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1ST SESSION

S. 36

To amend title 1, United States Code, to clarify the effect and application
of legislation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2001

Mr. THURMOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 1, United States Code, to clarify the effect
and application of legislation.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF THE EFFECT AND APPLICA-**
4 **TION OF LEGISLATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 1, United
6 States Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 **“§ 7. Rules for application and effect of legislation**

9 “Any Act of Congress enacted after the effective date
10 of this section—

1 “(1) shall be prospective in application only;
2 “(2) shall not create a private claim or cause of
3 action; and
4 “(3) shall be presumed not to preempt the law
5 of any State,
6 unless a provision of the Act expressly specifies other-
7 wise.”.

8 (b) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for
9 chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, is amended by
10 adding at the end the following:

“7. Rules for application and effect of legislation.”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of enact-
13 ment of this Act.

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