At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1181, a bill to provide cost savings in the medicare program through cost-effective coverage of positron emission tomography (PET).

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. SIMPSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1219, a bill to reform the financing of Federal elections, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. D’AMATO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1228, a bill to impose sanctions on foreign persons exporting petroleum products, natural gas, or related technology to Iran.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. SIMPSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to amend certain provisions of law relating to child pornography, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1253, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to penalties for crimes involving cocaine, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1266, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to focus on price stability in establishing monetary policy to ensure the stable, long-term purchasing power of the currency, to repeal the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BUMPERS the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Lautenberg) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2776 proposed to H.R. 2099, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions and corporations, for fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

VA-HUD APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

INOUEY AMENDMENT NO. 2777

Mr. INOUEY proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2099) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions and corporations, and offices for fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, as follows:

On page 22, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

Ssc. 11. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the amount appropriated by this title under the heading “DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION” under the paragraphs “CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS” is hereby increased by $38,000,000.

(b) Of the amount available under the paragraph referred to in subsection (a), as increased by this amendment, shall be available for construction at the Spark M. Matsunaga Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the amount appropriated by this title under the heading “DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION” under the paragraph “GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES” is hereby reduced by $38,000,000.

BOND (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2278

Mr. BOND (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. ARAKA) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2099, supra; as follows:

On page 22, line 5, insert; “Ssc. 111. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide hospital care and medical services to eligible veterans residing in the State of Hawaii for which the Secretary shall utilize the contract authority prescribed in 38 U.S.C. Sec. 1703 to treat eligible veterans residing in the State of Hawaii wherever appropriate.”

STEVEN (AND MURKOWSKI) AMENDMENT NO. 2779

Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2099, supra; as follows:

On page 151, after line 19, insert the following new section:

Ssc. 308. None of the funds appropriated under this Act may be used to implement the requirement of section 186(b)(2), section 186(b)(2)(B), section 186(b)(2)(D), or section 186(b)(2)(H) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7512(b)(2), 7512(a)(2), or 7545m) with respect to any moderate nonattainment area in which the average daily winter temperature is below 0 degrees Fahrenheit. The preceding sentence shall not be interpreted to preclude assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency to the State of Alaska to make progress toward meeting the carbon monoxide standard in such areas and to resolve remaining issues regarding the use of oxygenated fuels in such areas.

CHAFEE AMENDMENT NO. 2780

Mr. CHAFEE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2099, supra; as follows:

On page 149, line 18, insert; “(for carcinogenic effects)” after “arsenic”.

MIKULSKI (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2781

Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. WELLSTONE) proposed an amendment to the bill HR 2099, supra; as follows:

On page 27, line 5, strike “$5,594,358,000” and insert “$5,594,358,000”.

On page 27, line 6, insert the following after “That”: “in addition to the appropriation of $5,211,358,000 made available under this heading, in order to achieve an effective program level of $5,594,358,000 for the Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing” account fiscal year 1996, in carrying out the programs and activities specified under this heading, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall use $383,000,000 from any combination of unobligated balances or re-captures from prior year appropriations in the Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing account, and from any reduction in net amounts provided during fiscal year 1996 from the Annual Contributions for Assisted Housing account (or from the Renewal of Expiring Section 8 Subsidies account) to any public housing agency whose project reserve account is determined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to contain funds in excess of the needs of that public housing agency: Provided further, That—”.

On page 30, line 5, strike “and”.

On page 30, line 7, insert before the colon the following: “and (3) shall give priority to projects designated for purchase by nonprofit organizations in allocating any funds for the sale of any projects in the preservation pipeline.”

On page 128, after line 20, insert the following new section:

SEC. 225. INSURANCE OF MORTGAGES UNDER THE NATIONAL HOUSING ACT.

Section 203(b)(2)(A) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1709(b)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (ii), by striking “75 percent” and inserting “86 percent”; and

(2) by striking “30 percent” and inserting “50 percent.”

Beginning on page 130, strike line 19 and all that follows through page 131, line 2, and insert the following:

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. 15501 et seq.), $25,000,000, of which $35,000,000 shall be available for obligation from September 1, 1996, through August 31, 1997. Provided, That none of the amounts provided in this section shall be made available for administrative expenses authorized under section 501(a)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C.
SEC. 107. Section 105(b) of House Concurrent Resolution 67 (104th Congress, 1st Session) is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 105. (a) Reconciliation of Revenue Reductions in the Senate.

(1) Certification.—(A) In the Senate, upon the certification pursuant to section 201(a)(1)(B) in increasing budget authority by $17,000,000,000 and outlays by $150,000,000.

(2) Committee on Finance.—Funding for this section shall be provided by limiting any tax cut provided in the reconciliation bill to families with incomes less than $100,000."
Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Lautenberg, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Lieberman, and Mr. Reid) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2099, supra, as follows:

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

SEC. 3. APPLICATION OF LIMITATIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN LAWS.

Any prohibition or limitation in this Act on the implementation or enforcement of any law administered by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall not apply if the Administrator determines that application of the prohibition or limitation would diminish the protection of human health or the environment otherwise provided by law.

MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 2787

Mr. McCain proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2099, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place; insert:

SEC. 3. PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF HEALTH CARE RESOURCES BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) PLAN.--(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop a plan for the allocation of health care resources (including personnel and funds) of the Department of Veterans Affairs among the health care facilities of the Department so as to ensure that veterans having similar economic status, eligibility priority and, or, similar medical conditions who are eligible for medical care in such facilities have similar access to such care in such facilities regardless of the region of the United States in which such veterans reside.

(2) The Plan shall reflect, to the maximum extent possible, the Veterans Integrated Service Network, as well as the Resource Planning and Management System developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to account for forecasts in expected workload and to ensure fairness to facilities that provide cost-efficient health care, and shall include procedures to identify reasons for variations in operating costs among similar facilities and ways to improve the allocation of resources so as to promote efficient use of resources and provision of quality health care.

(3) The Secretary shall prepare the plan in consultation with the Under Secretary of Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) PLAN ELEMENTS.--The plan under subsection (a) shall set forth--

(1) milestones for achieving the goal referred to in that subsection; and

(2) a means of evaluating the success of the Secretary in meeting the goals through the plan.

(c) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.--The Secretary shall submit to Congress the plan developed under subsection (a) not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.--The Secretary shall implement the plan developed under subsection (a) within 60 days of submitting such plan to Congress under subsection (b), unless within such period the Secretary notifies the appropriate Committees of Congress that such plan will not be implemented along with an explanation of why such plan will not be implemented.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet Tuesday, September 26, 1995, beginning at 9 a.m., in room SH–216, to conduct a mark up of spending recommendations for the budget reconciliation legislation.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 26, 1995, at 2 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for an executive session, durin during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 26, 1995, at 9 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY, AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Government Information of the Senate Judiciary, be authorized to meet during a session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 26, 1995, at 10 a.m., in Senate Dirksen room 106, on “Ruby Ridge Incident”.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS UNDER RULE 35, PARAGRAPHS 4, REGARDING EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, it is required by paragraph 4 of rule 35 that I place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD notices of Senate employees who participate in programs, the principal objective of which is educational, sponsored by a foreign government or a foreign educational or charitable organization involving travel to a foreign country paid for by that foreign government or organization.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Walter Lohman, a member of the staff of Senator McCain, to participate in a program in India sponsored by the Confederation of Indian Industry from August 26 to September 3, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Lohman in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Sean O’Donnell, a member of the staff of Senator Gorton, to participate in a program in Hong Kong sponsored by the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce from August 28 to September 4, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. O’Donnell in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Steve Phillips, a member of the staff of Senator Helms, to participate in a program in Korea sponsored by the Korean Government from August 19–23, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Phillips in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Russell Rockwell, a member of the staff of Senator Santorum, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Tamkang University from August 16–23, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Rockwell in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Holidae Hayes, a member of the staff of Senator D’Amato, to participate in a program in Mexico sponsored by the Mexican Business Coordinating Council from August 22–25, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Ms. Hayes in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Corbin Stone, a member of the staff of Senator Simon, to participate in a program in Taiwan sponsored by the Chinese Culture University from August 17–24, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mr. Stone in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Mark Ashby, a member of the staff of Senator Breaux, to participate in a program in China sponsored by the Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs from August 14–27, 1995.

The committee determined that no Federal statute or Senate rule would prohibit participation by Mark Ashby in this program.

The select committee received notification under rule 35 for Brent Franzel, a member of the staff of Senator D’Amato, to participate in a program in Mexico sponsored by the