

THE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR THE U.S. SENATE, FISCAL YEAR 1998, 105TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION, AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 26, 1997

[In billions of dollars]

	Budget Resolution H. Con. Res. 84	Current level	Current level over/under resolution
<b>ON-BUDGET</b>			
Budget authority .....	1,390.8	1,095.4	-295.4
Outlays .....	1,372.3	1,228.0	-144.4
Revenues:			
1998 .....	1,199.0	1,197.4	-1.6
1998-2002 .....	6,477.7	6,480.3	2.6
Deficit .....	173.3	30.6	-142.7
Debt subject to limit .....	5,593.5	5,301.5	-292.0
<b>OFF-BUDGET</b>			
Social Security outlays:			
1998 .....	317.6	317.6	0.0
1998-2002 .....	1,722.4	1,722.4	0.0
Social Security revenues:			
1998 .....	402.8	402.7	-0.1
1998-2002 .....	2,212.1	2,212.1	(?)

<sup>1</sup> Less than \$50 million.

Note: Current level numbers are the estimated revenue and direct spending effects of all legislation that Congress has enacted or sent to the President for his approval. In addition, full-year funding estimates under current law are included for entitlement and mandatory programs requiring annual appropriations even if the appropriations have not been made. The current level of debt subject to limit reflects the latest U.S. Treasury information on public debt transactions.

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

THE ON-BUDGET CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR THE U.S. SENATE, 105TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION, SENATE SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998, AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 26, 1997

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
<b>Enacted in Previous Sessions</b>			
Revenues .....			1,206,379
Permanents and other spending .....			
Legislation .....	880,313	866,860	
Appropriation legislation .....		241,036	
Offsetting receipts .....	-211,291	-211,291	
Total previously enacted .....	669,022	896,605	1,206,379
<b>Enacted This Session</b>			
1997 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act (P.L. 105-18) .....	-350	-280	
Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33) .....	1,525	477	267
Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-34) .....			-9,281
Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act (P.L. 105-41) <sup>1</sup> .....			
Total enacted this session .....	1,175	197	-9,014
<b>Passed Pending Signature</b>			
1998 Defense appropriations bill (H.R. 2315) .....	247,709	164,702	
1998 Legislative branch appropriations bill (H.R. 2209) .....	2,251	2,023	
1998 Military construction appropriations bill (H.R. 2016) .....	9,183	3,024	
Total passed pending signature .....	259,143	169,749	
<b>Entitlements and Mandatories</b>			
Budget resolution baseline estimates of appropriated entitlements and other mandatory programs not yet enacted .....	166,040	161,417	
<b>Totals</b>			
Total current level .....	1,095,380	1,227,968	1,197,365
Total budget resolution .....	1,390,786	1,372,341	1,199,000
Amount remaining:			
Under budget resolution .....	295,406	144,373	1,635
<b>Over budget resolution</b>			
Addendum .....			
Emergencies .....	266	2,283	
Contingent emergencies .....			
Total .....	266	2,283	
Total current level including emergencies .....	1,095,646	1,230,251	1,197,365

<sup>1</sup> The revenue effects of this act begin in fiscal year 1999.

Note: Amounts shown under "emergencies" represent funding for programs that have been deemed emergency requirements by the President and the Congress. Amounts shown under "contingent emergencies" represent funding designated as an emergency only by the Congress that is not available for obligation until it is requested by the President and the full amount requested is designated as an emergency requirement.

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

# PASSAGE VITIATED—S. 1022

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that passage of S. 1022 be vitiated.

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

# APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, appoints Charles Terrell of Massachusetts to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a 3-year term effective October 1, 1997.

# RELIGIOUS WORKERS ACT OF 1997

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on (S. 1198) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

*Resolved*, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1198) entitled "An Act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for entry into the United States of certain religious workers," do pass with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

# **SECTION 1. 3-YEAR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL IMMIGRANT RELIGIOUS WORKER PROGRAM.**

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 101(a)(27)(C)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(27)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking "1997," each place it appears and inserting "2000,".

(b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

# **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF NONIMMIGRANT VISA FEES FOR CERTAIN CHARITABLE PURPOSES.**

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 281 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1351) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "Subject to such criteria as the Secretary of State may prescribe, including the duration of stay of the alien and the financial burden upon the charitable organization, the Secretary of State shall waive or reduce the fee for application and issuance of a nonimmigrant visa for any alien coming to the United States primarily for, or in activities related to, a charitable purpose involving health or nursing care, the provision of food or housing, job training, or any other similar direct service or assistance to poor or otherwise needy individuals in the United States.".

(b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

# **SEC. 3. 6-MONTH EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR DESIGNATION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR PAPERWORK CHANGES IN EMPLOYER SANCTIONS PROGRAM.**

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 412(e)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Respon-

sibility Act of 1996 (Public law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-668) is amended by striking "12" and inserting "18".

(b) *Effective Date.*—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

Amend the title so as to read "A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for designation of an effective date for paperwork changes in the employer sanctions program, and to require the Secretary of State to waive or reduce the fee for application and issuance of a nonimmigrant visa for aliens coming to the United States for certain charitable purposes.".

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the amendments of the House.

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

# NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1179, and further that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1179) to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to support the passage of the National Flood Insurance Reauthorization Act of 1997 (S. 1179). This legislation, which I introduced on September 16, 1997, provides for a simple and straightforward 5-year extension of the National Flood Insurance Program [NFIP] until September 30, 2002. This legislation will place this important program on a steady and secure foundation so that it continues to provide protection to flood insurance policyholders and the Federal taxpayers. I thank my friend and colleague Senator PAUL SARBANES for cosponsoring this measure.

The National Flood Insurance Program, which is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency [FEMA], enables over 3.7 million American families to insure their homes and possessions. In my home State of New York, 85,000 families participate in the NFIP. The NFIP allows these families, on Long Island and along the Great Lakes and the State's many rivers, to purchase insurance coverage to protect their homes in the event of a catastrophic flood.

The NFIP employs a comprehensive approach to alleviating the risks posed by catastrophic floods. Floodplain communities participate in FEMA's community rating system and are offered incentives to adopt and enforce

measures to reduce the risk of flood damage and improve flood prevention building criteria. To avoid the danger of repetitive losses, the program provides stringent building standards designed to reduce the risk of future damage. These flood protection standards must be met before any structure which suffers substantial damage may be rebuilt. In addition, persons who receive disaster assistance and fail to subsequently purchase flood insurance are barred from receiving future assistance.

Mr. President, the NFIP plays a critical role in reducing the costs of Federal disaster relief. Current NFIP policyholders pay approximately \$1.3 billion annually into the NFIP fund. Without this premium income, the Federal Government would likely pay spiraling costs in disaster relief. The NFIP has the added benefits of improving State and community planning and Federal support for locally driven disaster prevention and mitigation activities.

Reauthorizing the NFIP is an important step forward in reaffirming the commitment of the Federal Government to help American families protect their homes and to protect the Federal taxpayer from the risks of catastrophic floods. Clearly, we must do more. Lenders and private insurers who participate in the NFIP must do more to ensure compliance. States and local communities must improve their disaster planning, prevention, and response activities. FEMA must redouble its efforts to increase participation in the program to improve the safety and soundness of the NFIP fund. Also, the Federal Government must do more to prevent and mitigate against the losses which will inevitably occur from future floods.

Mr. President, I note that this bill has the full support of the administration. I wish to thank the members of the Banking Committee for their bi-

partisan support of this important measure and I urge our colleagues in the House to support its swift enactment.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1179) was deemed read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1179

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Flood Insurance Reauthorization Act of 1997".

#### SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Section 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4026) is amended by striking "September 30, 1997" and inserting "September 30, 2002".

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1997

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 10 a.m., on Friday, October 3d. I further ask unanimous consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and that there be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, except for the following: Senator DASCHLE or his designee for 30 minutes, from 10 o'clock to 10:30; Senator COVERDELL or his designee for up to 60 minutes, from 10:30 to 11:30.

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

#### PROGRAM

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, the Senate will not be in session tomorrow in observance of the Jewish holiday. On Friday, the Senate will reconvene for a period of morning business. As announced, no rollcall votes will occur on Friday or Monday. The next possibility for rollcall votes will occur Tuesday morning. Following Friday's session, the Senate will reconvene on Monday and resume consideration of S. 25, the campaign finance reform bill. In addition, the Senate may consider the D.C. appropriations bill during Tuesday's session.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1997, AT 10 A.M.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:02 p.m., adjourned until Friday, October 3, 1997, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 1, 1997:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STEVEN J. GREEN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.

DANIEL CHARLES KURTZER, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT.

STEVEN KARL PIFER, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UKRAINE.

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DUNCAN T. MOORE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, VICE LIONEL SKIPWORTH JOHNS, RESIGNED.