[Mr. HEFLIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1505, a bill to reduce risk to public safety and the environment associated with pipeline transportation of natural gas and hazardous liquids, and for other purposes.

S. 1729

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1729, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to stalking.

S. 1897

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1897, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs relating to the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

S. 1899

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. KEMPTHORNE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1899, a bill entitled the ''Mollie Beattie Alaska Wilderness Area Act''.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine.

AMENDMENT NO. 4910

At the request of Mr. BREAUX the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4910 proposed to S. 1956, an original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK OPPORTUNITY, AND MEDICAID RESTRUCTURING ACT OF 1996

D'AMATO (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4927

Mr. D'AMATO (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GRAMM, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BOND, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MACK, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. NICKLES) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1956) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997; as follows:

Section 402(a)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 2103(a)(1), is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(iii) Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, unless the State opts out of this provision by notifying the Secretary, a State shall, consistent with the exception provided in section 407(e)(2), require a parent or caretaker receiving assistance under the program who, after receiving such assistance for two months is not exempt from work requirements and is not engaged in work, as determined under section 407(c), to participate in community service employment, with minimum hours per week and tasks to be determined by the State.''

SIMON (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4928

Mr. EXON (for Mr. SIMON, for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. JEFFORDS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 233, strike line 15, and all that follows through line 13 on page 235, and insert the following:

''(4) LIMITATION ON EDUCATION ACTIVITIES COUNTED AS WORK.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under paragraphs (1)(B)(i) and (2)(B)(i) of subsection (b), not more than 30 percent of adults in all families and in 2-parent families determined to be engaged in work in the State for a month may meet the work activity requirement through participation in vocational educational training.

''(5) SINGLE PARENT WITH CHILD UNDER AGE 6 DEEMED TO BE MEETING WORK PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS IF PARENT IS ENGAGED IN WORK FOR 20 HOURS PER WEEK.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under subsection (b)(1)(B)(i), a recipient in a 1-parent family who is the parent of a child who has not attained 6 years of age is deemed to be engaged in work for a month if the recipient is engaged in work for an average of at least 20 hours per week during the month.

''(6) TEEN HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD WHO MAINTAINS SATISFACTORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DEEMED TO BE MEETING WORK PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of determining monthly participation rates under subsection (b)(1)(B)(i), a recipient who is a single head of household and has not attained 20 years of age is deemed to be engaged in work for a month in a fiscal year if the recipient—

''(A) maintains satisfactory attendance at secondary school or the equivalent during the month; or

''(B) participates in education directly related to employment for at least the minimum average number of hours per week specified in the table set forth in paragraph (1).

''(d) WORK ACTIVITIES DEFINED.—As used in this section, the term 'work activities' means—

''(1) unsubsidized employment:

''(2) subsidized private sector employment;

''(3) subsidized public sector employment;

''(4) work experience (including work associated with the refurbishing of publicly assisted housing) if sufficient private sector employment is not available;

''(5) on-the-job training;

''(6) job search and job readiness assistance;

''(7) community service programs;

''(8) educational training (not to exceed 24 months with respect to any individual);

FEINSTEIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4929

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. GRAHAM) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 569, line 15, strike all through the end of line 10, page 589, and insert the following:

(D) This provision shall apply beginning on the date of the alien's entry into the United States.

(3) SPECIFIED FEDERAL PROGRAM DEFINED.—For purposes of this chapter, the term ''specified Federal program'' means any of the following:

(A) SSI.—The supplemental security income program under title XVI of the Social Security Act, including supplementary payments pursuant to an agreement for Federal administration under section 1616(a) of the Social Security Act and payments pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 212(b) of Public Law 93–66.

(B) FOOD STAMPS.—The food stamp program as defined in section 3(h) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

(b) LIMITED ELIGIBILITY FOR DESIGNATED FEDERAL PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as provided in section 2403 and paragraph (2), a State is authorized to determine the eligibility of an alien who is a qualified alien (as defined in section 2431) for any designated Federal program (as defined in paragraph (3)).

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Qualified aliens under this paragraph shall be eligible for any designated Federal program.

(A) TIME-LIMITED EXCEPTION FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLEES.—

(i) An alien who is admitted to the United States as a refugee under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act until 5 years after the date of an alien's entry into the United States.

(ii) An alien who is granted asylum under section 208 of such Act until 5 years after the date of such grant of asylum.

(iii) An alien whose deportation is being withheld under section 243(h) of such Act until 5 years after such withholding.

(B) CERTAIN PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS.—An alien who—

(i) is lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act; and

(ii)(I) has worked 40 qualifying quarters of coverage as defined under title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with such qualifying quarters as provided under section 2435, and (II) did not receive any Federal means-tested public benefit (as defined in section 2403(c)) during any such quarter.

(C) VETERAN AND ACTIVE DUTY EXCEPTION.—An alien who is lawfully residing in any State and is—

(i) a veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) with a discharge characterized as an honorable discharge and not on account of alienage,

(ii) on active duty (other than active duty for training) in the Armed Forces of the United States, or

(iii) the spouse or unmarried dependent child of an individual described in clause (i) or (ii).

(3) This provision shall apply beginning on the date of the alien's entry into the United States.

(4) DESIGNATED FEDERAL PROGRAM DEFINED.—For purposes of this chapter, the term ''designated Federal program'' means any of the following:

(A) TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.—The program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act.

(B) SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT.—The program of block grants to States for social services under title XX of the Social Security Act.

(C) MEDICAID.—The program of medical assistance under title XV and XLX of the Social Security Act.

SEC. 2403. FIVE-YEAR LIMITED ELIGIBILITY OF QUALIFIED ALIENS FOR FEDERAL MEANS-TESTED PUBLIC BENEFIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as provided in subsection (b), an alien who is a qualified alien (as defined in section 2431) and who enters the United States on or after the date of the enactment of this Act is not eligible for any Federal means-tested public benefit (as defined in subsection (c)) for a period of five years beginning on the date of the alien's entry into the United States with a status within the meaning of the term ''qualified alien''.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The limitation under subsection (a) shall not apply to the following aliens:

(1) EXCEPTION FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLEES.—

(A) An alien who is admitted to the United States as a refugee under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(B) An alien who is granted asylum under section 208 of such Act.

(C) An alien whose deportation is being withheld under section 243(h) of such Act.

(2) VETERAN AND ACTIVE DUTY EXCEPTION.—An alien who is lawfully residing in any State and is—

(A) a veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) with a discharge characterized as an honorable discharge and not on account of alienage.

(B) on active duty (other than active duty for training) in the Armed Forces of the United States, or

(C) the spouse or unmarried dependent child of an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(c) FEDERAL MEANS-TESTED PUBLIC BENEFIT DEFINED.—

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), for purposes of this chapter, the term ''Federal means-tested public benefit'' means a public benefit (including cash, medical, housing, and food assistance and social services) of the Federal Government in which the eligibility of an individual, household, or family eligibility unit for benefits, or the amount of such benefits, or both are determined on the basis of income, resources, or financial need of the individual, household, or unit.

(2) Such term does not include the following:

(A) Emergency medical services under title XV or XIX of the Social Security Act.

(B) Short-term, non-cash, in-kind emergency disaster relief.

(C) Assistance or benefits under the National School Lunch Act.

(D) Assistance or benefits under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

(E)(i) Public health assistance for immunizations.

(ii) Public health assistance for testing and treatment of a communicable disease if the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that it is necessary to prevent the spread of such disease.

(F) Payments for foster care and adoption assistance under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act for a child who would, in the abscence of subsection (a), be eligible to have such payments made on the child's behalf under such part, but only if the foster or adoptive parent or parents of such child are not described under subsection (a).

(G) Programs, services, or assistance (such as soup kitchens, crisis counseling and intervention, and short-term shelter) specified by the Attorney General, in the Attorney General's sole and unreviewable discretion after consultation with appropriate Federal agencies and departments, which (i) deliver in-kind services at the community level, including through public or private nonprofit agencies; (ii) do not condition the provision of assistance, the amount of assistance provided, or the cost of assistance provided on the individual recipient's income or resources; and (iii) are necessary for the protection of life or safety.

(H) Programs of student assistance under titles IV, V, IX, and X of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

(I) Means-tested programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

SEC. 2404. NOTIFICATION AND INFORMATION REPORTING.

(a) NOTIFICATION.—Each Federal agency that administers a program to which section 2401, 2402, or 2403 applies shall, directly or through the States, post information and provide general notification to the public and to program recipients of the changes regarding eligibility for any such program pursuant to this subchapter.

(b) INFORMATION REPORTING UNDER TITLE IV OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 2103(a) of this Act, is amended by inserting the following new section after section 411:

''SEC. 411A. STATE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION.

''Each State to which a grant is made under section 403, shall, at least 4 times annually and upon request of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, furnish the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the name and address of, and other identifying information on, any individual who the State knows is unlawfully in the United States.''

(c) SSI.—Section 1631(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the paragraphs (6) and (7) inserted by sections 206(d)(2) and 206(f)(1) of the Social Security Independence and Programs Improvement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103–296; 108 Stat. 1514, 1515) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

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

''(9) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner shall, at least 4 times annually and upon request of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (hereafter in this paragraph referred to as the 'Service'), furnish the Service with the name and address of, and other identifying information on, any individual who the Commissioner knows is unlawfully in the United States, and shall ensure that each agreement entered into under section 1616(a) with a State provides that the State shall furnish such information at such times with respect to any individual who the State knows is unlawfully in the United States.''

(d) INFORMATION REPORTING FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS.—Title I of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''SEC. 27. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES.

''Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall, at least 4 times annually and upon request of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (hereafter in this section referred to as the 'Service'), furnish the Service with the name and address of, and other identifying information on, any individual who the Secretary knows is unlawfully in the United States, and shall ensure that each contract for assistance entered into under section 6 or 8 of this Act with a public housing agency provides that the public housing agency shall furnish such information at such times with respect to any individual who the public housing agency knows is unlawfully in the United States.''.

Subchapter B—Eligibility for State and Local Public Benefits Programs

SEC. 2411. ALIENS WHO ARE NOT QUALIFIED ALIENS OR NONIMMIGRANTS INELIGIBLE FOR STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC BENEFITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as provided in subsections (b) and (d), an alien who is not—

(1) a qualified alien (as defined in section 2431),

(2) a nonimmigrant under the Immigration and Nationality Act, or

(3) an alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of such Act for less than one year,

is not eligible for any State or local public benefit (as defined in subsection (c)).

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to the following State or local public benefits:

(1) Emergency medical services under title XV or XIX of the Social Security Act.

(2) Short-term, non-cash, in-kind emergency disaster relief.

(3)(A) Public health assistance for immunizations.

(B) Public health assistance for testing and treatment of a communicable disease if the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that it is necessary to prevent the spread of such disease.

(4) Programs, services, or assistance (such as soup kitchens, crisis counseling and intervention, and short-term shelter) specified by the Attorney General, in the Attorney General's sole and unreviewable discretion after consultation with appropriate Federal agencies and departments, which (A) deliver in-kind services at the community level, including through public or private nonprofit agencies; (B) do not condition the provision of assistance, the amount of assistance provided, or the cost of assistance provided on the individual recipient's income or resources; and (C) are necessary for the protection of life or safety.

(c) STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC BENEFIT DEFINED.—

(1) Except as provide in paragraph (2), for purposes of this subchapter the term ''State or local public benefit'' means—

(A) any grant, contract, loan, professional license, or commercial license provided by an agency of a State or local government or by appropriated funds of a State or local government; and

(B) any retirement, welfare, health, disability, public or assisted housing, postsecondary education, food assistance, unemployment benefit, or any other similar benefit for which payments or assistance are provided to an individual, household, or family eligibility unit by an agency of a State or local government or by appropriated funds of a State or local government.

(2) Such term shall not apply—

(A) to any contract, professional license, or commercial license for a nonimmigrant whose visa for entry is related to such employment in the United States; or

(B) with respect to benefits for an alien who as a work authorized nonimmigrant or as an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act qualified for such benefits and for whom the United States under reciprocal treaty agreements is required to pay benefits, as determined by the Secretary of State, after consultation with the Attorney General.

(d) STATE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FOR ELIGIBILITY OF ILLEGAL ALIENS FOR STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC BENEFITS.—A State may provide that an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States is eligible for

any State or local public benefit for which such alien would otherwise be ineligible under subsection (a) only through the enactment of a State law after the date of the enactment of this Act which affirmatively provides for such eligibility.

SEC. 2412. STATE AUTHORITY TO LIMIT ELIGIBILITY OF QUALIFIED ALIENS FOR STATE PUBLIC BENEFITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as provided in subsection (b), a State is authorized to determine the eligibility for any State public benefits (as defined in subsection (c) of an alien who is a qualified alien (as defined in section 2431), a nonimmigrant under the Immigration and Nationality Act, or an alien who is paroled into the United States under section 212(d)(5) of such Act for less than one year.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Qualified aliens under this subsection shall be eligible for any State public benefits.

(1) TIME-LIMITED EXCEPTION FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLEES.—

(A) An alien who is admitted to the United States as a refugee under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act until 5 years after the date of an alien's entry into the United States.

(B) An alien who is granted asylum under section 208 of such Act until 5 years after the date of such grant of asylum.

(C) An alien whose deportation is being withheld under section 243(h) of such Act until 5 years after such withholding.

(2) CERTAIN PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS.—An alien who—

(A) is lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act; and

(B)(i) has worked 40 qualifying quarters of coverage as defined under title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with such qualifying quarters as provided under section 2435, and (ii) did not receive any Federal means-tested public benefit (as defined in section 2403(c)) during any such quarter.

(3) VETERAN AND ACTIVE DUTY EXCEPTION.—An alien who is lawfully residing in any State and is—

(A) a veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code) with a discharge characterized as an honorable discharge and not on account of alienage,

(B) on active duty (other than active duty for training) in the Armed Forces of the United States, or

(C) the spouse or unmarried dependent child of an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(4) This provision applies to those entering the country on or after the enactment.

(c) STATE PUBLIC BENEFITS DEFINED.—The term ''State public benefits'' means any means-tested public benefit of a State or political subdivision of a State under which the State or political subdivision specifies the standards for eligibility, and does not include any Federal public benefit.

Subchapter C—Attribution of Income and Affidavits of Support

SEC. 2421. FEDERAL ATTRIBUTION OF SPONSOR'S INCOME AND RESOURCES TO ALIEN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in determining the eligibility and the amount of benefits of an alien for any Federal means-tested public benefits program (as defined in section 2403(c)), the income and resources of the alien shall be deemed to include the following:

(1) The income and resources of any person who executed an affidavit of support pursuant to section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (as added by section 2423) on behalf of such alein.

(2) The income and resources of the spouse (if any) of the person.

(b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to an alien until such time as the alien—

(1) achieves United States citizenship through naturalization pursuant to chapter 2 of title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act; or

(2)(A) has worked 40 qualifying quarters of coverage as defined under title II of the Social Security Act or can be credited with such qualifying quarters as provided under section 2435, and (B) did not receive any Federal means-tested public benefit (as defined in section 2403(c)) during any such quarter.

(c) REVIEW OF INCOME AND RESOURCES OF ALIEN UPON REAPPLICATION.—Whenever an alien is required to reapply for benefits under any Federal means-tested public benefits program, the applicable agency shall review the income and resources attributed to the alien under subsection (a).

(d) This provision shall apply beginning on the date of the aliens entry into the United States.

HELMS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4930

Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. GRAMM) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

Strike section 1134 and insert the following:

SEC. 1134. WORK REQUIREMENT.

Section 6 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2015), as amended by section 1133, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(o) WORK REQUIREMENT.—

''(1) DEFINITION OF WORK PROGRAM.—In this subsection, the term 'work program' means—

''(A) a program under the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.);

''(B) a program under section 236 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296); or

''(C) a program of employment or training operated or supervised by a State or political subdivision of a State that meets standards approved by the Governor of the State, including a program under subsection (d)(4), other than a job search program or a job search training program.

''(2) WORK REQUIREMENT.—Subject to paragraph (3), no individual shall be eligible to participate in the food stamp program as a member of any household if the individual did not—

''(A) work 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly;

''(B) participate in and comply with the requirements of a work program for at least 20 hours or more per week, as determined by the State agency; or

''(C) participate in and comply with the requirements of a program under section 20 or a comparable program established by a State or political subdivision of a State.

''(3) EXEMPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an individual if the individual is—

''(A) a parent residing with a dependent child under 18 years of age;

''(B) mentally or physically unfit;

''(C) under 18 years of age;

''(D) 50 years of age or older; or

''(E) a pregnant woman.''.

CHAFEE (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4931

Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. HATFIELD, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REID, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

Beginning with page 256, line 20, strike all through page 259, line 4, and insert the following:

''(12) ASSURING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, subject to the succeeding provisions of this paragraph, with respect to a State any reference in title XIX (or other provision of law in relation to the operation of such title) to a provision of this part, or a State plan under this part (or a provision of such a plan), including standards and methodologies for determining income and resources under this part or such plan, shall be considered a reference to such a provision or plan as in effect as of July 1, 1996, with respect to the State.

''(B) CONSTRUCTION.—

''(i) In applying section 1925(a)(1), the reference to 'section 402(a)(8)(B)(ii)(II)' is deemed a reference to a corresponding earning disregard rule (if any) established under a State program funded under this part (as in effect on or after October 1, 1996).

''(ii) The provisions of former section 406(h) (as in effect on July 1, 1996) shall apply, in relation to title XIX, with respect to individuals who receive assistance under a State program funded under this part (as in effect on or after October 1, 1996) and are eligible for medical assistance under title XIX or who are described in subparagraph (C)(i) in the same manner as they apply as of July 1, 1996, with respect to individuals who become ineligible for aid to families with dependent children as a result (wholly or partly) of the collection or increased collection of child or spousal support under part D of this title.

''(iii) With respect to the reference in section 1902(a)(5) to a State plan approved under this part, a State may treat such reference as a reference either to a State program funded under this part (as in effect on or after October 1, 1996) or to the State plan under title XIX.

''(C) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of title XIX, subject to clause (ii), in determining eligibility for medical assistance under such title, an individual shall be treated as receiving aid or assistance under a State plan approved under this part (and shall be treated as meeting the income and resource standards under this part) only if the individual meets—

''(I) the income and resource standards for determining eligibility under such plan; and

''(II) the eligibility requirements of such plan under subsections (a) through (c) of former section 406 and former section 407(a), as in effect as of July 1, 1996. Subject to clause (ii)(II), the income and resource methodologies under such plan as of such date shall be used in the determination of whether any individual meets income and resource standards under such plan.

''(ii) STATE OPTION.—For purposes of applying this paragraph, a State may—

''(I) lower its income standards applicable with respect to this part, but not below the income standards applicable under its State plan under this part on May 1, 1988; and

''(II) use income and resource standards or methodologies that are less restrictive than the standards or methodologies used under the State plan under this part as of July 1, 1996.

''(iii) ADDITIONAL STATE OPTION WITH RESPECT TO TANF RECIPIENTS.—For purposes of applying this paragraph to title XIX, a State may, subject to clause (iv), treat all individuals (or reasonable categories of individuals)

receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part (as in effect on or after October 1, 1996) as individuals who are receiving aid or assistance under a State plan approved under this part (and thereby eligible for medical assistance under title XIX).

''(iv) TRANSITIONAL COVERAGE.—For purposes of section 1925, an individual who is receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part (as in effect on or after October 1, 1996) and is eligible for medical assistance under title XIX shall be treated as an individual receiving aid or assistance pursuant to a State plan approved under this part (as in effect as of July 1, 1996) (and thereby eligible for continuation of medical assistance under such section 1925).

''(D) WAIVERS.—In the case of a waiver of a provision of this part in effect with respect to a State as of July 1, 1996, if the waiver affects eligibility of individuals for medical assistance under title XIX, such waiver may (but need not) continue to be applied, at the option of the State, in relation to such title after the date the waiver would otherwise expire. If a State elects not to continue to apply such a waiver, then, after the date of the expiration of the waiver, subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) shall be applied as if any provision so waived had not been waived.

''(E) STATE OPTION TO USE 1 APPLICATION FORM.—Nothing in this paragraph, this part, or title XIX, shall be construed as preventing a State from providing for the same application form for assistance under a State program funded under this part (on or after October 1, 1996) and for medical assistance under title XIX.

''(F) REQUIREMENT FOR RECEIPT OF FUNDS.—A State to which a grant is made under section 403 shall take such action as may be necessary to ensure that the provisions of this paragraph are carried out provided that the State is otherwise participating in title XIX of this Act.

ROTH AMENDMENT NO. 4932

Mr. ROTH proposed an amendment to amendment No. 4931 proposed by Mr. CHAFEE to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

''(12) CONTINUATION OF MEDICAID FOR CERTAIN LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a State to which a grant is made under section 403 shall take such action as may be necessary to ensure that—

''(i) any individual who, as of the date of the enactment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996, is receiving medical assistance under title XIX as a result of such individual's receipt of aid or assistance under a State plan approved under this part (as in effect on July 1, 1996), or under a State plan approved under part E (as so in effect)—

''(I) shall be eligible for medical assistance under the State's plan approved under title XIX, so long as such individual continues to meet the eligibility requirements applicable to such individual under the State's plan approved under this part (as in effect on July 1, 1996); and

''(II) with respect to such individual, any reference in—

''(aa) title XIX;

''(bb) any other provision of law in relation to the operation of such title;

''(cc) the State plan under such title of the State in which such individual resides; or

''(dd) any other provision of State law in relation to the operation of such State plan under such title,

to a provision of this part, or a State plan under this part (or a provision of such a plan), including standards and methodologies for determining income and resources under this part or such plan, shall be considered a reference to such a provision or plan as in effect as of July 1, 1996; and

''(ii) except as provided in subparagraph (B), if any family becomes ineligible to receive assistance under the State program funded under this part as a result of—

''(I) increased earnings from employment;

''(II) the collection or increased collection of child or spousal support; or

''(III) a combination of the matters described in subclauses (I) and (II),

and such family received such assistance in at least 3 of the 6 months immediately preceding the month in which such ineligibility begins, the family shall be eligible for medical assistance under the State's plan approved under title XIX during the immediately succeeding 12-month period for so long as family income (as defined by the State), excluding any refund of Federal income taxes made by reason of section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to earned income tax credit) and any payment made by an employer under section 3507 of such Code (relating to advance payment of earned income credit), is less than the poverty line, and that the family will be appropriately notified of such eligibility.

''(B) EXCEPTION.—No medical assistance may be provided under subparagraph (A) to any family that contains an individual who has had all or part of any assistance provided under this part (as in effect on July 1, 1996, or as in effect, with respect to a State, on and after the effective date of chapter 1 of subtitle A of title II of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996) terminated as a result of the application of—

''(i) a preceding paragraph of this subsection;

''(ii) section 407(e)(1); or

''(iii) in the case of a family that includes an individual described in clause (i) of subparagraph (A), a sanction imposed under the State plan under this part (as in effect on July 1, 1996).

CHAFEE (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4933

Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. HATFIELD, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REID, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 4931 proposed by Mr. CHAFEE to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

Strike all after the first word and insert the following:

''MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, subject to the succeeding provisions of this paragraph, with respect to a State any reference in title XIX (or other provision of law in relation to the operation of such title) to a provision of this part, or a State plan under this part (or provision of such a plan), including standards and methodologies for determining income and resources under this part or such plan, shall be considered a reference to such a provision or plan as in effect as of July 1, 1996, with respect to the State.

''(B) CONSTRUCTIONS.—

''(i) In applying section 1925(a)(1), the reference to 'section 402(a)(8)(B)(ii)(II)' is deemed a reference to a corresponding earning disregard rule (if any) established under a State program funded under this part (as in effect on or after October 1, 1996).

''(ii) The provisions of former section 406(h) (as in effect on July 1, 1996) shall apply, in relation to title XIX, with respect to individuals who receive assistance under a State program funded under this part (as in effect on or after October 1, 1996) and are eligible for medical assistance under title XIX or who are described in subparagraph (C)(i) in the same manner as they apply as of July 1, 1996, with respect to individuals who become ineligible for aid to families with dependent children as a result (wholly or partly) of the collection or increased collection of child or spousal support under part D of this title.

''(iii) With respect to the reference in section 1902(a)(5) to a State plan approved under this part, a State may treat such reference as a reference either to a State program funded under this part (as in effect on or after October 1, 1996) or to the State plan under title XIX.

''(C) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of title XIX, subject to clause (ii), in determining eligibility for medical assistance under such title, an individual shall be treated as receiving aid or assistance under a State plan approved under this part (and shall be treated as meeting the income and resource standards under this part) only if the individual meets—

''(I) the income and resource standards for determining eligibility under such plan; and

''(II) the eligibility requirements of such plan under subsections (a) through (c) of former section 406 and former section 407(a), as in effect as of July 1, 1996. Subject to clause (ii)(II), the income and resource methodologies under such plan as of such date shall be used in the determination of whether any individual meets income and resource standards under such plan.

''(ii) STATE OPTION.—For purposes of applying this paragraph, a State may—

''(I) lower its income standards applicable with respect to this part, but not below the income standards applicable under its State plan under this part on May 1, 1988; and

''(II) use income and resource standards or methodologies that are less restrictive than the standards or methodologies used under the State plan under this part as of July 1, 1996.

''(iv) TRANSITIONAL COVERAGE.—For purposes of section 1925, an individual who is receiving assistance under the State program funded under this part (as in effect on or after October 1, 1996) and is eligible for medical assistance under title XIX shall be treated as an individual receiving aid or assistance pursuant to a State plan approved under this part (as in effect as of July 1, 1996) (and thereby eligible for continuation of medical assistance under such section 1925).

''(D) WAIVERS.—In the case of a waiver of a provision of this part in effect with respect to a State as of July 1, 1996, if the waiver affects eligibility of individuals for medical assistance under title XIX such waiver may (but need not) continue to be applied, at the option of the State, in relation to such title after the date the waiver would otherwise expire. If a State elects not to continue to apply such a waiver, then, after the date of the expiration of the waiver, subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) shall be applied as if any provisions so waived had not been waived.

''(E) STATE OPTION TO USE 1 APPLICATION FORM.—Nothing in this paragraph, this part, or title XIX, shall be construed as preventing a State from providing for the same application form for assistance under a State program funded under this part (on or after October 1, 1996) and for medical assistance under title XIX.

''(F) REQUIREMENT FOR RECEIPT OF FUNDS.—A State to which a grant is made under section 403 shall take such action as may be necessary to ensure that the provisions of this paragraph are carried out provided that the State is otherwise participating in title XIX of this Act.

CONRAD (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4934

Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. REID) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

On page 8, line 24, strike ''for fiscal year 1996'' and insert ''for the period beginning October 1, 1995, and ending November 30, 1996''.

On page 9, strike lines 1 through 5 and insert the following:

''(ii) for the period beginning December 1, 1996, and ending September 30, 2001, $120, $206, $170, $242, and $106, respectively;

''(iii) for the period beginning October 1, 2001, and ending August 31, 2002, $113, $193, $159, $227, and $100 respectively; and

''(iv) for the period beginning September 1, 2002, and ending September 30, 2002, $120, $206, $170, $242, and $106, respectively.

Beginning on page 94, strike line 14 and all that follows through page 111, line 6.

GRAMM AMENDMENT NO. 4935

Mr. SANTORUM (for Mr. GRAMM) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

On page 364, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following new section:

SEC. . DENIAL OF BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN DRUG RELATED CONVICTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual convicted (under Federal or State law) of any crime relating to the illegal possession, use, or distribution of a drug shall not be eligible for any Federal means-tested public benefit, as defined in Section 2403(c)(1) of this Act.

(b) FAMILY MEMBERS EXEMPT.—The prohibition contained under subsection (a) shall not apply to the family members or dependants of the convicted individual in a manner that would make such family members or dependants ineligible for welfare benefits that they would otherwise be eligible for. Any benefits provided to family members or dependents of a person described in subsection (a) shall be reduced by the amount which would have otherwise been made available to the convicted individual.

(c) PERIOD OF PROHIBITION.—The prohibition under subsection (a) shall apply—

(1) With respect to an individual convicted of a misdemeanor, during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the conviction or the 5-year period beginning on January 1, 1997, whichever is later; and

(2) with respect to an individual convicted of a felony, for the duration of the life of that individual.

(d) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to the following Federal benefits:

(1) Emergency medical services under title XV or XIX of the Social Security Act.

(2) Short-term, non-cash, in-kind emergency disaster relief.

(3)(A) Public health assistance for immunizations.

(B) Public health assistance for testing and treatment of communicable diseases if the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that it is necessary to prevent the spread of such disease.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The denial of Federal benefits set forth in this section shall take effect for convictions occurring after the date of enactment.

(f) REGULATIONS.—Not later than December 31, 1996, the Attorney General shall promulgate regulations detailing the means by which Federal and State agencies, courts, and law enforcement agencies will exchange and share the data and information necessary to implement and enforce the withholding of Federal benefits.

GRAHAM (AND BUMPERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4936

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. BUMPERS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

On page 196, strike line 16 and insert the following:

DEFINED.—Except as provided in subparagraph (C), as used in this part, the term

On page 198, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

''(C) RULES FOR FISCAL YEARS 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, AND 2001.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), in the case of fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001, the State family assistance grant for a State for a fiscal year shall be an amount equal to the sum of—

''(I) the applicable percentage for such fiscal year of the State family assistance grant for such fiscal year, as determined under subparagraph (B), and

''(II) an amount equal to the State child poverty allocation determined under clause (iii) for such fiscal year.

''(ii) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the applicable percentage for a fiscal year is as follows:

''If the fiscal year is:	*The applicable percentage is*
1997	80
1998	60
1999	40
2000	20
2001	0

''(iii) STATE CHILD POVERTY ALLOCATION.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the State child poverty allocation for a State for a fiscal year is an amount equal to the poverty percentage of the greater of—

''(I) the product of the aggregate amount appropriated for fiscal year 1996 under subparagraph (G) and the child poverty ratio for such State for such fiscal year, as determined under clause (iv); and

''(II) the minimum amount determined under clause (v).

For purposes of this clause, the poverty percentage for any fiscal year is a percentage equal to 100 percent minus the applicable percentage for such fiscal year under clause (ii).

''(iv) CHILD POVERTY RATIO.—For purposes of clause (iii), the term 'child poverty ratio' means, with respect to a State and a fiscal year—

''(I) the average number of minor children in families residing in the State with incomes below the poverty line, as determined by the Director of the Bureau of the Census, for the 3 preceding fiscal years; divided by

''(II) the average number of minor children in families residing in all States with incomes below the poverty line, as so determined, for such 3 preceding fiscal years.

''(v) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—For purposes of clause (iii), the minimum amount is the lesser of—

''(I) $100,000,000; or

''(II) an amount equal to 150 percent of the total amount required to be paid to the State under former section 403 for fiscal year 1995 (as such section was in effect on June 1, 1996).

''(vi) REDUCTION IF AMOUNTS NOT AVAILABLE.—If the aggregate amount by which State family assistance grants for all States increases for a fiscal year under this paragraph exceeds the aggregate amount appropriated for such fiscal year under subparagraph (G), the amount of the State family assistance grant to a State shall be reduced by an amount equal to the product of the aggregate amount of such excess and the child poverty ratio for such State.

''(vii) 3-PRECEDING FISCAL YEARS.—For purposes of clause (iv), the term ''3-preceding fiscal years' means the 3 most recent fiscal years preceding the current fiscal year for which data are available.

''(D) PUBLICATION OF ALLOCATIONS.—Not later than January 15 of each calendar year, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the amount of the family assistance grant to which each State is entitled under this paragraph for the fiscal year that begins on October 1 of such calendar year.

On page 198, line 10, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 200, line 11, strike ''(D)'' and insert ''(F)''.

On page 200, line 17, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 200, line 23, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 201, line 5, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 201, line 20, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 201, line 25, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 202, line 5, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 202, line 9, strike ''(E)'' and insert ''(G)''.

Beginning with page 205, line 4, strike all through page 211, line 3.

PRESSLER (AND DASCHLE) AMENDMENT NO. 4937

Mr. SANTORUM (for Mr. PRESSLER, for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 70, strike line 21 and all that follows through page 71, line 3, and insert the following:

(c) RETENTION RATE.—The provision of the first sentence of section 16(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2025(a)) is amended by striking ''25 percent during the period beginning October 1, 1990'' and all that follows through ''section 13(b)(2) of this Act'' and inserting ''35 percent of the value of all funds or allotments recovered or collected pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 13 and 20 percent of the value of all funds or allotments recovered or collected pursuant to section 13(b)(2) of this Act''.

SIMON AMENDMENT NO. 4938

Mr. GRAHAM (for Mr. SIMON) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

In Section 2403(c)(2)(H), after ''1965'' and before the period at the end, add '', and Titles III, VII, and VIII of the Public Health Service Act''.

SHELBY (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4939

Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. COATS, and Mr. HELMS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

SEC. . REFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR ADOPTION EXPENSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to refundable credits) is amended by redesignating section 35 as section 36 and by inserting after section 34 the following new section:

SEC. 35. ADOPTION EXPENSES.

''(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this subtitle for the taxable year the amount of the qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred by the taxpayer during such taxable year.

''(b) LIMITATIONS.—

''(1) DOLLAR LIMITATION.—The aggregate amount of qualified adoption expenses which may be taken into account under subsection (a) with respect to the adoption of a child shall not exceed $5,000.

''(2) INCOME LIMITATION.—The amount allowable as a credit under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall be reduced (but not below zero) by an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount so allowable (determined without regard to this paragraph but with regard to paragraph (1)) as—

''(A) the amount (if any) by which the taxpayer's adjusted gross income exceeds $60,000, bears to

''(B) $40,000.

''(3) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—No credit shall be allowed under subsection (a) for any expense for which a deduction or credit is allowable under any other provision of this chapter.

''(B) GRANTS.—No credit shall be allowed under subsection (a) for any expense to the extent that funds for such expense are received under any Federal, State, or local program.

''(c) QUALIFIED ADOPTION EXPENSES.—For purposes of this section, the term 'qualified adoption expenses' means reasonable and necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees, and other expenses which are directly related to the legal and finalized adoption of a child by the taxpayer and which are not incurred in violation of State or Federal law or in carrying out any surrogate parenting arrangement. The term 'qualified adoption expenses' shall not include any expenses in connection with the adoption by an individual of a child who is the child of such individual's spouse.

''(d) MARRIED COUPLES MUST FILE JOINT RETURNS.—Rules similar to the rules of paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of section 21(e) shall apply for purposes of this section.''

''(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting before the period '', or from section 35 of such Code''.

(2) The table of sections for subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking the last item and inserting the following:

''Sec. 35. Adoption expenses.
''Sec. 36. Overpayments of tax.''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1996.

SEC. . EXCLUSION OF ADOPTION ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to items specifically excluded from gross income) is amended by redesignating section 137 as section 138 and by inserting after section 136 the following new section:

''SEC. 137. ADOPTION ASSISTANCE.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Gross income of an employee does not include employee adoption assistance benefits, or military adoption assistance benefits, received by the employee with respect to the employee's adoption of a child.

''(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

''(1) EMPLOYEE ADOPTION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.—The term 'employee adoption assistance benefits' means payment by an employer of qualified adoption expenses with respect to an employee's adoption of a child, or reimbursement by the employer of such qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred by the employee in the taxable year.

''(2) EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE.—The terms 'employer' and 'employee' have the respective meanings given such terms by section 127(c).

''(3) MILITARY ADOPTION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.—The term 'military adoption assistance benefits' means benefits provided under section 1052 of title 10, United States Code, or section 514 of title 14, United States Code.

''(4) QUALIFIED ADOPTION EXPENSES.—The term 'qualified adoption expenses' means reasonable and necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees, and other expenses which are directly related to the legal and finalized adoption of a child by the taxpayer and which are not incurred in violation of State or Federal law or in carrying out any surrogate parenting arrangement. The term 'qualified adoption expenses' shall not include any expenses in connection with the adoption by an individual of a child who is the child of such individual's spouse.

''(c) COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROVISIONS.—The Secretary shall issue regulations to coordinate the application of this section with the application of any other provision of this title which allows a credit or deduction with respect to qualified adoption expenses.''

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by striking the item relating to section 137 and inserting the following new items:

''Sec. 137. Adoption assistance.
''Sec. 138. Cross references to other Acts.''

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1996.

SEC. . WITHDRAWAL FROM IRA FOR ADOPTION EXPENSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section 408 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to tax treatment of distributions) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(8) QUALIFIED ADOPTION EXPENSES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Any amount which is paid or distributed out of an individual retirement plan of the taxpayer, and which would (but for this paragraph) be includible in gross income, shall be excluded from gross income to the extent that—

''(i) such amount exceeds the sum of—

''(I) the amount excludable under section 137, and

''(II) any amount allowable as a credit under this title with respect to qualified adoption expenses; and

''(ii) such amount does not exceed the qualified adoption expenses paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year.

''(B) QUALIFIED ADOPTION EXPENSES.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'qualified adoption expenses' has the meaning given such term by section 137.''

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1996.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that the hearing scheduled before the full Energy and Natural Resources Committee to receive testimony regarding S. 1678, the Department of Energy Abolishment Act, has been postponed. The hearing was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 23, 1996, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC, and will be rescheduled later.

For further information, please call Karen Hunsicker, counsel (202) 224–3543 or Betty Nevitt, staff assistant at (202) 224–0765.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that the hearing scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to receive testimony regarding S. 931, S. 1564, S. 1565, S. 1649, S. 1719, and S. 1921, bills relating to the Bureau of Reclamation, has been postponed from Tuesday, July 30, 1996, at 2:30 p.m., to Thursday, September 5, 1996, at 2 p.m. and will take place in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

For further information, please call James P. Beirne, senior counsel (202) 224–2564 or Betty Nevitt, staff assistant at (202) 224–0765.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Thursday, August 1, 1996, at 2 p.m. in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the implementation of section 2001 of Public Law 104–19, the emergency timber salvage amendment.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please call Judy Brown or Mark Rey at (202) 224–6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, July 19, at 11:30 a.m. in S–116.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 88 AS THEY DEDICATE THEIR WAR MEMORIAL

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize American Legion