

Council of the Americas. NAFTA resulted in an increase of just 4 million dollars' worth of exports to Mexico from Kentucky.

Unfortunately, the other side of the equation—imports from Mexico—has had a much more immediate and devastating impact on Kentucky. In 1993, over 30,000 Kentuckians worked in the apparel industry. Today, there are just 25,000 Kentucky apparel workers. The layoffs began soon after NAFTA passed and continue to this day. Just this past August, a major apparel manufacturer in my State laid off 2,000 workers.

When these jobs are lost and plants close, it is simply devastating to whole communities in Kentucky. I'd like to share with my colleagues an account of the plant closings we've suffered in Kentucky.

An August 8 story in the Louisville Courier-Journal talked about the latest blow to Kentucky's garment industry. Layoffs by Fruit of the Loom of 2,000 workers represents the latest loss to what the paper described as the "hemorrhaging garment-industry" in Kentucky. "At Fruit of the Loom alone, employment will have fallen from 11,000 2 years ago to 5,000 by the time the latest round of layoffs is completed * * *."

The vice president of Fruit of the Loom was blunt in his assessment. "We're being impacted by global competition resulting from international trade barriers. We can do the same work cheaper somewhere else."

Bill Parsons, executive director of the Lake Cumberland Area Development District where Fruit of the Loom is located, agrees.

Why would any good businessman want to stay in the U.S., where its going to cost \$8.48 an hour to make a garment you can make for 48 cents somewhere else? It makes a lot of business sense when you're looking at the bottom line.

David and NaDena Agee know firsthand about the bottom-line. Another Courier-Journal story tells how they "have a mortgage on a house they bought two years ago when they were both making good salaries at the Fruit of the Loom Plant in Campbellsville. They also have a 19-month-old son who is growing up fast. But after October 8, neither David nor NaDena will have a job because of continuing layoffs at the plant. They are worried about how they will provide for their son."

Instead of telling hardworking Americans like the Agees how fast track will assure them of a stable future, supporters of fast track are simply looking the other way.

Mr. President, I understand that international trade is not just confined to NAFTA. But proponents of fast track won't find a convincing argument on the other side of the world either.

Our trade deficit is enormous and growing. In 1995, our trade deficit rang in at \$105 billion. Last year's deficit was still higher—\$114 billion. And this year we are on our way to our fourth

consecutive year of record high trade deficits. The monthly trade deficit has increased each month this year except June.

Why do we have such enormous deficit? In the past, the experts have chalked it up to our persistent and large budget deficits. But now that we are in our fifth year of declining budget deficits and on our way to a balanced budget, that explanation has fallen out of favor.

Now, the experts are prepared to tell us the reason is a low savings rate compared to other countries—even though many of those other countries with higher savings rates don't have a Social Security system, as we do.

It seems any explanation of a trade deficit will do, so long as it has no connection to our trade policy. But that, in this Senator's mind, is where the problem is: our trade policy seems too often to be crafted for the benefit of other nations.

Month after month, I receive letters from Kentucky businesses asking for an end to a trade barrier an international trade agreement was supposed to resolve. This year, for example, I have received letters that: called for an end to Canada's exploitation of a NAFTA loophole to inundate the U.S. with wool suits made of Chinese fabric; demanded the Philippines implement a WTO decision against that country's system of using import licenses to keep American pork out; decried China's de facto ban on pork and tobacco products; called for better enforcement of our flat glass agreement with Japan; and, opposed the EU's proposal to accelerate the phase out of CFC's in an effort to disadvantage U.S. exports.

Mr. President, violations of existing agreements are particularly costly in the textile and apparel sector, where 4 to 10 billion dollars' worth of goods are illegally shipped to the United States. Countries like China and India routinely illegally label and ship their products through a third country in order to avoid an agreed upon quota.

Let me share a specific example of the noncompliance I'm talking about. After the enactment of the Uruguay round, the United States brought a case against Japan. Japan maintained a tax system designed to discourage the sale of imported distilled spirits, including Kentucky bourbon.

In November, 1996, the WTO found that the Japanese system violated the principal of national treatment—that a participating nation must accord imported and domestic products the same treatment.

How did Japan respond? Japan agreed to make the necessary changes to its tax law—by the year 2001, five years after the WTO decision! So now, the Japanese and American Governments are in negotiations over how long it's going to take Japan to fix a law it should never have adopted in the first place. What's more, there is now talk that the United States may accept "compensation" for Japan's refusal to

amend its law. This would mean that U.S. distilled spirits exporters won't get a thing out of an agreement that was supposed to win them market access.

Mr. President, I want to close by reiterating what brings me and other fast-track opponents to the floor. It's not because we want to raise up new tariff walls. It's not because we are isolationists. It's not because we want to protect jobs from any competition whatsoever. It's simply because our trade policy has not been a good one for the people of my State, nor the vast majority of States. It's because there ought to be a way to negotiate trade agreements that make Congress a partner every step of the way. And it's because there are so many problems in the agreements we have today that demand to be fixed.

So let's work together to forge a new trade policy that truly opens markets overseas, that benefits all Americans and that includes important issues, like labor laws and environmental regulation.

Mr. President, let's put fast track on the right track.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, November 7, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,426,731,931,109.43 (Five trillion, four hundred twenty-six billion, seven hundred thirty-one million, nine hundred thirty-one thousand, one hundred nine dollars and forty-three cents).

One year ago, November 7, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,243,332,000,000 (Five trillion, two hundred forty-three billion, three hundred thirty-two million).

Twenty-five years ago, November 7, 1972, the Federal debt stood at \$435,658,000,000 (Four hundred thirty-five billion, six hundred fifty-eight million) which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$5 trillion—\$4,991,073,931,109.43 (Four trillion, nine hundred ninety-one billion, seventy-three million, nine hundred thirty-one thousand, one hundred nine dollars and forty-three cents) during the past 25 years.

SENIOR CITIZEN HOME EQUITY PROTECTION ACT

The text of the bill (S. 562) to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to prevent the funding of unnecessary or excessive costs for obtaining a home equity conversion mortgage, as passed by the Senate on November 9, 1997, is as follows:

S. 562

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 "Senior Citizen Home Equity Protection Act".

TITLE I—SENIOR CITIZEN HOME EQUITY PROTECTION

SEC. 101. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS; PROHIBITION OF FUNDING OF UNNECESSARY OR EXCESSIVE COSTS.

Section 255(d) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-20(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D); and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) has received full disclosure of all costs to the mortgagor for obtaining the mortgage, including any costs of estate planning, financial advice, or other related services; and”;

(2) in paragraph (9)(F), by striking “and”;

(3) in paragraph (10), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(11) have been made with such restrictions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to ensure that the mortgagor does not fund any unnecessary or excessive costs for obtaining the mortgage, including any costs of estate planning, financial advice, or other related services.”.

SEC. 102. IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) NOTICE.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall, by interim notice, implement the amendments made by section 101 in an expeditious manner, as determined by the Secretary. Such notice shall not be effective after the date of the effectiveness of the final regulations issued under subsection (b).

(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall, not later than the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, issue final regulations to implement the amendments made by section 101. Such regulations shall be issued only after notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code (notwithstanding subsections (a)(2) and (b)(3)(B) of such section).

TITLE II—TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROVISIONS

SEC. 201. PUBLIC HOUSING CEILING RENTS AND INCOME ADJUSTMENTS AND PREFERENCES FOR ASSISTED HOUSING.

Section 402(f) of The Balanced Budget Downpayment Act, I (42 U.S.C. 1437aa note) is amended by striking “and 1997” and inserting “, 1997, and 1998”.

SEC. 202. PUBLIC HOUSING DEMOLITION AND DISPOSITION.

Section 1002(d) of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Additional Disaster Assistance, for Anti-terrorism Initiatives, for Assistance in the Recovery from the Tragedy that Occurred at Oklahoma City, and Rescissions Act, 1995 (42 U.S.C. 1437c note) is amended by striking “September 30, 1997” and inserting “September 30, 1998”.

SEC. 203. PUBLIC HOUSING FUNDING FLEXIBILITY AND MIXED-FINANCE DEVELOPMENTS.

(a) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 201(a)(2) of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (42 U.S.C. 1437l note) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) APPLICABILITY.—Section 14(q) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 shall be effective only with respect to assistance provided from funds made available for fiscal year 1998 or any preceding fiscal year, except that the authority in the first sentence of section 14(q)(1) of that Act to use up to 10

percent of the allocation of certain funds for any operating subsidy purpose shall not apply to amounts made available for fiscal year 1998.”.

(b) MIXED FINANCE.—Section 14(q)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437l(q)(1)) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: “Such assistance may involve the drawdown of funds on a schedule commensurate with construction draws for deposit into an interest earning escrow account to serve as collateral or credit enhancement for bonds issued by a public agency for the construction or rehabilitation of the development.”.

SEC. 204. MINIMUM RENTS.

Section 402(a) of The Balanced Budget Downpayment Act, I (Public Law 104-99; 110 Stat. 40) is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “fiscal year 1997” and inserting “fiscal years 1997 and 1998”.

SEC. 205. PROVISIONS RELATING TO SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Section 203(d) of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1996 (as contained in section 101(e) of the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134)) (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) is amended by striking “and 1997” and inserting “, 1997, and 1998”.

TITLE III—REAUTHORIZATION OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROVISIONS

SEC. 301. MULTIFAMILY HOUSING FINANCE PILOT PROGRAMS.

Section 542 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1707 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(5), by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence the following: “, and not more than an additional 15,000 units during fiscal year 1998”; and

(2) in the first sentence of subsection (c)(4)—

(A) by striking “and” and inserting a comma; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, and not more than an additional 15,000 units during fiscal year 1998”.

SEC. 302. HUD DISPOSITION OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING.

Section 204 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-11a) is amended by inserting after “owned by the Secretary” the following: “, including the provision of grants and loans from the General Insurance Fund for the necessary costs of rehabilitation or demolition.”.

SEC. 303. MULTIFAMILY MORTGAGE AUCTIONS.

Section 221(g)(4)(C) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715(g)(4)(C)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of clause (viii), by striking “September 30, 1996” and inserting “December 31, 2000”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(ix) The authority of the Secretary to conduct multifamily auctions under this subparagraph shall be effective for any fiscal year only to the extent and in such amounts as are approved in appropriations Acts for the costs of loan guarantees (as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974), including the cost of modifying loans.”.

SEC. 304. CLARIFICATION OF OWNER'S RIGHT TO PREPAY.

(a) PREPAYMENT RIGHT.—Notwithstanding section 211 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987 or section 221 of the Housing and Community Development Act of

1987 (as in effect pursuant to section 604(c) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act), subject to subsection (b), with respect to any project that is eligible low-income housing (as that term is defined in section 229 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987)—

(1) the owner of the project may prepay, and the mortgagee may accept prepayment of, the mortgage on the project, and

(2) the owner may request voluntary termination of a mortgage insurance contract with respect to such project and the contract may be terminated notwithstanding any requirements under sections 229 and 250 of the National Housing Act.

(b) CONDITIONS.—Any prepayment of a mortgage or termination of an insurance contract authorized under subsection (a) may be made—

(1) only to the extent that such prepayment or termination is consistent with the terms and conditions of the mortgage on or mortgage insurance contract for the project; and

(2) only if owner of the project involved agrees not to increase the rent charges for any dwelling unit in the project during the 60-day period beginning upon such prepayment or termination.

TITLE IV—REAUTHORIZATION OF RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

SEC. 401. HOUSING IN UNDERSERVED AREAS PROGRAM.

The first sentence of section 509(f)(4)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1479(f)(4)(A)) is amended by striking “fiscal year 1997” and inserting “fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999”.

SEC. 402. HOUSING AND RELATED FACILITIES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND FAMILIES AND OTHER LOW-INCOME PERSONS AND FAMILIES.

(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS.—Section 515(b)(4) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(b)(4)) is amended by striking “September 30, 1997” and inserting “September 30, 1999”.

(b) SET-ASIDE FOR NONPROFIT ENTITIES.—The first sentence of section 515(w)(1) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(w)(1)) is amended by striking “fiscal year 1997” and inserting “fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999”.

SEC. 403. LOAN GUARANTEES FOR MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING IN RURAL AREAS.

Section 538 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490p-2) is amended—

(1) in subsection (q), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) ANNUAL LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF LOAN GUARANTEE.—In each fiscal year, the Secretary may enter into commitments to guarantee loans under this section only to the extent that the costs of the guarantees entered into in such fiscal year do not exceed such amount as may be provided in appropriation Acts for such fiscal year.”;

(2) by striking subsection (t) and inserting the following:

“(t) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for costs (as such term is defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) of loan guarantees made under this section such sums as may be necessary for such fiscal year.”; and

(3) in subsection (u), by striking “1996” and inserting “1999”.

TITLE V—REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

SEC. 501. PROGRAM EXPIRATION.

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, 1999”.

SEC. 502. BORROWING AUTHORITY.

Section 1309(a)(2) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)(2)) is amended by striking "September 30, 1997" and inserting "September 30, 1999".

SEC. 503. EMERGENCY IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM.

Section 1336(a) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4056(a)) is amended by striking "September 30, 1996" and inserting "September 30, 1999".

SEC. 504. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR STUDIES.

Subsection (c) of section 1376 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4127(c)) is amended to read as follows:

"(c) For studies under this title, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999, which shall remain available until expended."

TITLE VI—NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE**SEC. 601. SUBSIDY LAYERING CERTIFICATION.**

Section 206 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4136) is amended—

(1) by striking "certification by the Secretary" and inserting "certification by a recipient to the Secretary"; and

(2) by striking "any housing project" and inserting "the housing project involved".

SEC. 602. INCLUSION OF HOMEBUYER SELECTION POLICIES AND CRITERIA.

Section 207(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4137(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking "TENANT SELECTION." and inserting "TENANT AND HOMEBUYER SELECTION."; and

(2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting "and homebuyer" after "tenant"; and

(3) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting "and homebuyers" after "tenants".

SEC. 603. REPAYMENT OF GRANT AMOUNTS FOR VIOLATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENT.

Section 209 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4139) is amended by striking "section 205(2)" and inserting "section 205(a)(2)".

SEC. 604. UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 501(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 4042) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (4); and

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (11) as paragraphs (4) through (10), respectively.

(b) UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937.—Section 7 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e) is amended by striking subsection (h).

SEC. 605. MISCELLANEOUS.

(a) DEFINITION OF INDIAN AREAS.—Section 4(10) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103(10)) is amended to read as follows:

"(10) INDIAN AREA.—The term 'Indian area' means the area within which an Indian tribe or a tribally designated housing entity, as authorized by 1 or more Indian tribes, provides assistance under this Act for affordable housing."

(b) CROSS-REFERENCE.—Section 4(12)(C)(i)(II) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103(12)(C)(i)(II)) is amended by striking "section 107" and inserting "section 705".

(c) CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS.—Section 101(c) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determina-

tion Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "This subsection applies only to rental dwelling units (other than lease-purchase dwelling units) developed under—

"(1) the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.); or

"(2) this Act."

(d) APPLICABILITY.—Section 101(d)(1) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111(d)(1)) is amended by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: ", except that this paragraph only applies to rental dwelling units (other than lease-purchase dwelling units) developed under the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) or under this Act".

(e) SUBMISSION OF INDIAN HOUSING PLAN.—Section 102(a) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4112(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting "(A)" after "(1)";

(2) in paragraph (1)(A), as so designated by paragraph (1) of this subsection, by adding "or" at the end;

(3) by striking "(2)" and inserting "(B)"; and

(4) by striking "(3)" and inserting "(2)".

(f) CLARIFICATION.—Section 103(c)(3) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4113(c)(3)) is amended by inserting "not" before "prohibited".

(g) APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS OF CIVIL RIGHTS.—Section 201(b)(5) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4131(b)(5)) is amended—

(1) by striking "Indian tribes" and inserting "federally recognized tribes and the tribally designated housing entities of those tribes"; and

(2) by striking "under this subsection" and inserting "under this Act".

(h) ELIGIBILITY.—Section 205(a)(1) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4135(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "and" at the end; and

(2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

"(B) in the case of a contract to purchase existing housing, is made available for purchase only by a family that is a low-income family at the time of purchase;

"(C) in the case of a lease-purchase agreement for existing housing or for housing to be constructed, is made available for lease-purchase only by a family that is a low-income family at the time the agreement is entered into; and

"(D) in the case of a contract to purchase housing to be constructed, is made available for purchase only by a family that is a low-income family at the time the contract is entered into; and"

(i) TENANT SELECTION.—Section 207(b)(3)(B) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4137(b)(3)(B)) is amended by striking "of any rejected applicant of the grounds for any rejection" and inserting "to any rejected applicant of that rejection and the grounds for that rejection".

(j) AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS.—Section 208 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4138) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "paragraph (2)" and inserting "subsection (b)"; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "paragraph (1)" and inserting "subsection (a)".

(k) IHP REQUIREMENT.—Section 184(b)(2) of the Housing and Community Development

Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a(b)(2)) is amended by striking "that is under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe" and all that follows before the period at the end.

(l) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 184(i)(5)(C) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a(i)(5)(C)) is amended by striking "note" and inserting "not".

(m) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM.—Section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (k) as subsection (l); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (j) the following:

"(k) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For purposes of environmental, review, decision-making, and action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and any other law that furthers the purposes of that Act, a loan guarantee under this section shall—

"(1) be treated as a grant under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.); and

"(2) be subject to the regulations promulgated by the Secretary to carry out section 105 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4115)."

(n) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4161 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 408. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.

"Each recipient shall make any housing plan, policy, or annual report prepared by the recipient available to the general public."

(2) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—Section 1(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 note) is amended in the table of contents by inserting after the item relating to section 407 the following:

"Sec. 408. Public availability of information."

(o) NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.—Section 520(l)(5)(B) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 11903a(l)(5)(B)) is amended by striking "and Indian housing authorities" and inserting "and units of general local government".

(p) INELIGIBILITY OF INDIAN TRIBES.—Section 460 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12899h-1) is amended by striking "fiscal year 1997" and inserting "fiscal year 1998".

(q) INDIAN HOUSING EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—

(1) REPEAL.—Section 518 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1701z-11 note) is repealed.

(2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 501(d)(1) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 4042), and the amendment made by that section, is repealed.

(B) APPLICABILITY.—Section 519 of Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a-1) shall be applied and administered as if section 501(d)(1) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (104 Stat. 4042) had not been enacted.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection and the amendments made by this subsection shall be construed to have taken effect on October 26, 1996.

(r) TRIBAL ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE DRUG ELIMINATION PROGRAM.—The Public and Assisted Housing Elimination Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 11901 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 5123, by inserting “Indian tribes,” after “tribally designated housing entities,”;

(2) in section 5124(a)(7), by inserting “, Indian tribe,” after “agency”;

(3) in section 5125(a), by inserting “Indian tribe,” after “entity.”; and

(4) in section 5126, by adding at the end the following:

“(6) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given that term in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).”

(s) REFERENCE IN THE PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING DRUG ELIMINATION ACT OF 1990.—Section 5126(4)(D) of the Public and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 11905(4)(D)) is amended by inserting “of 1996” before the period.

AMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL BOXING SAFETY ACT

The text of the bill (S. 1506) to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act, as passed by the Senate on November 9, 1997, is as follows:

S. 1506

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996 (15 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended by—

(1) redesignating section 15 as 16; and

(2) inserting after section 14 the following:

“SEC. 15. PROTECTION FROM EXPLOITATION.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—No person described in paragraph (4), (5), (6), or (9) of section 2 may require a boxer to employ, retain, or provide compensation to any individual or business enterprise (whether operating in corporate form or not) designated by that person as a condition of—

“(1) such person’s working with the boxer as a licensee, manager, matchmaker, or promoter;

“(2) such person’s arranging for the boxer to participate in a professional boxing match; or

“(3) such boxer’s participation in a professional boxing match.

“(b) ACTION TO ENFORCE CONTRACT.—In any action brought against a boxer by any such person, individual, or business enterprise to recover money for acting as a licensee, manager, matchmaker, or promoter for the boxer, the amount awarded may be reduced or denied, notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, as violative of public policy if that person, individual, or enterprise is found by the court or administrative body before which the action was brought to have violated subsection (a) with respect to the boxer in connection with the subject of the action. Nothing in this subsection affects the enforcement of this Act under section 10.”

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:12 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, each without amendment:

S. 669. An act to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.

S. 1258. An act to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acqui-

sition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act.

S. 1231. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1347. An act to permit the city of Cleveland, Ohio, to convey certain lands that the United States conveyed to the city.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 112. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California.

H.R. 1129. An act to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other assistance for microenterprises in developing countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1502. An act to designate the United States Courthouse located at 301 West Main Street in Benton, Illinois, as the “James L. Foreman United States Courthouse”.

H.R. 1805. An act to amend the Auburn Indian Restoration Act to establish restrictions related to gaming on use of land held in trust for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2232. An act to provide for increased international broadcasting activities to China.

H.R. 2283. An act to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park in the State of Utah to include portions of the following drainages: Salt Wash, Lost Canyon, Fish Seep Draw, Clover Canyon, Cordova Canyon, Mine Draw, and Cottonwood Wash, which are currently under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Seep Draw, which is currently owned by the State of Utah.

H.R. 2402. An act to make technical and clarifying amendments to improve the management of water-related facilities in the Western United States.

H.R. 2476. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual foreign air carriers to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents involving foreign air carriers.

H.R. 2626. An act to make clarifications to the Pilot Records Improvement Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2920. An act to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to modify the requirements for implementation of an entry-exit control system.

H.R. 2977. An act to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to clarify public disclosure requirements that are applicable to the National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Public Administration.

H.J. Res. 103. Joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to certain specified bills of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

H.J. Res. 105. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 139. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should fully participate in EXPO 2000 in the year 2000, in Hannover, Germany, and should encourage the academic community and the private sector in the United

States to support this worthwhile undertaking.

H. Con. Res. 156. Concurrent resolution expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settlement in that country.

H. Con. Res. 194. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on the state of the Union.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 830) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1377) to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to encourage retirement income savings.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1026) entitled “An Act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.”

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2472) to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1787. An act to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants.

H.R. 2731. An act for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser.

H.R. 2732. An act for the relief of John Andre Chalot.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 105. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2513. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers’ cooperatives, and for other purposes.