

S. 755

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore the provisions of chapter 76 of that title (relating to missing persons) as in effect before the amendments made by the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997 and to make other improvements to that chapter.

S. 951

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control in the Environmental Protection Agency.

S. 1062

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. KERREY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1096, a bill to restructure the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1153

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1153, a bill to promote food safety through continuation of the Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program operated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

S. 1173

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1194

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1194, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the right of Medicare beneficiaries to enter into private contracts with physicians and other health care professionals for the provision of health services for which no payment is sought under the Medicare Program.

S. 1234

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 1234, a bill to improve transportation safety, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the names of the Senator from South Da-

kota [Mr. DASCHLE] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 30, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Republic of China should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 48

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAUX] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 48, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran.

AMENDMENT NO. 1253

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1253 proposed to S. 1156, an original bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1253 proposed to S. 1156, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 129—RELATIVE TO PRIVATE RELIEF LEGISLATION

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

SENATE RESOLUTION 129

Resolved, That the bill S. 1168 entitled "A Bill for the relief of Retired Sergeant First Class James D. Benoit, Wan Sook Benoit, and the estate of David Benoit, and for other purposes," is referred, with all accompanying papers, to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report in accordance with sections 1492 and 2509 of title 28, United States Code.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

FAIRCLOTH (AND BOXER) AMENDMENTS NOS. 1271-1273

Mr. FAIRCLOTH (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) proposed three amendments to the bill (S. 1156) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1271

On page 3, line 9, after "facilities," insert the following: "and for the administrative

operating costs of the Office of the Corrections Trustee."

AMENDMENT NO. 1272

On page 4, line 4 and 5, strike "Administrative Office of the United States Courts" and insert "District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority".

On page 4, lines 15 and 16, strike "Administrative Office of the United States Courts" and insert "District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority".

AMENDMENT NO. 1273

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . It is the sense of the Senate that the management teams authorized in the District of Columbia Management Reform Act of 1997 should—

(1) take whatever steps are deemed necessary to identify the structural, operational, administrative, and other problems within the designated departments; and

(2) implement the management reform plans in accordance with the provisions of the District of Columbia Management Reform Act of 1997.

BROWNBACK AMENDMENT NO. 1274

Mr. FAIRCLOTH (for Mr. BROWNBACK) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1156, *supra*; as follows:

On page 9, line 17, strike "\$1,235,000" and all that follows through "134);" on line 24 and insert "\$3,376,000 from local funds (not including funds already made available for District of Columbia public schools) for public charter schools: *Provided*, That if the entirety of this allocation has not been provided as payments to any public charter schools currently in operation through the per pupil funding formula, the funds shall be available for new public charter schools on a per pupil basis: *Provided further*, That \$400,000 be available to the District of Columbia Public Charter School Board for administrative costs: *Provided further*, That if the entirety of this allocation has not been provided as payment to 1 or more public charter schools by May 1, 1998, and remains unallocated, the funds shall be deposited into a special revolving loan fund to be used solely to assist existing or new public charter schools in meeting startup and operating costs: *Provided further*, That the District of Columbia Education Emergency Board of Trustees shall report to Congress not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act on the capital needs of each public charter school and whether the current per pupil funding formula should reflect these needs: *Provided further*, That until the District of Columbia Education Emergency Board of Trustees reports to Congress as provided in the preceding proviso, the District of Columbia Education Emergency Board of Trustees shall take appropriate steps to provide public charter schools with assistance to meet all capital expenses in a manner that is equitable with respect assistance provided to other District of Columbia public schools: *Provided further*, That the District of Columbia Education Emergency Board of Trustees shall report to Congress not later than November 1, 1998, on the implementation of their policy to give preference to newly created District of Columbia public charter schools for surplus public school property;"

MOYNIHAN AMENDMENT NO. 1275

Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. MOYNIHAN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1156, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . NATION'S CAPITAL BICENTENNIAL DESIGNATION ACT.

(a) SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS; PURPOSE.—

(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Nation's Capital Bicentennial Designation Act".

(2) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(A) the year 2000 will mark the 200th anniversary of Washington, D.C. as the Nation's permanent capital, commencing when the Government moved from Philadelphia to the Federal City;

(B) the framers of the Constitution provided for the establishment of a special district to serve as "the seat of Government of the United States";

(C) the site for the city was selected under the direction of President George Washington, with construction initiated in 1791;

(D) in submitting his design to Congress, Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant included numerous parks, fountains, and sweeping avenues designed to reflect a vision as grand and as ambitious as the American experience itself;

(E) the capital city was named after President George Washington to commemorate and celebrate his triumph in building the Nation;

(F) as the seat of Government of the United States for almost 200 years, the Nation's capital has been a center of American culture and a world symbol of freedom and democracy;

(G) from Washington, D.C., President Abraham Lincoln labored to preserve the Union and the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. led an historic march that energized the civil rights movement, reminding America of its promise of liberty and justice for all; and

(H) the Government of the United States must continually work to ensure that the Nation's capital is and remains the shining city on the hill.

(3) PURPOSE.—The purposes of this section are to—

(A) designate the year 2000 as the "Year of National Bicentennial Celebration of Washington, D.C.—the Nation's Capital"; and

(B) establish the Presidents' Day holiday in the year 2000 as a day of national celebration for the 200th anniversary of Washington, D.C.

(b) NATION'S CAPITAL NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The year 2000 is designated as the "Year of the National Bicentennial Celebration for Washington, D.C.—the Nation's Capital" and the Presidents' Day Federal holiday in the year 2000 is designated as a day of national celebration for the 200th anniversary of Washington, D.C.

(2) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that all Federal entities should coordinate with and assist the Nation's Capital Bicentennial Celebration, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) entity, organized and operating pursuant to the laws of the District of Columbia, to ensure the success of events and projects undertaken to renew and celebrate the bicentennial of the establishment of Washington, D.C. as the Nation's capital.

BYRD AMENDMENT NO. 1276

Mrs. BOXER (for Mr. BYRD) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1156, supra; as follows:

On page 49, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 148. \$4,000,000 from local funds shall be available for the establishment of a remedial education pilot program in the District of Columbia public school system to remain available through fiscal year 1999, of which

\$3,000,000 shall be used to create a one-year pilot program for the implementation of a remedial education program in reading and mathematics for the 3 lowest achieving elementary schools in the District of Columbia public school system (as to be determined by the District of Columbia public school system's Board of Education) and the training of teachers in remediation instruction at the targeted schools and \$1,000,000 shall be used to establish a continuing education program for all teachers in the District of Columbia public school system. The General Accounting Office shall report to Congress on the effectiveness of the pilot program funded by this section at the end of fiscal year 1999.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to consider the nomination of M. John Berry to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget.

The hearing will take place Thursday, October 9, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

For further information, please call Camille Flint at (202) 224-5070.

NOTICE OF HEARING POSTPONEMENT

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the October 8, 1997, hearing to receive testimony on S. 1064, a bill to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to more effectively manage visitor service and fishing activity in Glacier Bay National Park and for other purposes which is scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has been postponed until further notice.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, at 10 a.m. in open session, to consider the nomination of Dr. Jacques S. Gansler, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet

on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, at 9 a.m. on the nomination of William Kennard to be FCC Chairman.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet Wednesday, October 1, 1997, beginning at 10 a.m. in room SH-215, to conduct a markup on several bills.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee special investigation to meet on Wednesday, October 1, at 10 a.m., for a hearing on campaign financing issues.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on "Congress' Constitutional Role in Protecting Religious Liberty."

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for a hearing on health insurance coverage during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, at 10 a.m. until business is completed to hold a business meeting concerning the contested election for U.S. Senator from Louisiana.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold an open confirmation hearing on the nomination of Lt. Gen. John A. Gordon, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic