individual who is a veteran such counseling relating to the availability of veterans benefits (including employment assistance, health care benefits, and other benefits) as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs considers appropriate.

(b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall jointly coordinate the activities required by subsection (a).

(c) Entities referred to in subsection (a) shall notify the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of the number and identity of veterans ascertained under paragraph (1) of that subsection. Such entities shall make such notification with such frequency and in such form as the Secretary shall specify.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an entity referred to subsection (a) that fails to meet the requirements specified in that subsection shall not be eligible for additional grants or other Federal funds for purposes of carrying out activities relating to emergency shelter for homeless individuals.

BOND (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3197

Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Ms. MIKULSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

On page 7, line 18, add the following new provisos prior to the period: "*Provided further*, That of the funds made available under this heading, \$10,000,000 shall be for implementation of the Primary Care Providers Incentive Act, contingent upon enactment of authorizing legislation".

SARBANES (AND MIKULSKI) AMENDMENT NO. 3198

Mr. BOND (for Mr. SARBANES for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. — NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSES.—Section 202 of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Act (36 U.S.C. 5201) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(1) primarily—

"(A) to encourage, accept, and administer private gifts of property for the benefit of the National Fallen Firefighters' Memorial and the annual memorial service associated with the memorial; and

"(B) to, in coordination with the Federal Government and fire services (as that term is defined in section 4 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2203)), plan, direct, and manage the memorial service referred to in subparagraph (A)";

(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting "and Federal" after "non-Federal";

(3) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by striking "State and local" and inserting "Federal, State, and local"; and

(B) by striking "and" at the end;

(4) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) to provide for a national program to assist families of fallen firefighters and fire departments in dealing with line-of-duty deaths of those firefighters; and

"(6) to promote national, State, and local initiatives to increase public awareness of fire and life safety in coordination with the United States Fire Administration."

(b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FOUNDATION.—Section 203(g)(1) of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Act (36 U.S.C. 5202(g)(1)) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

"(A) appointing officers or employees;"

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—Section 205 of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Act (36 U.S.C. 5204) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 205. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—During the 10-year period beginning on the date of enactment of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, the Administrator may—

"(1) provide personnel, facilities, and other required services for the operation of the Foundation; and

"(2) request and accept reimbursement for the assistance provided under paragraph (1).

"(b) REIMBURSEMENT.—Any amounts received under subsection (a)(2) as reimbursement for assistance shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriations then current and chargeable for the cost of providing that assistance.

"(c) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Federal personnel or stationery may be used to solicit funding for the Foundation."

WELLSTONE (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3199

Mr. BOND (for Mr. WELLSTONE for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. KERRY) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

On page 16, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

SEC. 110. (a)(1) Section 1103 of title 38, United States Code, is repealed.

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 11 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 1103.

(b) Upon the enactment of this Act—

(1) the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall not make any estimate of changes in direct spending outlays under section 252(d) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 for any fiscal year resulting from the enactment of this section; and

(2) the Chairmen of the Committees on the Budget shall not make any adjustments in direct spending outlays for purposes of the allocations, functional levels, and aggregates under title III of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 for any fiscal year resulting from the enactment of this section.

MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT NO. 3200

Mr. MURKOWSKI proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

SEC. . VIETNAM VETERANS ALLOTMENT.

The Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1600, et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

OPEN SEASON FOR CERTAIN NATIVE ALASKAN VETERANS FOR ALLOTMENTS

SEC. 41. (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) During the eighteen month period following promulgation of implementing rules pursuant to paragraph (6), a person described in subsection (b) shall be eligible for an allotment of not more than 160 acres of land under the Act of May 17, 1906 (chapter 2469; 34 Stat. 197), as such Act was in effect before December 18, 1971.

(2) Allotments selected under this section shall not be from existing native or non-native campsites, except for campsites used primarily by the person selecting the allotment.

(3) Only federal lands shall be eligible for selection and conveyance under this Act.

(4) All conveyances shall be subject to valid existing rights, including any right of the United States to income derived, directly or indirectly, from a lease, license, permit, right-of-way or easement.

(5) All state selected lands that have not yet been conveyed shall be ineligible for selection under this section.

(6) No later than 18 months after enactment of this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall promulgate, after consultation with Alaska Natives groups, rules to carry out this section.

(7) The Secretary of the Interior may convey alternative federal lands, including lands within a Conservation System Unit, to a person entitled to an allotment located within a Conservation System Unit if—

(A) the Secretary determines that the allotment would be incompatible with the purposes for which the Conservation System Unit was established;

(B) the person entitled to the allotment agrees in writing to the alternative conveyance; and

(C) the alternative lands are of equal acreage to the allotment.

(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—(1) A person is eligible under subsection (a) if that person would have been eligible under the Act of May 17, 1906 (chapter 2469; 34 Stat. 197), as that Act was in effect before December 18, 1971, and that person is a veteran who served during the period between January 1, 1968 and December 31, 1971.

(c) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall—

(1) conduct a study to identify and assess the circumstances of veterans of the Vietnam era who were eligible for allotments under the Act of May 17, 1906 but who did not apply under that Act and are not eligible under this section; and

(2) within one year of enactment of this section, issue a written report with recommendations to the Committee on Appropria-

tions and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Resources in the House of Representatives.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section, the terms “veteran” and “Vietnam era” have the meanings given those terms by paragraphs (2) and (29) respectively, of section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

FEINGOLD AMENDMENT NO. 3201

Mr. FEINGOLD proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SEC. . CLASS SIZE DEMONSTRATION GRANTS.

Subpart 3 of part D of title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1109 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

“Subpart 3—Class Size Demonstration Grants

“SEC. 561. PURPOSE.

“It is the purpose of this subpart to provide grants to State educational agencies to enable such agencies to determine the benefits, in various school settings, of reducing class size on the educational performance of students and on classroom management and organization.

“SEC. 562. PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.

“(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to State educational agencies to pay the Federal share of the costs of conducting demonstration projects that demonstrate methods of reducing class size that may provide information meaningful to other State educational agencies and local educational agencies.

“(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share shall be 50 percent.

“(b) RESERVATION.—The Secretary may reserve not more than 5 percent of the amount appropriated under section 565A for each fiscal year to carry out the activities described in section 565.

“(c) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall make grants to State educational agencies on the basis of—

“(1) the need and the ability of a State educational agency to reduce the class size of an elementary school or secondary school served by such agency;

“(2) the ability of a State educational agency to furnish the non-Federal share of the costs of the demonstration project for which assistance is sought;

“(3) the ability of a State educational agency to continue the project for which assistance is sought after the termination of Federal financial assistance under this subpart; and

“(4) the degree to which a State educational agency demonstrates in the application submitted pursuant to section 564 consultation in program implementation and design with parents, teachers, school administrators, and local teacher organizations, where applicable.

“(d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this subpart, the Secretary shall give priority to demonstration projects that involve at-risk students in the earliest grades, including educationally or economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and limited English proficient students.

“(e) GRANTS MUST SUPPLEMENT OTHER FUNDS.—A State educational agency shall use the Federal funds received under this subpart to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local funds available to the State educational agency to carry out the purpose of this subpart.

“SEC. 563. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

“(a) ANNUAL COMPETITION.—In each fiscal year, the Secretary shall announce the factors to be examined in a demonstration project assisted under this subpart. Such factors may include—

“(1) the magnitude of the reduction in class size to be achieved;

“(2) the level of education in which the demonstration projects shall occur;

“(3) the form of the instructional strategy to be demonstrated; and

“(4) the duration of the project.

“(b) RANDOM TECHNIQUES AND APPROPRIATE COMPARISON GROUPS.—Demonstration projects assisted under this subpart shall be designed to utilize randomized techniques or appropriate comparison groups.

“SEC. 564. APPLICATION.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to receive a grant under this subpart, a State educational agency shall submit an application to the Secretary that is responsive to the announcement described in section 563(a), at such time, in such manner, and containing or accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

“(b) DURATION.—The Secretary shall encourage State educational agencies to submit applications under this subpart for a period of 5 years.

“(c) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted under subsection (a) shall include—

“(1) a description of the objectives to be attained with the grant funds and the manner in which the grant funds will be used to reduce class size;

“(2) a description of the steps to be taken to achieve target class sizes, including, where applicable, the acquisition of additional teaching personnel and classroom space;

“(3) a statement of the methods for the collection of data necessary for the evaluation of the impact of class size reduction programs on student achievement;

“(4) an assurance that the State educational agency will pay, from non-Federal sources, the non-Federal share of the costs of the demonstration project for which assistance is sought; and

“(5) such additional assurances as the Secretary may reasonably require.

“(d) SUFFICIENT SIZE AND SCOPE REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall award grants under this subpart only to State educational agencies submitting applications which described projects of sufficient size and scope to contribute to carrying out the purpose of this subpart.

“SEC. 565. EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION.

“(a) NATIONAL EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall conduct a national evaluation of the demonstration projects assisted under this subpart to determine the costs incurred in achieving the reduction in class size and the effects of the reductions on results, such as student performance in the affected subjects or grades, attendance, discipline, classroom organization, management, and teacher satisfaction and retention.

“(b) COOPERATION.—Each State educational agency receiving a grant under this subpart shall cooperate in the national evaluation described in subsection (a) and shall provide such information to the Secretary as the Secretary may reasonably require.

“(c) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall report to Congress on the results of the evaluation conducted under subsection (a).

“(d) DISSEMINATION.—The Secretary shall widely disseminate information about the results of the class size demonstration projects assisted under this subpart.

“SEC. 565A. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subpart \$15,000,000 for fiscal

year 1999 and each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.”.

SEC. ____ PROHIBITION REGARDING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BY NASA RELATING TO SUPERSONIC OR SUBSONIC AIRCRAFT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may not carry out research and development activities relating to supersonic aircraft or subsonic aircraft.

(b) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Upon the date of enactment of this Act, savings resulting from amounts reduced pursuant to the application of subsection (a) shall be subject to the following provisions:

(1) BUDGET AUTHORITY AND SPENDING LIMITS.—The Office of Management and Budget shall—

(A) reflect the reduction in discretionary budget authority that results from the application of subsection (a) in the estimates required by section 251(a)(7) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 in accordance with that Act, including an estimate of the reduction of the budget authority for each outyear; and

(B) include a reduction to the discretionary spending limits for budget authority and outlays in accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 for each applicable fiscal year set forth in section 251(c) of that Act by amounts equal to the amounts for each fiscal year estimated pursuant to subparagraph (A).

(2) ADJUSTMENTS TO SPENDING LIMITS.—The Office of Management and Budget shall make the reduction required by paragraph (1)(B) as part of the next sequester report required by section 254 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

(3) CBO ESTIMATES.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall provide to the Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Committee on the Budget of the Senate an estimate of the reduction of the budget authority from such reduction of budget authority for each outyear.

On page 78, line 24, strike “\$1,305,000,000” and insert “\$866,000,000”.

**NICKLES (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 3202**

Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. MACK, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. FAIRCLOTH) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

On page 53, strike lines 9 through 25 and insert the following:

SEC. 219. INCREASE IN FHA SINGLE FAMILY MAXIMUM MORTGAGE AMOUNTS AND GNMA GUARANTY FEE.

(a) FHA SINGLE FAMILY MAXIMUM MORTGAGE AMOUNTS.—Section 203(b)(2)(A) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “38 percent” and inserting “48 percent”.

(b) GNMA GUARANTY FEE.—Section 306(g)(3)(A) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)(3)(A)) is amended by striking “No Fee or charge” and all that follows through “or collected” and inserting “A fee or charge in an amount equal to not less than 12 basis points shall be assessed and collected”.

**REED (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT
NO. 3203**

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr.

WELLSTONE, Ms. MIKULSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

On page 33, line 17, strike “\$60,000,000” and insert “\$70,000,000”.

On page 33, line 21, insert “Provided: That none of these funds shall be available for the Healthy Homes Initiative” before the period.

**KERRY (AND HAGEL) AMENDMENT
NO. 3204**

Mr. KERREY (for himself and Mr. HAGEL) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SEC. 423. TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON IMPLEMENTATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR COPPER ACTION LEVEL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds made available by this or any other Act for any fiscal year may be used by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to implement or enforce the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper in drinking water promulgated under the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), to the extent that the regulations pertain to the public water system treatment requirements related to the copper action level, until—

(1) the Administrator and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention jointly conduct a study to establish a reliable dose-response relationship for the adverse human health effects that may result from exposure to copper in drinking water, that—

(A) includes an analysis of the health effects that may be experienced by groups within the general population (including infants) that are potentially at greater risk of adverse health effects as the result of the exposure;

(B) is conducted in consultation with interested States;

(C) is based on the best available science and supporting studies that are subject to peer review and conducted in accordance with sound and objective scientific practices; and

(D) is completed not later than 30 months after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) based on the results of the study and, once peer reviewed and published, the 2 studies of copper in drinking water conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the State of Nebraska and the State of Delaware, the Administrator establishes an action level for the presence of copper in drinking water that protects the public health against reasonably expected adverse effects due to exposure to copper in drinking water.

(b) CURRENT REQUIREMENTS.—Nothing in this section precludes a State from implementing or enforcing the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper in drinking water promulgated under the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) that are in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, to the extent that the regulations pertain to the public water system treatment requirements related to the copper action level.

BURNS AMENDMENT NO. 3205

Mr. BURNS proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 18 and 19 insert the following:

SEC. 4 ____ INSURANCE; INDEMNIFICATION; LIABILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may provide liability insurance for, or indemnification to, the developer of an experimental aerospace vehicle developed or used in execution of an agreement between the Administration and the developer.

(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, the insurance and indemnification provided by the Administration under subsection (a) to a developer shall be provided on the same terms and conditions as insurance and indemnification is provided by the Administration under section 308 of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 (42 U.S.C. 2458b) to the user of a space vehicle.

(2) INSURANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A developer shall obtain liability insurance or demonstrate financial responsibility in amounts to compensate for the maximum probable loss from claims by—

(i) a third party for death, bodily injury, or property damage, or loss resulting from an activity carried out in connection with the development or use of an experimental aerospace vehicle; and

(ii) the United States Government for damage or loss to Government property resulting from such an activity.

(B) MAXIMUM REQUIRED.—The Administrator shall determine the amount of insurance required, but, except as provided in subparagraph (C), that amount shall not be greater than the amount required under section 70112(a)(3) of title 49, United States Code, for a launch. The Administrator shall publish notice of the Administrator's determination and the applicable amount or amounts in the Federal Register within 10 days after making the determination.

(C) INCREASE IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS.—The Administrator may increase the dollar amounts set forth in section 70112(a)(3)(A) of title 49, United States Code, for the purpose of applying that section under this section to a developer after consultation with the Comptroller General and such experts and consultants as may be appropriate, and after publishing notice of the increase in the Federal Register not less than 180 days before the increase goes into effect. The Administrator shall make available for public inspection, not later than the date of publication of such notice, a complete record of any correspondence received by the Administration, and a transcript of any meetings in which the Administration participated, regarding the proposed increase.

(D) SAFETY REVIEW REQUIRED BEFORE ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDES INSURANCE.—The Administrator may not provide liability insurance or indemnification under subsection (a) unless the developer establishes to the satisfaction of the Administrator that appropriate safety procedures and practices are being followed in the development of the experimental aerospace vehicle.

(3) NO INDEMNIFICATION WITHOUT CROSS-WAIVER.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Administrator may not indemnify a developer of an experimental aerospace vehicle under this section unless there is an agreement between the Administration and the developer described in subsection (c).

(4) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROCEDURES.—If the Administrator requests additional appropriations to make payments under this section, like the payments that may be made under section 308(b) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 (42 U.S.C. 2458b(b)), then the request for those appropriations shall be made in accordance with the procedures established by subsections (d) and (e) of section 70113 of title 49, United States Code.

(c) CROSS-WAIVERS.—

(1) ADMINISTRATOR AUTHORIZED TO WAIVE.—The Administrator, on behalf of the United States, and its departments, agencies, and instrumentalities, may reciprocally waive claims with a developer and with the related entities of that developer under which each party to the waiver agrees to be responsible, and agrees to ensure that its own related entities are responsible, for damage or loss to its property for which it is responsible, or for losses resulting from any injury or death sustained by its own employees or agents, as a result of activities connected to the agreement or use of the experimental aerospace vehicle.

(2) LIMITATIONS.—

(A) CLAIMS.—A reciprocal waiver under paragraph (1) may not preclude a claim by any natural person (including, but not limited to, a natural person who is an employee of the United States, the developer, or the developer's subcontractors) or that natural person's estate, survivors, or subrogees for injury or death, except with respect to a subrogee that is a party to the waiver or has otherwise agreed to be bound by the terms of the waiver.

(B) LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE.—A reciprocal waiver under paragraph (1) may not absolve any party of liability to any natural person (including, but not limited to, a natural person who is an employee of the United States, the developer, or the developer's subcontractors) or such a natural person's estate, survivors, or subrogees for negligence, except with respect to a subrogee that is a party to the waiver or has otherwise agreed to be bound by the terms of the waiver.

(C) INDEMNIFICATION FOR DAMAGES.—A reciprocal waiver under paragraph (1) may not be used as the basis of a claim by the Administration or the developer for indemnification against the other for damages paid to a natural person, or that natural person's estate, survivors, or subrogees, for injury or death sustained by that natural person as a result of activities connected to the agreement or use of the experimental aerospace vehicle.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATION.—The term "Administration" means the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(3) COMMON TERMS.—Any term used in this section that is defined in the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 (42 U.S.C. 2451 et seq.) has the same meaning in this section as when it is used in that Act.

(4) DEVELOPER.—The term "developer" means a person (other than a natural person) who—

(A) is a party to an agreement that was in effect before the date of enactment of this Act with the Administration for the purpose of developing new technology for an experimental aerospace vehicle;

(B) owns or provides property to be flown or situated on that vehicle; or

(C) employs a natural person to be flown on that vehicle.

(5) EXPERIMENTAL AEROSPACE VEHICLE.—The term "experimental aerospace vehicle" means an object intended to be flown in, or launched into, suborbital flight for the purpose of demonstrating technologies necessary for a reusable launch vehicle, developed under an agreement between the Administration and a developer that was in effect before the date of enactment of this Act.

(e) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—

(1) SECTION 308 OF NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ACT OF 1958.—This section does not apply to any object, transaction, or oper-

ation to which section 308 of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 (42 U.S.C. 2458b) applies.

(2) CHAPTER 701 OF TITLE 49, UNITED STATES CODE.—The Administrator may not provide indemnification to a developer under this section for launches subject to license under section 70117(g)(1) of title 49, United States Code.

(f) TERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of this section shall terminate on December 31, 2002, except that the Administrator may extend the termination date to a date not later than September 30, 2005, if the Administrator determines that such an extension is necessary to cover the operation of an experimental aerospace vehicle.

(2) EFFECT OF TERMINATION ON AGREEMENTS.—The termination of this section does not terminate or otherwise affect a cross-waiver agreement, insurance agreement, indemnification agreement, or any other agreement entered into under this section except as may be provided in that agreement.

SESSIONS AMENDMENT NO. 3206

Mr. SESSIONS proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 58, strike line 15 and all that follows through page 79, line 2, and insert the following:

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS
OPERATING EXPENSES
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for the Corporation for National and Community Service (referred to in the matter under this heading as the "Corporation") in carrying out programs, activities, and initiatives under the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (referred to in the matter under this heading as the "Act") (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.), \$309,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999: *Provided*, That not more than \$27,000,000 shall be available for administrative expenses authorized under section 501(a)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12671(a)(4)): *Provided further*, That not more than \$2,500 shall be for official reception and representation expenses: *Provided further*, That not more than \$70,000,000, to remain available without fiscal year limitation, shall be transferred to the National Service Trust account for educational awards authorized under subtitle D of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12601 et seq.), of which not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be available for national service scholarships for high school students performing community service: *Provided further*, That not more than \$120,000,000 of the amount provided under this heading shall be available for grants under the National Service Trust program authorized under subtitle C of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.) (relating to activities including the AmeriCorps program), of which not more than \$40,000,000 may be used to administer, reimburse, or support any national service program authorized under section 121(d)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12581(d)(2)): *Provided further*, That not more than \$5,500,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be made available for the Points of Light Foundation for activities authorized under title III of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.): *Provided further*, That no funds shall be available for national service programs run by Federal agencies authorized under section 121(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12571(b)): *Provided further*, That to the maximum extent feasible, funds appro-

riated under subtitle C of title I of the Act shall be provided in a manner that is consistent with the recommendations of peer review panels in order to ensure that priority is given to programs that demonstrate quality, innovation, replicability, and sustainability: *Provided further*, That not more than \$9,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be available for the Civilian Community Corps authorized under subtitle E of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12611 et seq.): *Provided further*, That not more than \$43,000,000 shall be available for school-based and community-based service-learning programs authorized under subtitle B of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.): *Provided further*, That not more than \$30,000,000 shall be available for quality and innovation activities authorized under subtitle H of title I of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12853 et seq.): *Provided further*, That not more than \$5,000,000 shall be available for audits and other evaluations authorized under section 179 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12639): *Provided further*, That to the maximum extent practicable, the Corporation shall increase significantly the level of matching funds and in-kind contributions provided by the private sector, shall expand significantly the number of educational awards provided under subtitle D of title I, and shall reduce the total Federal costs per participant in all programs.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$3,000,000.

COURT OF VETERANS APPEALS
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses for the operation of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals as authorized by 38 U.S.C. sections 7251-7298, \$10,000,000, of which \$865,000, shall be available for the purpose of providing financial assistance as described, and in accordance with the process and reporting procedures set fourth, under this heading in Public Law 102-229.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL
CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, as authorized by law, for maintenance, operation, and improvement of Arlington National Cemetery and Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, including the purchase of two passenger motor vehicles for replacement only, and not to exceed \$1,000 for official reception and representation expenses, \$11,666,000, to remain available until expended.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For science and technology, including research and development activities, which shall include research and development activities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended; necessary expenses for personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376; procurement of laboratory equipment and supplies; other operating expenses in support of research and development; construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$643,460,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That the

obligated balance of such sums shall remain available through September 30, 2007 for liquidating obligations made in fiscal years 1999 and 2000.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

For environmental programs and management, including necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, for personnel and related costs and travel expenses, including uniforms, or allowances therefore, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the maximum rate payable for senior level positions under 5 U.S.C. 5376; hire of passenger motor vehicles; hire, maintenance, and operation of aircraft; purchase of reprints; library memberships in societies or associations which issue publications to members only or at a price to members lower than to subscribers who are not members; construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project; and not to exceed \$6,000 for official reception and representation expenses, \$1,840,500,000, which shall remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That the obligated balance of such sums shall remain available through September 30, 2007 for liquidating obligations made in fiscal years 1999 and 2000.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$31,154,000, to remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That the obligated balance of such sums shall remain available through September 30, 2007 for liquidating obligations made in fiscal years 1999 and 2000.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities of, or for use by, the Environmental Protection Agency, \$52,948,000, to remain available until expended.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SUPERFUND

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses to carry out the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, including sections 111(c)(3), (c)(5), (c)(6), and (e)(4) (42 U.S.C. 9611), and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project; not to exceed \$1,500,000,000 (of which \$100,000,000 shall not become available until September 1, 1999), to remain available until expended, consisting of \$1,250,000,000, as authorized by section 517(a) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), as amended by Public Law 101-508, and \$250,000,000 as a payment from general revenues to the Hazardous Substance Superfund as authorized by section 517(b) of SARA, as amended by Public Law 101-508: *Provided*, That funds appropriated under this heading may be allocated to other Federal agencies in accordance with section 111(a) of CERCLA: *Provided further*, That \$12,237,300 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be transferred to the "Office of Inspector General" appropriation to remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 111(m) of CERCLA or any other provision of law, \$74,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to

carry out activities described in sections 104(i), 111(c)(4), and 111(c)(14) of CERCLA and section 118(f) of SARA: *Provided further*, That \$40,200,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be transferred to the "Science and Technology" appropriation to remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be used for Brownfields revolving loan funds unless specifically authorized by subsequent legislation: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to issue in excess of 40 toxicological profiles pursuant to section 104(i) of CERCLA during fiscal year 1998.

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses to carry out leaking underground storage tank cleanup activities authorized by section 205 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, and for construction, alteration, repair, rehabilitation, and renovation of facilities, not to exceed \$75,000 per project, \$75,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That hereafter, the Administrator is authorized to enter into assistance agreements with Federally recognized Indian tribes on such terms and conditions as she deems appropriate for the same purposes as are set forth in section 9003(h)(7) of RCRA.

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For expenses necessary to carry out the Environmental Protection Agency's responsibilities under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, \$15,000,000, to be derived from the Oil Spill Liability trust fund, and to remain available until expended.

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For environmental programs and infrastructure assistance, including capitalization grants for State revolving funds and performance partnership grants, \$3,255,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$1,400,000,000 shall be for making capitalization grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, and \$800,000,000 shall be for capitalization grants for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended; \$75,000,000 for architectural, engineering, planning, design, construction and related activities in connection with the construction of high priority water and wastewater facilities in the area of the United States-Mexico Border, after consultation with the appropriate border commission; \$30,000,000 for grants to the State of Alaska to address drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs of rural and Alaska Native Villages; \$100,000,000 for making grants for the construction of wastewater and water treatment facilities and groundwater protection infrastructure in accordance with the terms and conditions specified for such grants in the Committee report (S. Rept. 105-216) accompanying this Act (S. 2168); and \$850,000,000 for grants, including associated program support costs, to States, federally recognized tribes, interstate agencies, tribal consortia, and air pollution control agencies for multi-media or single media pollution prevention, control and abatement and related activities, including activities pursuant to the provisions set forth under this heading in Public Law 104-134, and for making grants under section 103 of the Clean Air Act for particulate matter monitoring and data

collection activities: *Provided*, That, consistent with section 1452(g) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12(g)), section 302 of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (Public Law 104-182) and the accompanying joint explanatory statement of the committee on conference (H. Rept. No. 104-741 to accompany S. 1316, the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996), and notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, States may combine the assets of State Revolving Funds (SRFs) established under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, and title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, as security for bond issues to enhance the lending capacity of one or both SRFs, but not to acquire the state match for either program, provided that revenues from the bonds are allocated to the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act in the same portion as the funds are used as security for the bonds: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding the matching requirement in Public Law 104-204 for funds appropriated under this heading for grants to the State of Texas for improving wastewater treatment for the Colonias, such funds that remain unobligated may also be used for improving water treatment for the Colonias, and shall be matched by State funds from State resources equal to 20 percent of such unobligated funds: *Provided further*, That, hereafter the Administrator is authorized to enter into assistance agreements with Federally recognized Indian tribes on such terms and conditions as she deems appropriate for the development and implementation of programs to manage hazardous waste, and underground storage tanks: *Provided further*, That beginning in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, pesticide program implementation grants under section 23(a)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as amended, shall be available for pesticide program development and implementation, including enforcement and compliance activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

None of the funding provided under this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to issue any notification, or enter into, implement or approve agreements that enable the export of government owned ships to be dismantled in foreign countries unless the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency certifies to the Congress that the environmental standards imposed by law and enforced in the country in which the vessel is to be dismantled or scrapped are comparable to the environmental standards imposed and enforced under United States law.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

For necessary expenses of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, in carrying out the purposes of the National Science and Technology Policy, Organization, and Priorities Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6601 and 6671), hire of passenger motor vehicles, and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, not to exceed \$2,500 for official reception and representation expenses, and rental of conference rooms in the District of Columbia, \$5,026,000.

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For necessary expenses to continue functions assigned to the Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, and Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1977, \$2,575,000: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds other than those

appropriated under this heading, shall be used for or by the Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970, the Council shall consist of one member, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, serving as Chairman and exercising all powers, functions, and duties of the Council.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$34,666,000, to be derived from the Bank Insurance Fund, the Savings Association Insurance Fund, and the FSLIC Resolution Fund.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
DISASTER RELIEF

For necessary expenses in carrying out the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$846,000,000, and, notwithstanding 42 U.S.C. 5203, to remain available until expended.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM
ACCOUNT

For the cost of direct loans, \$1,355,000, as authorized by section 319 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act: *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended: *Provided further*, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans not to exceed \$25,000,000.

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan program, \$440,000.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, including hire and purchase of motor vehicles as authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1343; uniforms, or allowances therefor, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5901-5902; services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem rate equivalent to the rate for GS-18; expenses of attendance of cooperating officials and individuals at meetings concerned with the work of emergency preparedness; transportation in connection with the continuity of Government programs to the same extent and in the same manner as permitted the Secretary of a Military Department under 10 U.S.C. 2632; and not to exceed \$2,500 for official reception and representation expenses, \$170,000,000.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, \$5,400,000.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND
ASSISTANCE

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, to carry out activities under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.), the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.), the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061 et seq.), sections 107 and 303 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended (50 U.S.C. 404-405), and Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1978,

\$231,000,000: *Provided*, That for purposes of pre-disaster mitigation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5131 (b) and (c) and 42 U.S.C. 5196 (e) and (i), \$25,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be available until expended for project grants.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM

To carry out an emergency food and shelter program pursuant to title III of Public Law 100-77, as amended, \$100,000,000: *Provided*, That total administrative costs shall not exceed three and one-half percent of the total appropriation.

RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
FUND

There is hereby established in the Treasury a Radiological Emergency Preparedness Fund, which shall be available under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and Executive Order 12657, for offsite radiological emergency planning, preparedness, and response. Beginning in fiscal year 1999 and thereafter, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shall promulgate through rulemaking fees to be assessed and collected, applicable to persons subject to FEMA's radiological emergency preparedness regulations. The aggregate charges assessed pursuant to this section during fiscal year 1999 shall not be less than 100 percent of the amounts anticipated by FEMA necessary for its radiological emergency preparedness program for such fiscal year. The methodology for assessment and collection of fees shall be fair and equitable; and shall reflect costs of providing such services, including administrative costs of collecting such fees. Fees received pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Fund as offsetting collections and will become available for authorized purposes on October 1, 1999, and remain available until expended.

For necessary expenses of the Fund for fiscal year 1999, \$12,849,000, to remain available until expended.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE FUND
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For activities under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, not to exceed \$22,685,000 for salaries and expenses associated with flood mitigation and flood insurance operations, and not to exceed \$78,464,000 for flood mitigation, including up to \$20,000,000 for expenses under section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act, which amount shall be available for transfer to the National Flood Mitigation Fund until September 30, 2000. In fiscal year 1999, no funds in excess of (1) \$47,000,000 for operating expenses, (2) \$343,989,000 for agents' commissions and taxes, and (3) \$60,000,000 for interest on Treasury borrowings shall be available from the National Flood Insurance Fund without prior notice to the Committees on Appropriations. For fiscal year 1999, flood insurance rates shall not exceed the level authorized by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994.

Section 1309(a)(2) of the National Flood Insurance Act (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)(2)), as amended by Public Law 104-208, is further amended by striking "1998" and inserting "1999".

Section 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4026), is amended by striking "September 30, 1998" and inserting "September 30, 1999".

Section 1336 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4056), is amended by striking "September 30, 1998" and inserting "September 30, 1999".

The first sentence of section 1376(c) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4127(c)), is amended by striking "September 30, 1998" and inserting "September 30, 1999".

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTER FUND

For necessary expenses of the Consumer Information Center, including services authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, \$2,419,000, to be deposited into the Consumer Information Center Fund: *Provided*, That the appropriations, revenues and collections deposited into the fund shall be available for necessary expenses of Consumer Information Center activities in the aggregate amount of \$7,500,000. Appropriations, revenues, and collections accruing to this fund during fiscal year 1999 in excess of \$7,500,000 shall remain in the fund and shall not be available for expenditure except as authorized in appropriations Acts.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in support of the International Space Station, including development, operations and research support; maintenance; construction of facilities including repair, rehabilitation, and modification of real and personal property, and acquisition or condemnation of real property, as authorized by law; and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and operation of mission and administrative aircraft, \$2,300,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2000.

LAUNCH VEHICLES AND PAYLOAD OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in the conduct and support of the space shuttle program, including safety and performance upgrades, space shuttle operations, and payload utilization and operations, and services; maintenance; construction of facilities including repair, rehabilitation, and modification of real and personal property, and acquisition or condemnation of real property, as authorized by law; space flight, spacecraft control and communications activities including operations, production, and services; and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and operation of mission and administrative aircraft, \$3,241,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That none of the funds provided under this heading may be utilized to support the development or operations of the International Space Station other than costs of space shuttle flights utilized for space station assembly.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in the conduct and support of space science, earth science, life and microgravity science, and academic programs, including research, development; operations, and services; maintenance; construction of facilities including repair, rehabilitation, and modification of real and personal property, and acquisition or condemnation of real property, as authorized by law; space flight, spacecraft control and communications activities including operations, production, and services; and purchase, lease, charter, maintenance and operation of mission and administrative aircraft, \$4,270,400,000, to remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That none of the funds provided under this heading may be utilized to support the development or operations of the International Space Station.

AERONAUTICS, SPACE TRANSPORTATION AND
TECHNOLOGY

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, in the conduct and support of aeronautics, space transportation, and technology research and development activities, including research, development, operations, and services; maintenance; construction of facilities including repair, rehabilitation,

and modification of real and personal property, and acquisition of condemnation of real property, as authorized by law; and purchase, lease, charter, and maintenance and operation of mission and administrative aircraft, \$1,325,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2000: *Provided*, That none of the funds provided under this heading may be utilized to support the development or operations of the International Space Station.

ASHCROFT (AND BOND)
AMENDMENT NO. 3207

Mr. BOND (for Mr. ASHCROFT) (for himself and Mr. BOND) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title IV, insert the following:

SEC. 4. INELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF MANUFACTURING OR PRODUCING METHAMPHETAMINE FOR CERTAIN HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

Section 16 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437n) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) INELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF MANUFACTURING OR PRODUCING METHAMPHETAMINE ON THE PREMISES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a public housing agency shall establish standards for occupancy in public housing dwelling units and assistance under section 8 that—

“(1) permanently prohibit occupancy in any public housing dwelling unit by, and assistance under section 8 for, any person who has been convicted of manufacturing or otherwise producing methamphetamine on the premises in violation of any Federal or State law; and

“(2) immediately and permanently terminate the tenancy in any public housing unit of, and the assistance under section 8 for, any person who is convicted of manufacturing or otherwise producing methamphetamine on the premises in violation of any Federal or State law.”.

SNOWE (AND COLLINS)
AMENDMENT NO. 3208

Mr. BOND (for Ms. SNOWE for himself and Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, *supra*; as follows:

SEC. 110. (a) It is the sense of the Senate that it should be the goal of the Department of Veterans Affairs to serve all veterans at health care facilities within 250 miles of their homes, and to minimize travel distances if specialized services are not available at a health care facility operated by the Veterans Health Administration within 250 miles of a veteran's home.

(b) Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the estimated costs to and impact on the health care system administered by the Veterans Health Administration of making specialty care available to all veterans within 250 miles of their homes.

BOND (AND MIKULSKI)
AMENDMENT NO. 3209

Mr. BOND (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2168, *supra*; as follows:

On page 17, line 10, insert after “1437” the following: “(the ‘Act’ herein)”.

On page 17, beginning on line 22, strike out “United States Housing Act of 1937” and insert in lieu thereof: “Act”.

On page 19, line 14, insert after “basis” the following “(except as otherwise provided in this proviso)”.

On page 19, line 23, strike the colon and insert a period.

On page 19, line 23, strike “Provided further, That from” and insert in lieu thereof “From” as the first word in a new paragraph beginning on line 24.

On page 21, line 13 insert after “in”, the following “title II”.

On page 23, line 3, insert after “agencies: the following: ‘, Indian Tribes and their’”.

On page 28, beginning on line 5, strike “and community” and all that follows through “porations” on line 6 and insert in lieu thereof “, community development corporations and Indian tribes”.

On page 28, line 9, insert after “for” the following: “Indian tribes and”.

On page 28, line 13, insert after “1999 to” the following: “Indian tribes and”.

On page 31, beginning on line 16, strike “such Act” and insert in lieu thereof “the United States Housing Act of 1937”.

On page 32, beginning on line 21, strike “this proviso shall not apply” and insert in lieu thereof the following: “funds under this proviso shall not be used”.

On page 33, line 5, strike “. Local” and insert in lieu thereof the following: “: Provided That, local”.

On page 34, line 7, strike “. In addition,” and insert in lieu thereof the following: “: Provided further, That in addition to the other amounts appropriated under this heading,”.

On page 34, line 16, strike “projects” and insert in lieu thereof: “any project”.

On page 36, beginning on line 11, strike “under” and all that follows through “1437” on line 13.

On page 41, beginning on line 16, strike “where” and all that follows through “request” on line 18 and insert in lieu thereof the following “subject to reprogramming”.

On page 42, line 20 insert after “vided” the following: “by transfer”.

On page 42, line 21, after “provided” insert the following: “by transfer”.

On page 43, line 7, strike “and \$10,000,000 shall be transferred” and insert in lieu thereof the following: “: Provided, That \$10,000,000 shall also be transferred to this account”.

On page 44, line 4, strike “1997” and insert in lieu thereof the following “1998”.

On page 44, line 5, strike “1998” and insert in lieu thereof the following “1999”.

On page 49, line 6, strike “236(g)” and insert in lieu thereof the following “236”.

On page 49, line 7, strike “read” and insert in lieu thereof the following “add a subsection in the appropriate place”.

On page 50, beginning on line 21, strike “originated and endorsed” and insert in lieu thereof the following: “executed”.

On page 53, line 7, insert after “associated with” the following: “senior”.

On page 53, line 8, insert before the period the following: “except that the Secretary may fund education and training programs associated with the Community Development Block Grant program, the Community First Leadership program and the Junior Community Builders program, subject to the Secretary submitting to the Committees on Appropriations an action plan identifying all funding to be used and the education and training programs for which the funding will be provided.”.

On page 54, line 7, strike “year” and insert in lieu thereof the following: “years”.

Campbell/Stevens/Mack/Bond: On page 55, insert after line 13 the following new section and renumber, accordingly:

SEC. PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING DRUG ELIMINATION ACT.

The Public and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Act of 1990 is amended—

(1) in section 5123, by inserting “Indian tribes” before “and private”;

(2) in section 5124(a)(7), by inserting “, an Indian tribe,” before “or tribally designated”;

(3) in section 5125, by inserting “an Indian tribe” before “or tribally designated”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in 25 U.S.C. 4103(12).”.

On line 55, insert after line 13 the following new sections and renumber, accordingly:

“SEC. . MULTIFAMILY HOUSING INSTITUTE.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may, from time to time, as determined necessary to assist the Department in managing its multifamily assets including analyzing, tracking and evaluating its portfolio of FHA-insured and other mortgages and properties and assisting the Department in understanding and reducing the risk involved in its mortgage restructuring, insuring and guaranteeing activities, provide data to, and purchase data from, any non-profit, industry supported, on-line provider of nationwide, multifamily housing loan and property data services.”.

“SEC. . MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE AUCTIONS.

Section 221(g)(4)(C) of the National Housing Act is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of clause (viii), by striking “September 30, 1996” and inserting “December 31, 2002”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(ix) The authority of the Secretary to conduct multifamily auctions under this paragraph shall be effective for any fiscal year only to the extent and in such amounts as are approved in appropriations Acts for the costs of loan guarantees (as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974), including the cost of modifying loans.”.

On page 93, after line 21, insert the following new subsection.

“SEC. .

None of the funds provided in this Act may be obligated after February 15, 1999, unless each department, agency, corporation, and commission that receives funds herein provides detailed justifications to the Committees on Appropriations for all salary and expense activities for Fiscal Years 1999 through 2003, including personnel compensation and benefits, consulting costs, professional services or technical service contracts regardless of the dollar amount, contracting out costs, travel and other standard object classifications for all headquarters offices, regional offices, or field installations and laboratories, including the number of full-time equivalents per office, and the personnel compensation, benefits and travel costs for each Secretary, assistant secretary or administrator.

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the \$1,250,000 made available pursuant to Public Law 102-389 for economic revitalization and infrastructure repair in Montpelier, Vermont, \$250,000 is available for the Central Vermont Revolving Loan Fund administered by the Central Vermont Community Action Council.

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ ANNUAL REPORT ON MANAGEMENT DEFICIENCIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 203 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(w) MANAGEMENT DEFICIENCIES REPORT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on

the plan of the Secretary to address each material weakness, reportable condition, and noncompliance with an applicable law or regulation (as defined by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget) identified in the most recent audited financial statement of the Federal Housing Administration submitted under section 3515 of title 31, United States Code.

“(2) CONTENTS OF ANNUAL REPORT.—Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include—

“(A) an estimate of the resources, including staff, information systems, and contract assistance, required to address each material weakness, reportable condition, and noncompliance with an applicable law or regulation described in paragraph (1), and the costs associated with those resources;

“(B) an estimated timetable for addressing each material weakness, reportable condition, and noncompliance with an applicable law or regulation described in paragraph (1); and

“(C) the progress of the Secretary in implementing the plan of the Secretary included in the report submitted under paragraph (1) for the preceding year, except that this subparagraph does not apply to the initial report submitted under paragraph (1).”.

(b) EFFECT ON OTHER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may not implement section 219 of this Act before the date on which the Secretary submits the initial report required under section 203(w) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(w)), as added by subsection (a) of this section.

On page 85, after line 11, add the following:

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 301. COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNTABILITY STUDY FOR FEDERALLY-FUNDED RESEARCH.

(A) STUDY.—The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, may enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences for the Academy to conduct a comprehensive study to develop methods for evaluating Federally-funded research and development programs. This study shall—

(1) recommend processes to determine an acceptable level of success for Federally-funded research and development programs by—

(A) describing the research process in the various scientific and engineering disciplines;

(B) describing in the different sciences what measures and what criteria each community uses to evaluate the success or failure of a program, and on what time scales these measures are considered reliable—both for exploratory long-range work and for short-range goals; and

(C) recommending how these measures may be adapted for use by the Federal government to evaluate Federally-funded research and development programs;

(2) assess the extent to which agencies incorporate independent merit-based evaluation into the formulation of the strategic plans of funding agencies and if the quantity or quality of this type of input is unsatisfactory;

(3) recommend mechanisms for identifying Federally-funded research and development programs which are unsuccessful or unproductive;

(4) evaluate the extent to which independent, merit-based evaluation of Federally-funded research and development programs and projects achieves the goal of eliminating unsuccessful or unproductive programs and projects; and

(5) investigate and report on the validity of using quantitative performance goals for as-

pects of programs which relate to administrative management of the program and for which such goals would be appropriate, including aspects related to—

(A) administrative burden on contractors and recipients of financial assistance awards;

(B) administrative burdens on external participants in independent, merit-based evaluations;

(C) cost and schedule control for construction projects funded by the program;

(D) the ratio of overhead costs of the program relative to the amounts expended through the program for equipment and direct funding of research; and

(E) the timeliness of program responses to requests for funding, participation, or equipment use.

(b) INDEPENDENT MERIT-BASED EVALUATION DEFINED.—The term “independent merit-based evaluation” means review of the scientific or technical quality of research or development, conducted by experts who are chosen for their knowledge of scientific and technical fields relevant to the evaluation and who—

(1) in the case of the review of a program activity, do not derive long-term support from the program activity; or

(2) in the case of the review of a project proposal, are not seeking funds in competition with the proposal.

Insert at the appropriate place.

SEC. . INFORMED CONSUMER CHOICE.

(a) Section 203(b)(2) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Notwithstanding subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the Secretary may not insure a mortgage unless the original lender making the loan secured by that mortgage provided to the prospective mortgagor a written notice that included (i) a generic analysis comparing the note rate (and associated interest payments), insurance premiums, and other costs and fees that would be due over the life of the loan for a loan insured by the Secretary under this subsection with the note rates, insurance premiums (if applicable), and other costs and fees that would be expected to be due if the mortgagor obtained instead any of the mortgagor’s 3 most frequently employed structures for mortgage loans with a similar loan-to-value ratio in connection with a conventional mortgage (as that term is used in section 305(a)(2) of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2)) or section 302(b)(2) of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1717(b)(2)), as applicable), assuming prevailing interest rates; and (ii) a statement regarding when the mortgagor’s requirement to pay the mortgage insurance premiums for a mortgage insured under this section would terminate or a statement that the requirement will terminate only if the mortgage is refinanced, paid off, or otherwise terminated.”.

(b) ANNUAL STUDY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—Section 203(b)(2) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Not later than the expiration of a 1-year period beginning on the effective date of this undesignated paragraph and annually thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct and submit to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, a study regarding the extent, and cost to consumers, of steering by lenders to loans insured by the Secretary under this subsection and the degree to which lenders have complied with the requirements of this subsection.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect immediately.

At the appropriate place in title IV, insert the following:

SEC. 4. LOW-INCOME HOUSING PRESERVATION AND RESIDENT HOMEOWNERSHIP.

(a) NOTICE OF PREPAYMENT OR TERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 212(b) of the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990 (12 U.S.C. 4102) or any other provision of law, during fiscal year 1998 and each fiscal year thereafter, an owner of eligible low-income housing (as defined in section 229 of the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990 (12 U.S.C. 4119)) that intends to take any action described in section 212(a) of the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990 (12 U.S.C. 4102(a)) shall, not less than 1 year before the date on which the action is taken—

(A) file a notice indicating that intent with the chief executive officer of the appropriate State or local government for the jurisdiction within which the housing is located; and

(B) provide each tenant of the housing with a copy of that notice.

(2) EXCEPTION.—The requirements of this subsection do not apply in any case in which the prepayment or termination at issue is necessary to effect conversion to ownership by a priority purchaser (as defined in section 231(a) of the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990 (12 U.S.C. 4120(a)). The requirements of this subsection do not apply where owners have provided, legal notice of prepayment or termination as of July 7, 1998, under the terms of current law.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM AND PAPER AND MARKET ACCESS TO JAPAN

D’AMATO AMENDMENT NO. 3210

Mr. BOND (for Mr. D’AMATO) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 88) calling on Japan to have an open, competitive market for consumer photographic film and paper and other sectors facing market access barrier in Japan; as follows:

On page 3, line 7, strike “implement” and insert “support”.

On page 3, line 13, insert “paper and wood products,” after “glass.”.

On page 3, line 21, strike “July 15, 1998” and insert “December 15, 1998”.

On page 4, strike lines 1 and 2 and insert: “access to Japanese markets for consumer photographic film and paper.”.

In the preamble—

(1) strike the ninth whereas clause; and

(2) in the 11th whereas clause strike “is committed to promote” and insert “promotes”.

Amend the title so as to read: “A concurrent resolution calling on Japan to have an open, competitive market for consumer photographic film and paper and other sectors facing market access barriers in Japan.”.

UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION PRIVATIZATION ACT AMENDMENTS

FORD AMENDMENT NO. 3211

Mr. BOND (for Mr. FORD) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 2316) to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a plan to ensure that