

This bill also adds environmental crimes to the list of statutes that provide for restitution to victims, such as violent and economic crime. The act recognizes that longstanding and widespread damage, in addition to the physical injuries and financial losses, may be caused by an environmental crime. The restitution provision includes the costs of removal and remediation of pollution and the necessary restoration of the environment.

Finally, the Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act would authorize prosecutors to seize the assets of environmental criminals before conviction so that the defendant retains sufficient assets to make reparations. This measure ensures that environmental criminals cannot hide behind bankruptcy, or hide their assets so that the Government bears the burden of the cost of repairs.

Let me conclude, Mr. President, by saying that although this legislation is long overdue, the effects of it will be far-reaching. This issue is not only about the environment, it is about fiscal responsibility and taking responsibility for one's actions. This bill does not propose newer, stricter regulations, it does not call for any burdensome Federal mandates; it merely closes loopholes through which polluters have slipped for many years. Furthermore, it reduces the burden placed of Government to pay for environmental cleanups and places it firmly on the shoulders of the criminals, where it belongs. Once again, I complement the leadership of the Senator from New Jersey. It was a pleasure working together to develop this legislation, and I look forward to working with him to pass it.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1243

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1243, a bill to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties.

S. 1385

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1385, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of periodic colorectal screening services under Part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1628

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1628, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, relating to the copyright interests of certain musical performances, and for other purposes.

S. 2047

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr.

MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2047, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the application of the pension nondiscrimination rules to governmental plans.

S. 2064

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. FRAHM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2064, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend the program of research on breast cancer.

S. 2089

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2089, a bill to transfer land administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the States in which the land is located.

SENATE RESOLUTION 274

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 274, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the outstanding achievements of NetDay96.

SENATE RESOLUTION 292

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. JOHNSTON], the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 292, a resolution designating the second Sunday in October 1996 as "National Children's Day," and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5383

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5383 proposed to S. 39, a bill to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize appropriations, to provide for sustainable fisheries, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE MARITIME SECURITY ACT OF 1996

GRASSLEY AMENDMENT NO. 5391

Mr. GRASSLEY proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 1350) a bill to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . UNIFORM PAYMENT FOR HAZARDOUS DUTY.

Title III of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 App. U.S.C. 1131), as amended by section 10 of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 303. PAYMENT OF MERCHANT SEAMEN FOR HAZARDOUS DUTY.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation, in cooperation with the Secretary

of Defense, shall establish a wage scale for hazardous duty applicable to an individual who is employed on a vessel that is used by the United States for a war, armed conflict, national emergency, or maritime mobilization need (including training purposes or testing for readiness and suitability for mission performance).

"(b) CONTENT OF WAGE SCALE.—The wage scale established under this section shall be commensurate with the incentive pay for hazardous duty provided to members of the uniformed services under section 301 of title 37, United States Code."

THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT ACT OF 1996

MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 5392

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 3378) to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party payors; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Indian Health Care Improvement Technical Corrections Act of 1996".

(b) REFERENCES.—Whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

SEC. 2. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT.

(a) DEFINITION OF HEALTH PROFESSION.—Section 4(n) (25 U.S.C. 1603(n)) is amended—

(1) by inserting "allopathic medicine," before "family medicine"; and

(2) by striking "and allied health professions" and inserting "an allied health profession, or any other health profession".

(b) INDIAN HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS.—Section 104(b) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1613a(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking the matter preceding clause (i) and inserting the following:

"(3)(A) The active duty service obligation under a written contract with the Secretary under section 338A of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 2541) that an individual has entered into under that section shall, if that individual is a recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship, be met in full-time practice, by service—";

(ii) by striking "or" at the end of clause (iii);

(iii) by striking the period at the end of clause (iv) and inserting "; or"; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(v) in an academic setting (including a program that receives funding under section 102, 112, or 114, or any other academic setting that the Secretary, acting through the Service, determines to be appropriate for the purposes of this clause) in which the major duties and responsibilities of the recipient are the recruitment and training of Indian health professionals in the discipline of that recipient in a manner consistent with the purpose of this title, as specified in section 101.";

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respectively;

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

“(B) At the request of any individual who has entered into a contract referred to in subparagraph (A) and who receives a degree in medicine (including osteopathic or allopathic medicine), dentistry, optometry, podiatry, or pharmacy, the Secretary shall defer the active duty service obligation of that individual under that contract, in order that such individual may complete any internship, residency, or other advanced clinical training that is required for the practice of that health profession, for an appropriate period (in years, as determined by the Secretary), subject to the following conditions:

“(i) No period of internship, residency, or other advanced clinical training shall be counted as satisfying any period of obligated service that is required under this section.

“(ii) The active duty service obligation of that individual shall commence not later than 90 days after the completion of that advanced clinical training (or by a date specified by the Secretary).

“(iii) The active duty service obligation will be served in the health profession of that individual, in a manner consistent with clauses (i) through (v) of subparagraph (A).”;

(D) in subparagraph (C), as so redesignated, by striking “prescribed under section 338C of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254m) by service in a program specified in subparagraph (A)” and inserting “described in subparagraph (A) by service in a program specified in that subparagraph”; and

(E) in subparagraph (D), as so redesignated—

(i) by striking “Subject to subparagraph (B).” and inserting “Subject to subparagraph (C).”; and

(ii) by striking “prescribed under section 338C of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254m)” and inserting “described in subparagraph (A).”;

(2) in paragraph (4)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking the matter preceding clause (i) and inserting the following:

“(B) the period of obligated service described in paragraph (3)(A) shall be equal to the greater of—”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “(42 U.S.C. 254m(g)(1)(B))” and inserting “(42 U.S.C. 254l(g)(1)(B))”; and

(3) in paragraph (5), by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(C) Upon the death of an individual who receives an Indian Health Scholarship, any obligation of that individual for service or payment that relates to that scholarship shall be canceled.

“(D) The Secretary shall provide for the partial or total waiver or suspension of any obligation of service or payment of a recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship if the Secretary determines that—

“(i) it is not possible for the recipient to meet that obligation or make that payment;

“(ii) requiring that recipient to meet that obligation or make that payment would result in extreme hardship to the recipient; or

“(iii) the enforcement of the requirement to meet the obligation or make the payment would be unconscionable.

“(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any case of extreme hardship or for other good cause shown, the Secretary may waive, in whole or in part, the right of the United States to recover funds made available under this section.

“(F) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to a recipient of an Indian Health Scholarship, no obligation for payment may be released by a discharge in

bankruptcy under title 11, United States Code, unless that discharge is granted after the expiration of the 5-year period beginning on the initial date on which that payment is due, and only if the bankruptcy court finds that the nondischarge of the obligation would be unconscionable.”.

(c) CALIFORNIA CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 211(g) (25 U.S.C. 1621j(g)) is amended by striking “1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997” and inserting “1996 through 2000”.

(d) EXTENSION OF CERTAIN DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 405(c)(2) (25 U.S.C. 1645(c)(2)) is amended by striking “September 30, 1996” and inserting “September 30, 1998”.

(e) GALLUP ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER.—Section 706(d) (25 U.S.C. 1665e(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated, for each of fiscal years 1996 through 2000, such sums as may be necessary to carry out subsection (b).”.

(f) SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 711(h) (25 U.S.C. 1665j(h)) is amended by striking “1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997” and inserting “1996 through 2000”.

(g) HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—Section 821(i) (25 U.S.C. 1680k(i)) is amended by striking “1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997” and inserting “1996 through 2000”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing on tribal sovereign immunity issues. The hearing will be held in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 25, 1996, beginning at 1:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing on the phase-out of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation. The hearing will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 224-2251.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Special Committee on Aging, in conjunction with the Committee on Appropriations, will hold a hearing on Thursday, September 26, 1996, at 9 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building. The hearing will discuss increasing funding for biomedical research.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 1996, and that the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 2:30 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on S. 1724, Freedom from Government Competition Act of 1996.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 10 a.m., to hold an executive business meeting.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. to hold an open hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing to discuss Social Security reform.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed conference on the fiscal year 1997 intelligence authorization bill.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON DRINKING WATER, FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries and Wildlife be granted permission to conduct a hearing Thursday, September 19, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. in hearing room SD-406 on S. 1660, the National Invasive Species Act of 1996, and to solicit testimony on efforts to reduce the threat posed by nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species.

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