

Defensive First Team', the only 2 players from the same team to be so named, and were each voted to be among the 50 greatest players in NBA history;

Whereas Michael Jordan won his record ninth scoring title, is the sixth leading scorer in NBA history, and was named playoff most valuable player for the fifth time in 5 playoff appearances;

Whereas Scottie Pippen again exhibited his outstanding offensive and defensive versatility, providing himself to be one of the best all-round players in the NBA;

Whereas the quickness, tireless defensive effort, and athleticism of the colorful Dennis Rodman, who won his sixth straight rebounding title, keyed a strong Bulls front line;

Whereas veteran guard Ron Harper, in shutting down many of the league's top point guards throughout the playoffs, demonstrated the defensive skills that have made him a cornerstone of the league's best defense;

Whereas center Luc Longley frustrated many of the all-star caliber centers that he faced in this year's playoffs while at times providing a much needed scoring lift;

Whereas Toni Kukoc, despite injury, displayed his awesome variety of offensive skills in both assisting on, and hitting, several big short when the Bulls needed them most;

Whereas Steve Kerr, with his laser-like 3-point shooting, sparked many a Bulls rally and hit the championship winning shot in game 6 of the NBA finals;

Whereas the outstanding play of Brian Williams and Jason Caffey, and the tenacious defense of Randy Brown, each of whom came off the bench to provide valuable contributions, were an important part of each Bulls victory;

Whereas Jud Buechler and Robert Parish provided valuable contributions throughout the season and the playoffs, both on and off the court, at times giving the Bulls the emotional lift they needed; and

Whereas the regular season contributions of injured center Bill Wennington, forward Dickey Simpkins, and rookie Matt Steigenga, both on the court and in practice, again demonstrated the total devotion of Bulls personnel to the team concept that has made the Bulls one of the great sports dynasties of modern times: Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the Chicago Bulls on winning the 1997 National Basketball Association championship.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 1997

BOND (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 514

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. NICKLES, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. HAGEL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 949, to provide revenue reconciliation pursuant to section 104(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998; as follows:

On page 212, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SEC. . DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS OF SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS INCREASED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 162(l)(1) (relating to special rules for health insurance costs of

self-employed individuals) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.—In the case of an individual who is an employee within the meaning of section 401(c)(1), there shall be allowed as a deduction under this section an amount equal to the amount paid during the taxable year for insurance which constitutes medical care for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, and dependents.”.

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

DORGAN AMENDMENTS NOS. 515–517

Mr. DORGAN proposed three amendments to the bill, S. 949, *supra*; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 515

On page 211, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 724. ABATEMENT OF INTEREST ON UNDERPAYMENTS BY TAXPAYERS IN PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED DISASTER AREAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6404 (relating to abatements) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) ABATEMENT OF INTEREST ON UNDERPAYMENTS BY TAXPAYERS IN PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED DISASTER AREAS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary extends for any period of time for filing income tax returns under section 6081 and the time for paying income tax with respect to such returns under section 6161 (and waives any penalties relating to the failure to so file or so pay) for any taxpayer located in a Presidentially declared disaster area, the Secretary shall abate for such period the assessment of any interest prescribed under section 6601 on such income tax.

“(2) PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED DISASTER AREA.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘Presidentially declared disaster area’ means, with respect to any taxpayer, any area which the President has determined warrants assistance by the Federal Government under the Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.”.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 516

On page 211, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 724. DISTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS MAY BE USED WITHOUT PENALTY TO REPLACE OR REPAIR PROPERTY DAMAGED IN PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED DISASTER AREA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 72(t)(2) (relating to exceptions to 10-percent additional tax on early distributions), as amended by sections 203 and 303, is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(G) DISTRIBUTIONS FOR DISASTER-RELATED EXPENSES.—Distributions from an individual retirement plan which are qualified disaster-related distributions.”.

(b) QUALIFIED DISASTER-RELATED DISTRIBUTIONS.—Section 72(t), as amended by sections 203 and 303, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) QUALIFIED DISASTER-RELATED DISTRIBUTIONS.—For purposes of paragraph (2)(E)—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified disaster-related distribution’ means any payment or distribution received by an individual to the extent that the payment or distribution is used by such individual within 60 days of the payment or distribution to pay for the repair or replacement of tangible

property which is disaster-damaged property. Such term shall only include any payment or distribution which is made during the 2-year period beginning on the date of the determination referred to in subparagraph (C).

“(B) DISASTER-DAMAGED PROPERTY.—The term ‘disaster-damaged property’ means property—

“(i) which was located in a disaster area on the date of the determination referred to in subparagraph (C), and

“(ii) which was destroyed or substantially damaged as a result of the disaster occurring in such area.

“(C) DISASTER AREA.—The term ‘disaster area’ means an area determined by the President to warrant assistance by the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.”.

“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to payments and distributions after December 31, 1996, with respect to disasters occurring after such date.

SEC. 725. ELIMINATION OF 10 PERCENT FLOOR FOR DISASTER LOSSES.

“(a) GENERAL RULE.—Section 165(h)(2)(A) (relating to net casualty loss allowed only to the extent it exceeds 10 percent of adjusted gross income) is amended by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the following new clauses:

“(i) the amount of the personal casualty gains for the taxable year,

“(ii) the amount of the federally declared disaster losses for the taxable year (or, if lesser, the net casualty loss), plus

“(iii) the portion of the net casualty loss which is not deductible under clause (ii) but only to the extent such portion exceeds 10 percent of the adjusted gross income of the individual.

For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term ‘net casualty loss’ means the excess of personal casualty losses for the taxable year over personal casualty gains.”.

(b) FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTER LOSS DEFINED.—Section 165(h)(3) (relating to treatment of casualty gains and losses) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTER LOSS.—The term ‘federally declared disaster loss’ means any personal casualty loss attributable to a disaster occurring in an area subsequently determined by the President of the United States to warrant assistance by the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.”.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading for section 165(h)(2) is amended by striking “NET CASUALTY LOSS” and inserting “NET NONDISASTER CASUALTY LOSS”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to losses attributable to disasters occurring after December 31, 1996, including for purposes of determining the portion of such losses allowable in taxable years ending before such date pursuant to an election under section 165(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Strike section 751 of the bill.

On page 239 strike lines 18 and 19.

On page 239, line 20, strike “(5)” and insert “(4)”.

On page 240, line 1, strike “(6)” and insert “(5)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 517

On page 96, strike lines 11 through 16, and insert:

“(3) ADJUSTED NET CAPITAL GAIN.—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘adjusted net capital gain’ means net capital gain determined without regard to—

"(i) collectibles gain, and
 "(ii) unrecaptured section 1250 gain.
 "(B) \$1,000,000 LIFETIME LIMITATION.—
 "(i) IN GENERAL.—The adjusted net capital gain for any taxable year shall not exceed \$1,000,000, reduced by the aggregate adjusted net capital gain for all prior taxable years.
 "(ii) SPECIAL RULE FOR JOINT RETURNS.—The amount of the adjusted net capital gain taken into account under this section on a joint return for any taxable year shall be allocated equally between the spouses for purposes of applying the limitation under clause (i) for any succeeding taxable year.
 "(C) CAPITAL GAINS RATE REDUCTION NOT TO APPLY TO CERTAIN TAXPAYERS.—The adjusted net capital gain for any taxable year in the case of any of the following taxpayers shall be zero:
 "(i) An individual with respect to whom a deduction under section 151 is allowable to another taxpayer for a taxable year beginning in the calendar year in which such individual's taxable year begins.
 "(ii) A married individual (within the meaning of section 7703) filing a separate return for the taxable year.
 "(iii) An estate or trust.

BUMPERS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 518

Mr. BUMPERS (for himself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. ROBB) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 949, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill add the following new section:

SEC. . REPEAL OF DEPLETION ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN HARDROCK MINES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section 611(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 611(a), is amended by inserting immediately after "mines" the following: "(except for hardrock mines located on land subject to the general mining laws or on land patented under the general mining laws unless such patented land was acquired (subsequent to the date the patent was issued), pursuant to an arms-length transaction prior to June 25, 1997)".

(b) DEFINITION.—Section 611 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d) and inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

"(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of subsection (a), 'general mining laws' means those Acts which comprise chapters 2, 12A, and 16, and sections 161 and 162 of title 30 of the United States Code."

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

DURBIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 519

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 949, supra; as follows:

On page 267, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

SEC. 780. DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS OF SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS INCREASED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 162(l)(1) (relating to special rules for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.—In the case of an individual who is an employee within the meaning of section 401(c)(1), there shall be allowed as a deduction under this section an amount equal to the amount paid during

the taxable year for insurance which constitutes medical care for the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, and dependents."

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

On page 337, beginning with line 14, strike all through page 339, line 15, and insert the following:

(a) CIGARETTES.—Subsection (b) of section 5701 is amended—

(1) by striking "\$12 per thousand (\$10 per thousand on cigarettes removed during 1991 or 1992)" in paragraph (1) and insert "\$27.50 per thousand", and

(2) by striking "\$25.20 per thousand (\$21 per thousand on cigarettes removed during 1991 or 1992)" in paragraph (2) and insert "\$57.75 per thousand",

(b) CIGARS.—Subsection (a) of section 5701 is amended—

(1) by striking "1.125 cents per thousand (93.75 cents per thousand on cigars removed during 1991 or 1992)" in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$2.531 cents per thousand", and

(2) by striking "equal to" and all that follows in paragraph (2) and inserting "equal to 28.6875 percent of the price for which sold but not more than \$67.50 per thousand.

(c) CIGARETTE PAPERS.—Subsection (c) of section 5701 is amended by striking "0.75 cent (0.625 cent on cigarette papers removed during 1991 or 1992)" and inserting "1.69 cents".

(d) CIGARETTE TUBES.—Subsection (d) of section 5701 is amended by striking "1.5 cents (1.25 cents on cigarette tubes removed during 1991 or 1992)" and inserting "3.38 cents".

(e) SMOKELESS TOBACCO.—Subsection (e) of section 5701 is amended—

(1) by striking "36 cents (30 cents on snuff removed during 1991 or 1992)" in paragraph (1) and inserting "\$1.9933 cents", and

(2) by striking "12 cents (10 cents on chewing tobacco removed during 1991 or 1992)" in paragraph (2) and inserting "75.33 cents".

(f) PIPE TOBACCO.—Subsection (f) of section 5701 is amended by striking "67.5 cents (56.25 cents on pipe tobacco removed during 1991 or 1992)" and inserting "\$1.5188 cents".

(g) IMPOSITION OF EXCISE TAX ON MANUFACTURE OR IMPORTATION OF ROLL-YOUR-OWN TOBACCO.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5701 (relating to rate of tax) is amended by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h) and by inserting after subsection (f) the following new subsection:

"(g) ROLL-YOUR-OWN TOBACCO.—On roll-your-own tobacco, manufactured in or imported into the United States, there shall be imposed a tax of 81 cents per pound (and a proportionate tax at the like rate on all fractional parts of a pound)."

ROTH AMENDMENT NO. 520

Mr. ROTH proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 949, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

TITLE —CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE INITIATIVES

SEC. —. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE INITIATIVES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Social Security Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

"TITLE XXI—CHILD HEALTH INSURANCE INITIATIVES

"SEC. 2101. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this title is to provide funds to States to enable such States to expand the provision of health insurance coverage for low-income children. Funds provided

under this title shall be used to achieve this purpose through outreach activities described in section 2106(a) and, at the option of the State through—

"(1) a grant program conducted in accordance with section 2107 and the other requirements of this title; or

"(2) expansion of coverage of such children under the State Medicaid program who are not required to be provided medical assistance under section 1902(l) (taking into account the process of individuals aging into eligibility under subsection (l)(1)(D)).

"SEC. 2102. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

"(1) BASE-YEAR COVERED LOW-INCOME CHILD POPULATION.—The term 'base-year covered low-income child population' means the total number of low-income children with respect to whom, as of fiscal year 1996, an eligible State provides or pays the cost of health benefits either through a State funded program or through eligibility under the State plan under title XIX (including under a waiver of such plan), as determined by the Secretary.

"(2) CHILD.—The term 'child' means an individual under 19 years of age.

"(3) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term 'eligible State' means, with respect to a fiscal year, a State that—

"(A) provides, under section 1902(l)(1)(D) or under a waiver, for eligibility for medical assistance under a State plan under title XIX of individuals under 19 years of age, regardless of date of birth; and

"(B) has submitted to the Secretary under section 2104 a program outline that—

"(i) sets forth how the State intends to use the funds provided under this title to provide health insurance coverage for low-income children consistent with the provisions of this title; and

"(ii) is approved under section 2104; and

"(iii) otherwise satisfies the requirements of this title.

"(4) FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE.—The term 'Federal medical assistance percentage' means, with respect to a State, the meaning given that term under section 1905(b).

"(5) FEHBP-EQUIVALENT CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.—The term 'FEHBP-equivalent children's health insurance coverage' means, with respect to a State, any plan or arrangement that provides, or pays the cost of, health benefits that the Secretary has certified are actuarially equivalent to the benefits required to be offered for a child under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, and that otherwise satisfies State insurance standards and requirements.

"(6) INDIANS.—The term 'Indians' has the meaning given that term in section 4(c) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

"(7) LOW-INCOME CHILD.—The term 'low-income child' means a child in a family whose income is below 200 percent of the poverty line for a family of the size involved.

"(8) POVERTY LINE.—The term 'poverty line' has the meaning given that term in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)), including any revision required by such section.

"(9) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

"(10) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"(11) STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH EXPENDITURES.—The term 'State children's health

expenditures' means the State share of expenditures by the State for providing children with health care items and services under—

“(A) the State plan for medical assistance under title XIX;

“(B) the maternal and child health services block grant program under title V;

“(C) the preventive health services block grant program under part A of title XIX of the Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. 300w et seq.);

“(D) State-funded programs that are designed to provide health care items and services to children;

“(E) school-based health services programs;

“(F) State programs that provide uncompensated or indigent health care;

“(G) county-indigent care programs for which the State requires a matching share by a county government or for which there are intergovernmental transfers from a county to State government; and

“(H) any other program under which the Secretary determines the State incurs uncompensated expenditures for providing children with health care items and services.

“(12) STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM.—The term ‘State medicaid program’ means the program of medical assistance provided under title XIX.

“SEC. 2103. APPROPRIATION.

“(a) APPROPRIATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this title—

“(A) for each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999, \$1,000,000,000;

“(B) for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2002, \$2,000,000,000; and

“(C) for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007, \$0.

“(2) AVAILABILITY.—Funds appropriated under this section shall remain available without fiscal year limitation, as provided under section 2105(b)(4).

“(b) REDUCTION FOR INCREASED MEDICAID EXPENDITURES.—With respect to each of the fiscal years described in subsection (a)(1), the amount appropriated under subsection (a)(1) for each such fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of the total Federal outlays under the medicaid program under title XIX resulting from—

“(1) the amendment made by section 5732 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (regarding the State option to provide 12-month continuous eligibility for children);

“(2) increased enrollment under State plans approved under such program as a result of outreach activities under section 2106(a); and

“(3) the requirement under section 2102(3)(A) to provide eligibility for medical assistance under the State plan under title XIX for all children under 19 years of age who have families with income that is at or below the poverty line.

“(c) STATE ENTITLEMENT.—This title constitutes budget authority in advance of appropriations Acts and represents the obligation of the Federal Government to provide for the payment to States of amounts provided in accordance with the provisions of this title.

“(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—No State is eligible for payments under section 2105 for any calendar quarter beginning before October 1, 1997.

“SEC. 2104. PROGRAM OUTLINE.

“(a) GENERAL DESCRIPTION.—A State shall submit to the Secretary a program outline, consistent with the requirements of this title, that—

“(1) identifies which of the 2 options described in section 2101 the State intends to use to provide low-income children in the State with health insurance coverage;

“(2) describes the manner in which such coverage shall be provided; and

“(3) provides such other information as the Secretary may require.

“(b) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—The program outline submitted under this section shall include the following:

“(1) ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS AND METHODOLOGIES.—A summary of the standards and methodologies used to determine the eligibility of low-income children for health insurance coverage under a State program funded under this title.

“(2) ELIGIBILITY SCREENING; COORDINATION WITH OTHER HEALTH COVERAGE.—A description of the procedures to be used to ensure—

“(A) through both intake and followup screening, that only low-income children are furnished health insurance coverage through funds provided under this title; and

“(B) that any health insurance coverage provided for children through funds under this title does not reduce the number of children who are provided such coverage through any other publicly or privately funded health plan.

“(3) INDIANS.—A description of how the State will ensure that Indians are served through a State program funded under this title.

“(c) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION.—A State program outline shall be submitted to the Secretary by not later than March 31 of any fiscal year (October 1, 1997, in the case of fiscal year 1998).

“SEC. 2105. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDING POOLS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount appropriated under section 2103(a)(1) for each fiscal year, determined after the reduction required under section 2103(b), the Secretary shall, for purposes of fiscal year 1998, reserve 85 percent of such amount for distribution to eligible States through the basic allotment pool under subsection (b) and 15 percent of such amount for distribution through the new coverage incentive pool under subsection (c)(2)(B)(ii).

“(2) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF RESERVE PERCENTAGES.—The Secretary shall annually adjust the amount of the percentages described in paragraph (1) in order to provide sufficient basic allotments and sufficient new coverage incentives to achieve the purpose of this title.

“(b) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS UNDER THE BASIC ALLOTMENT POOL.—

“(1) STATES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—From the total amount reserved under subsection (a) for a fiscal year for distribution through the basic allotment pool, the Secretary shall first set aside 0.25 percent for distribution under paragraph (2) and shall allot from the amount remaining to each eligible State not described in such paragraph the State's allotment percentage for such fiscal year.

“(B) STATE'S ALLOTMENT PERCENTAGE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the allotment percentage for a fiscal year for each State is the percentage equal to the ratio of the number of low-income children in the base period in the State to the total number of low-income children in the base period in all States not described in paragraph (2).

“(ii) NUMBER OF LOW-INCOME CHILDREN IN THE BASE PERIOD.—In clause (i), the number of low-income children in the base period for a fiscal year in a State is equal to the average of the number of low-income children in the State for the period beginning on October 1, 1992, and ending on September 30, 1995,

as reported in the March 1994, March 1995, and March 1996 supplements to the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census.

“(2) OTHER STATES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount set aside under paragraph (1)(A) for each fiscal year, the Secretary shall make allotments for such fiscal year in accordance with the percentages specified in subparagraph (B) to Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands, if such States are eligible States for such fiscal year.

“(B) PERCENTAGES SPECIFIED.—The percentages specified in this subparagraph are in the case of—

“(i) Puerto Rico, 91.6 percent;

“(ii) Guam, 3.5 percent;

“(iii) the Virgin Islands, 2.6 percent;

“(iv) American Samoa, 1.2 percent; and

“(v) the Northern Mariana Islands, 1.1 percent.

“(3) THREE-YEAR AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS ALLOTTED.—Amounts allotted to a State pursuant to this subsection for a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure by the State through the end of the second succeeding fiscal year.

“(4) PROCEDURE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED FUNDS.—The Secretary shall determine an appropriate procedure for distribution of funds to eligible States that remain unused under this subsection after the expiration of the availability of funds required under paragraph (3). Such procedure shall be developed and administered in a manner that is consistent with the purpose of this title.

“(c) PAYMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

“(A) before October 1 of any fiscal year, pay an eligible State an amount equal to 1 percent of the amount allotted to the State under subsection (b) for conducting the outreach activities required under section 2106(a); and

“(B) make quarterly fiscal year payments to an eligible State from the amount remaining of such allotment for such fiscal year in an amount equal to the Federal medical assistance percentage for the State, as determined under section 1905(b)(1), of the cost of providing health insurance coverage for a low-income child in the State plus the applicable bonus amount.

“(2) APPLICABLE BONUS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the applicable bonus amount is—

“(i) 5 percent of the cost, with respect to a period, of providing health insurance coverage for the base-year covered low-income child population (measured in full year equivalency); and

“(ii) 10 percent of the cost, with respect to a period, of providing health insurance coverage for the number (as so measured) of low-income children that are in excess of such population.

“(B) SOURCE OF BONUSES.—

“(i) BASE-YEAR COVERED LOW-INCOME CHILD POPULATION.—A bonus described in subparagraph (A)(i) shall be paid out of an eligible State's allotment for a fiscal year.

“(ii) FOR OTHER LOW-INCOME CHILD POPULATIONS.—A bonus described in subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be paid out of the new coverage incentive pool reserved under subsection (a)(1).

“(3) DEFINITION OF COST OF PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.—For purposes of this subsection the cost of providing health insurance coverage for a low-income child in the State means—

“(A) in the case of an eligible State that opts to use funds provided under this title through the medicaid program, the cost of providing such child with medical assistance under the State plan under title XIX; and

"(B) in the case of an eligible State that opts to use funds provided under this title under section 2107, the cost of providing such child with health insurance coverage under such section.

"(4) LIMITATION ON TOTAL PAYMENTS.—With respect to a fiscal year, the total amount paid to an eligible State under this title (including any bonus payments) shall not exceed 85 percent of the total cost of a State program conducted under this title for such fiscal year.

"(5) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—No funds shall be paid to a State under this title if—

"(A) in the case of fiscal year 1998, the State children's health expenditures are less than the amount of such expenditures for fiscal year 1996; and

"(B) in the case of any succeeding fiscal year, the State children's health expenditures described in section 2102(11)(A) are less than the amount of such expenditures for fiscal year 1996, increased by a medicaid child population growth factor determined by the Secretary.

"(6) ADVANCE PAYMENT; RETROSPECTIVE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary may make payments under this subsection for each quarter on the basis of advance estimates of expenditures submitted by the State and such other investigation as the Secretary may find necessary, and shall reduce or increase the payments as necessary to adjust for any overpayment or underpayment for prior quarters.

"SEC. 2106. USE OF FUNDS.

"(a) SET-ASIDE FOR OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount allotted to a State under section 2105(b) for a fiscal year, each State shall conduct outreach activities described in paragraph (2).

"(2) OUTREACH ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—The outreach activities described in this paragraph include activities to—

"(A) identify and enroll children who are eligible for medical assistance under the State plan under title XIX; and

"(B) conduct public awareness campaigns to encourage employers to provide health insurance coverage for children.

"(b) STATE OPTIONS FOR REMAINDER.—A State may use the amount remaining of the allotment to a State under section 2105(b) for a fiscal year, determined after the payment required under section 2105(c)(1)(A), in accordance with section 2107 or the State medicaid program (but not both).

"(c) PROHIBITION ON USE FOR ABORTIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), no funds provided under this title may be used to pay for any abortion or to assist in the purchase, in whole or in part, of health benefit coverage that includes coverage of abortion.

"(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an abortion if necessary to save the life of the mother or if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest.

"(d) USE LIMITED TO STATE PROGRAM EXPENDITURES.—Funds provided to an eligible State under this title shall only be used to carry out the purpose of this title.

"(e) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES.—Not more than 10 percent of the amount allotted to a State under section 2105(b), determined after the payment required under section 2105(c)(1)(A), shall be used for administrative expenditures for the program funded under this title.

"(f) NONAPPLICATION OF FIVE-YEAR LIMITED ELIGIBILITY FOR MEANS-TESTED PUBLIC BENEFITS.—The provisions of section 403 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1613) shall not apply with respect to a State program funded under this title.

"SEC. 2107. STATE OPTION FOR THE PURCHASE OR PROVISION OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE.

"(a) STATE OPTION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible State that opts to use funds provided under this title under this section shall use such funds to—

"(A) subsidize payment of employee contributions for health insurance coverage for a dependent low-income child that is available through group health insurance coverage offered by an employer in the State; or

"(B) to provide FEHBP-equivalent children's health insurance coverage for low-income children who reside in the State.

"(2) PRIORITY FOR LOW-INCOME CHILDREN.—A State that uses funds provided under this title under this section shall not cover low-income children with higher family income without covering such children with a lower family income.

"(3) DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND FORM OF ASSISTANCE.—An eligible State may establish any additional eligibility criteria for the provision of health insurance coverage for a low-income child through funds provided under this title, so long as such criteria and assistance are consistent with the purpose and provisions of this title.

"(4) COVERAGE OF CERTAIN BENEFITS.—Any eligible State that opts to use funds provided under this title under this section for the coverage described in paragraph (1)(B) is encouraged to include as part of such coverage, coverage for items and services needed for vision, hearing, and dental health.

"(b) NONENTITLEMENT.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as providing an entitlement for an individual or person to any health insurance coverage, assistance, or service provided through a State program funded under this title. If, with respect to a fiscal year, an eligible State determines that the funds provided under this title are not sufficient to provide health insurance coverage for all the low-income children that the State proposes to cover in the State program outline submitted under section 2104 for such fiscal year, the State may adjust the applicable eligibility criteria for such children appropriately or adjust the State program in another manner specified by the Secretary, so long as any such adjustments are consistent with the purpose of this title.

"SEC. 2108. PROGRAM INTEGRITY.

"The following provisions of the Social Security Act shall apply to eligible States under this title in the same manner as such provisions apply to a State under title XIX:

"(1) Section 1116 (relating to administrative and judicial review).

"(2) Section 1124 (relating to disclosure of ownership and related information).

"(3) Section 1126 (relating to disclosure of information about certain convicted individuals).

"(4) Section 1128A (relating to exclusion from individuals and entities from participation in State health care plans).

"(5) Section 1128B(d) (relating to criminal penalties for certain additional charges).

"(6) Section 1132 (relating to periods within which claims must be filed).

"(7) Section 1902(a)(4)(C) (relating to conflict of interest standards).

"(8) Section 1903(i) (relating to limitations on payment).

"(9) Section 1903(w) (relating to limitations on provider taxes and donations).

"(10) Section 1905(a)(B) (relating to the exclusion of care or services for any individual who has not attained 65 years of age and who is a patient in an institution for mental diseases from the definition of medical assistance).

"(11) Section 1921 (relating to state licensure authorities).

"(12) Sections 1902(a)(25), 1912(a)(1)(A), and 1903(o) (insofar as such sections relate to third party liability).

"SEC. 2109. ANNUAL REPORTS.

"(a) ANNUAL STATE ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS.—An eligible State shall—

"(1) assess the operation of the State program funded under this title in each fiscal year, including the progress made in providing health insurance coverage for low-income children; and

"(2) report to the Secretary, by January 1 following the end of the fiscal year, on the result of the assessment.

"(b) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress an annual report and evaluation of the State programs funded under this title based on the State assessments and reports submitted under subsection (a). Such report shall include any conclusions and recommendations that the Secretary considers appropriate."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1128(h) (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7(h)) is amended by—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking "or" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) a program funded under title XXI."

SEC. ____ APPLICATION.

If, on the date of enactment of this Act, the Social Security Act contains a title XXI, the amendments made to the Social Security Act by this title shall not take effect, except that amounts appropriated under such title XXI for a fiscal year shall be increased by the amounts that would have been appropriated for such fiscal year under section 2103 of the Social Security Act, as added by this title.

ROTH AMENDMENT NO. 521

Mr. ROTH proposed an amendment to amendment No. 520 proposed by him to the bill, S. 949, supra; as follows:

On page 1, line 2 of the amendment strike all after the first word and insert the following:

—CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE INITIATIVES

SEC. ____ ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE INITIATIVES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Social Security Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

"TITLE XXI—CHILD HEALTH INSURANCE INITIATIVES

"SEC. 2101. PURPOSE.

"The purpose of this title is to provide funds to States to enable such States to expand the provision of health insurance coverage for low-income children. Funds provided under this title shall be used to achieve this purpose through outreach activities described in section 2106(a) and, at the option of the State through—

"(1) a grant program conducted in accordance with section 2107 and the other requirements of this title; or

"(2) expansion of coverage of such children under the State medicaid program who are not required to be provided medical assistance under section 1902(l) (taking into account the process of individuals aging into eligibility under subsection (l)(1)(D)).

"SEC. 2102. DEFINITIONS.

"In this title:

"(1) BASE-YEAR COVERED LOW-INCOME CHILD POPULATION.—The term 'base-year covered low-income child population' means the total number of low-income children with respect to whom, as of fiscal year 1996, an eligible State provides or pays the cost of health benefits either through a State funded program or through expanded eligibility under the State plan under title XIX (including

under a waiver of such plan), as determined by the Secretary. Such term does not include any low-income child described in paragraph (3)(A) that a State must cover in order to be considered an eligible State under this title.

"(2) CHILD.—The term 'child' means an individual under 19 years of age.

"(3) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term 'eligible State' means, with respect to a fiscal year, a State that—

"(A) provides, under section 1902(l)(1)(D) or under a waiver, for eligibility for medical assistance under a State plan under title XIX of individuals under 17 years of age in fiscal year 1998, and under 19 years of age in fiscal year 2000, regardless of date of birth;

"(B) has submitted to the Secretary under section 2104 a program outline that—

"(i) sets forth how the State intends to use the funds provided under this title to provide health insurance coverage for low-income children consistent with the provisions of this title; and

"(ii) is approved under section 2104; and

"(iii) otherwise satisfies the requirements of this title; and

"(C) satisfies the maintenance of effort requirement described in section 2105(c)(5)."

"(4) FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE.—The term 'Federal medical assistance percentage' means, with respect to a State, the meaning given that term under section 1905(b). Any cost-sharing imposed under this title may not be included in determining Federal medical assistance percentage for reimbursement of expenditures under a State program funded under this title.

"(5) FEHBP-EQUIVALENT CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.—The term 'FEHBP-equivalent children's health insurance coverage' means, with respect to a State, any plan or arrangement that provides, or pays the cost of, health benefits that the Secretary has certified are equivalent to or better than the services covered for a child, including hearing and vision services, under the standard Blue Cross/Blue Shield preferred provider option service benefit plan offered under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

"(6) INDIANS.—The term 'Indians' has the meaning given that term in section 4(c) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

"(7) LOW-INCOME CHILD.—The term 'low-income child' means a child in a family whose income is below 200 percent of the poverty line for a family of the size involved.

"(8) POVERTY LINE.—The term 'poverty line' has the meaning given that term in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)), including any revision required by such section.

"(9) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

"(10) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"(11) STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH EXPENDITURES.—The term 'State children's health expenditures' means the State share of expenditures by the State for providing children with health care items and services under—

"(A) the State plan for medical assistance under title XIX;

"(B) the maternal and child health services block grant program under title V;

"(C) the preventive health services block grant program under part A of title XIX of the Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. 300w et seq.);

"(D) State-funded programs that are designed to provide health care items and services to children;

"(E) school-based health services programs;

"(F) State programs that provide uncompensated or indigent health care;

"(G) county-indigent care programs for which the State requires a matching share by a county government or for which there are intergovernmental transfers from a county to State government; and

"(H) any other program under which the Secretary determines the State incurs uncompensated expenditures for providing children with health care items and services.

"(12) STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM.—The term 'State medicaid program' means the program of medical assistance provided under title XIX.

"SEC. 2103. APPROPRIATION.

"(a) APPROPRIATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this title—

"(A) for each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999, \$1,000,000,000;

"(B) for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2002, \$2,000,000,000; and

"(C) for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007, \$0.

"(2) AVAILABILITY.—Funds appropriated under this section shall remain available without fiscal year limitation, as provided under section 2105(b)(4).

"(b) REDUCTION FOR INCREASED MEDICAID EXPENDITURES.—With respect to each of the fiscal years described in subsection (a)(1), the amount appropriated under subsection (a)(1) for each such fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of the total Federal outlays under the medicaid program under title XIX resulting from—

"(1) the amendment made by section 5732 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (regarding the State option to provide 12-month continuous eligibility for children);

"(2) increased enrollment under State plans approved under such program as a result of outreach activities under section 2106(a); and

"(3) the requirement under section 2102(3)(A) to provide eligibility for medical assistance under the State plan under title XIX for all children under 19 years of age who have families with income that is at or below the poverty line.

"(c) STATE ENTITLEMENT.—This title constitutes budget authority in advance of appropriations Acts and represents the obligation of the Federal Government to provide for the payment to States of amounts provided in accordance with the provisions of this title.

"(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—No State is eligible for payments under section 2105 for any calendar quarter beginning before October 1, 1997.

"SEC. 2104. PROGRAM OUTLINE.

"(a) GENERAL DESCRIPTION.—A State shall submit to the Secretary for approval a program outline, consistent with the requirements of this title, that—

"(1) identifies, on or after the date of enactment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which of the 2 options described in section 2101 the State intends to use to provide low-income children in the State with health insurance coverage;

"(2) describes the manner in which such coverage shall be provided; and

"(3) provides such other information as the Secretary may require.

"(b) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—The program outline submitted under this section shall include the following:

"(1) ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS AND METHODOLOGIES.—A summary of the standards and

methodologies used to determine the eligibility of low-income children for health insurance coverage under a State program funded under this title.

"(2) ELIGIBILITY SCREENING; COORDINATION WITH OTHER HEALTH COVERAGE.—A description of the procedures to be used to ensure—

"(A) through both intake and followup screening, that only low-income children are furnished health insurance coverage through funds provided under this title; and

"(B) that any health insurance coverage provided for children through funds under this title does not reduce the number of children who are provided such coverage through any other publicly or privately funded health plan.

"(3) INDIANS.—A description of how the State will ensure that Indians are served through a State program funded under this title.

"(c) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION.—A State program outline shall be submitted to the Secretary by not later than March 31 of any fiscal year (October 1, 1997, in the case of fiscal year 1998).

"SEC. 2105. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDING POOLS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount appropriated under section 2103(a)(1) for each fiscal year, determined after the reduction required under section 2103(b), the Secretary shall, for purposes of fiscal year 1998, reserve 85 percent of such amount for distribution to eligible States through the basic allotment pool under subsection (b) and 15 percent of such amount for distribution through the new coverage incentive pool under subsection (c)(2)(B)(ii).

"(2) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF RESERVE PERCENTAGES.—The Secretary shall annually adjust the amount of the percentages described in paragraph (1) in order to provide sufficient basic allotments and sufficient new coverage incentives to achieve the purpose of this title.

"(b) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS UNDER THE BASIC ALLOTMENT POOL.—

"(1) STATES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—From the total amount reserved under subsection (a) for a fiscal year for distribution through the basic allotment pool, the Secretary shall first set aside 0.25 percent for distribution under paragraph (2) and shall allot from the amount remaining to each eligible State not described in such paragraph the State's allotment percentage for such fiscal year.

"(B) STATE'S ALLOTMENT PERCENTAGE.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the allotment percentage for a fiscal year for each State is the percentage equal to the ratio of the number of low-income children in the base period in the State to the total number of low-income children in the base period in all States not described in paragraph (2).

"(ii) NUMBER OF LOW-INCOME CHILDREN IN THE BASE PERIOD.—In clause (i), the number of low-income children in the base period for a fiscal year in a State is equal to the average of the number of low-income children in the State for the period beginning on October 1, 1992, and ending on September 30, 1995, as reported in the March 1994, March 1995, and March 1996 supplements to the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census.

"(2) OTHER STATES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—From the amount set aside under paragraph (1)(A) for each fiscal year, the Secretary shall make allotments for such fiscal year in accordance with the percentages specified in subparagraph (B) to Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands, if such States are eligible States for such fiscal year.

“(B) PERCENTAGES SPECIFIED.—The percentages specified in this subparagraph are in the case of—

- “(i) Puerto Rico, 91.6 percent;
- “(ii) Guam, 3.5 percent;
- “(iii) the Virgin Islands, 2.6 percent;
- “(iv) American Samoa, 1.2 percent; and
- “(v) the Northern Mariana Islands, 1.1 percent.

“(3) THREE-YEAR AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS ALLOTTED.—Amounts allotted to a State pursuant to this subsection for a fiscal year shall remain available for expenditure by the State through the end of the second succeeding fiscal year.

“(4) PROCEDURE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF UNUSED FUNDS.—The Secretary shall determine an appropriate procedure for distribution of funds to eligible States that remain unused under this subsection after the expiration of the availability of funds required under paragraph (3). Such procedure shall be developed and administered in a manner that is consistent with the purpose of this title.

“(c) PAYMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

“(A) before October 1 of any fiscal year, pay an eligible State an amount equal to 1 percent of the amount allotted to the State under subsection (b) for conducting the outreach activities required under section 2106(a); and

“(B) make quarterly fiscal year payments to an eligible State from the amount remaining of such allotment for such fiscal year in an amount equal to the Federal medical assistance percentage for the State (as defined under section 2102(4)) and determined without regard to the amount of Federal funds received by the State under title XIX before the date of enactment of this title) of the Federal and State incurred cost of providing health insurance coverage for a low-income child in the State plus the applicable bonus amount.

“(2) APPLICABLE BONUS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the applicable bonus amount is—

“(i) 5 percent of the Federal and State incurred cost, with respect to a period, of providing health insurance coverage for children covered at State option among the base-year covered low-income child population (measured in full year equivalency) (including such children covered by the State through expanded eligibility under the medicaid program under title XIX before the date of enactment of this title, but excluding any low-income child described in section 2102(3)(A) that a State must cover in order to be considered an eligible State under this title); and

“(ii) 10 percent of the Federal and State incurred cost, with respect to a period, of providing health insurance coverage for children covered at State option among the number (as so measured) of low-income children that are in excess of such population.

“(B) SOURCE OF BONUSES.—

“(i) BASE-YEAR COVERED LOW-INCOME CHILD POPULATION.—A bonus described in subparagraph (A)(i) shall be paid out of an eligible State's allotment for a fiscal year.

“(ii) FOR OTHER LOW-INCOME CHILD POPULATIONS.—A bonus described in subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be paid out of the new coverage incentive pool reserved under subsection (a)(1).

“(3) DEFINITION OF COST OF PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.—For purposes of this subsection the cost of providing health insurance coverage for a low-income child in the State means—

“(A) in the case of an eligible State that opts to use funds provided under this title through the medicaid program, the cost of providing such child with medical assistance under the State plan under title XIX; and

“(B) in the case of an eligible State that opts to use funds provided under this title under section 2107, the cost of providing such child with health insurance coverage under such section.

“(4) LIMITATION ON TOTAL PAYMENTS.—With respect to a fiscal year, the total amount paid to an eligible State under this title (including any bonus payments) shall not exceed 85 percent of the total cost of a State program conducted under this title for such fiscal year.

“(5) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—

“(A) DEEMED COMPLIANCE.—A State shall be deemed to be in compliance with this provision if—

“(i) it does not adopt income and resource standards and methodologies that are more restrictive than those applied as of June 1, 1997, for purposes of determining a child's eligibility for medical assistance under the State plan under title XIX; and

“(ii) in the case of fiscal year 1998 and each fiscal year thereafter, the State children's health expenditures defined in section 2102(11) are not less than the amount of such expenditures for fiscal year 1996.

“(B) FAILURE TO MAINTAIN MEDICAID STANDARDS AND METHODOLOGIES.—A State that fails to meet the conditions described in subparagraph (A) shall not receive—

“(i) funds under this title for any child that would be determined eligible for medical assistance under the State plan under title XIX using the income and resource standards and methodologies applied under such plan as of June 1, 1997; and

“(ii) any bonus amounts described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii).

“(C) FAILURE TO MAINTAIN SPENDING ON CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS.—A State that fails to meet the condition described in subparagraph (A)(ii) shall not receive funding under this title.

“(6) ADVANCE PAYMENT; RETROSPECTIVE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary may make payments under this subsection for each quarter on the basis of advance estimates of expenditures submitted by the State and such other investigation as the Secretary may find necessary, and shall reduce or increase the payments as necessary to adjust for any overpayment or underpayment for prior quarters.

“SEC. 2106. USE OF FUNDS.

“(a) SET-ASIDE FOR OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount allotted to a State under section 2105(b) for a fiscal year, each State shall conduct outreach activities described in paragraph (2).

“(2) OUTREACH ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—The outreach activities described in this paragraph include activities to—

“(A) identify and enroll children who are eligible for medical assistance under the State plan under title XIX; and

“(B) conduct public awareness campaigns to encourage employers to provide health insurance coverage for children.

“(b) STATE OPTIONS FOR REMAINDER.—A State may use the amount remaining of the allotment to a State under section 2105(b) for a fiscal year, determined after the payment required under section 2105(c)(1)(A), in accordance with section 2107 or the State medicaid program (but not both). Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed as limiting a State's eligibility for receiving the 5 percent bonus described in section 2105(c)(2)(A)(i) for children covered by the State through expanded eligibility under the medicaid program under title XIX before the date of enactment of this title.

“(c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—No funds provided under this title may be used to provide health insurance coverage for—

“(1) families of State public employees; or

“(2) children who are committed to a penal institution.

“(d) USE LIMITED TO STATE PROGRAM EXPENDITURES.—Funds provided to an eligible State under this title shall only be used to carry out the purpose of this title (as described in section 2101), and any health insurance coverage provided with such funds may include coverage of abortion only if necessary to save the life of the mother or if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest.

“(e) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not more than the applicable percentage of the amount allotted to a State under section 2105(b) for a fiscal year, determined after the payment required under section 2105(c)(1)(A), shall be used for administrative expenditures for the program funded under this title.

“(2) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the applicable percentage with respect to a fiscal year is—

“(A) for the first 2 years of a State program funded under this title, 10 percent;

“(B) for the third year of a State program funded under this title, 7.5 percent; and

“(C) for the fourth year of a State program funded under this title and each year thereafter, 5 percent.

“(f) NONAPPLICATION OF FIVE-YEAR LIMITED ELIGIBILITY FOR MEANS-TESTED PUBLIC BENEFITS.—The provisions of section 403 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1613) shall not apply with respect to a State program funded under this title.

“(g) AUDITS.—The provisions of section 506(b) shall apply to funds expended under this title to the same extent as they apply to title V.

“(h) REQUIREMENT TO FOLLOW STATE PROGRAM OUTLINE.—The State shall conduct the program in accordance with the program outline approved by the Secretary under section 2104.

“SEC. 2107. STATE OPTION FOR THE PURCHASE OR PROVISION OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE.

“(a) STATE OPTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible State that opts to use funds provided under this title under this section shall use such funds to provide FEHBP-equivalent children's health insurance coverage for low-income children who reside in the State.

“(2) PRIORITY FOR LOW-INCOME CHILDREN.—A State that uses funds provided under this title under this section shall not cover low-income children with higher family income without covering such children with a lower family income.

“(3) DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND FORM OF ASSISTANCE.—An eligible State may establish any additional eligibility criteria for the provision of health insurance coverage for a low-income child through funds provided under this title, so long as such criteria and assistance are consistent with the purpose and provisions of this title.

“(4) AFFORDABILITY.—An eligible State may impose any family premium obligations or cost-sharing requirements otherwise permitted under this title on low-income children with family incomes that exceed 150 percent of the poverty line. In the case of a low-income child whose family income is at or below 150 percent of the poverty line, limits on beneficiary costs generally applicable under title XIX apply to coverage provided such children under this section.

“(b) NONENTITLEMENT.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as providing an entitlement for an individual or person to any health insurance coverage, assistance, or service provided through a State program funded under this title. If, with respect to a fiscal year, an eligible State determines that the funds provided under this title are not sufficient to provide health insurance coverage for all the low-income children that

the State proposes to cover in the State program outline submitted under section 2104 for such fiscal year, the State may adjust the applicable eligibility criteria for such children appropriately or adjust the State program in another manner specified by the Secretary, so long as any such adjustments are consistent with the purpose of this title.

"SEC. 2108. PROGRAM INTEGRITY.

"The following provisions of the Social Security Act shall apply to eligible States under this title in the same manner as such provisions apply to a State under title XIX:

"(1) Section 1116 (relating to administrative and judicial review).

"(2) Section 1124 (relating to disclosure of ownership and related information).

"(3) Section 1126 (relating to disclosure of information about certain convicted individuals).

"(4) Section 1128 (relating to exclusion from individuals and entities from participation in State health care plans).

"(5) Section 1128A (relating to civil monetary penalties).

"(6) Section 1128B (relating to criminal penalties).

"(7) Section 1132 (relating to periods within which claims must be filed).

"(8) Section 1902(a)(4)(C) (relating to conflict of interest standards).

"(9) Section 1903(i) (relating to limitations on payment).

"(10) Section 1903(m)(5) (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997).

"(11) Section 1903(w) (relating to limitations on provider taxes and donations).

"(12) Section 1905(a)(B) (relating to the exclusion of care or services for any individual who has not attained 65 years of age and who is a patient in an institution for mental diseases from the definition of medical assistance).

"(13) Section 1921 (relating to state licensing authorities).

"(14) Sections 1902(a)(25), 1912(a)(1)(A), and 1903(o) (insofar as such sections relate to third party liability).

"(15) Sections 1948 and 1949 (as added by section 5701(a)(2) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997).

"SEC. 2109. ANNUAL REPORTS.

"(a) ANNUAL STATE ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS.—An eligible State shall—

"(1) assess the operation of the State program funded under this title in each fiscal year, including the progress made in providing health insurance coverage for low-income children; and

"(2) report to the Secretary, by January 1 following the end of the fiscal year, on the result of the assessment.

"(b) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress an annual report and evaluation of the State programs funded under this title based on the State assessments and reports submitted under subsection (a). Such report shall include any conclusions and recommendations that the Secretary considers appropriate."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1128(h) (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7(h)) is amended by—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking "or" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) a program funded under title XXI."

SEC. ____ APPLICABILITY.

If, on the date of enactment of this Act, the Social Security Act contains a title XXI, the amendments made to the Social Security Act by this title shall not take effect, except that amounts appropriated under such title XXI for a fiscal year shall be increased by

the amounts that would have been appropriated for such fiscal year under section 2103 of the Social Security Act, as added by this title.

JEFFORDS AMENDMENT NO. 522

Mr. JEFFORDS proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 949, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 168, line 8, strike all through page 174, line 19, and insert the following:

"SEC. 1400B. TRUST FUND FOR DC SCHOOLS.

"(a) CREATION OF FUND.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the 'Trust Fund for DC Schools', consisting of such amounts as may be appropriated or credited to the Fund as provided in this section.

"(b) TRANSFER TO TRUST FUND OF AMOUNTS EQUIVALENT TO CERTAIN TAXES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appropriated to the Trust Fund for DC Schools amounts equivalent to the revenues received in the Treasury from the applicable percentage of the income taxes imposed by this chapter after December 31, 1997, and before January 1, 2003, on individual taxpayers during their residency in the District of Columbia.

"(2) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term 'applicable percentage' means the percentage necessary, as determined by the Secretary, to result in revenues equal to the net losses in revenues to the Treasury that would have occurred during the period beginning after December 31, 1997, and before January 1, 2003, if the section identified as section 1400B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as added by section 601 of S. 949, 105th Congress, as reported by the Committee on Finance of the Senate, had been enacted.

"(3) TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS.—The amounts appropriated by paragraph (1) shall be transferred at least monthly from the general fund of the Treasury to the Trust Fund for DC Schools on the basis of estimates made by the Secretary of the amounts referred to in such paragraph. Proper adjustments shall be made in the amounts subsequently transferred to the extent prior estimates were in excess of or less than the amounts required to be transferred.

"(c) EXPENDITURES FROM FUND.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the Trust Fund for DC Schools shall be available, without fiscal year limitation, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000,000 for the period beginning after December 31, 1997, and ending before January 1, 2008, for qualified service expenses with respect to State or local bonds issued by the District of Columbia to finance the construction, rehabilitation, and repair of schools under the jurisdiction of the government of the District of Columbia.

"(2) QUALIFIED SERVICE EXPENSES.—The term 'qualified service expenses' means expenses incurred after December 31, 1997, and certified by the District of Columbia Control Board as meeting the requirements of paragraph (1) after giving 60-day notice of any proposed certification to the Subcommittees on the District of Columbia of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

"(d) REPORT.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to hold the Trust Fund for DC Schools and to report to the Congress each year on the financial condition and the results of the operations of such Fund during the preceding fiscal year and on its expected condition and operations during the next fiscal year. Such report shall be printed as a House document of the session of the Congress to which the report is made.

"(e) INVESTMENT.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to invest such portion of the Trust Fund for DC Schools as is not, in the Secretary's judgment, required to meet current withdrawals. Such investments may be made only in interest-bearing obligations of the United States. For such purpose, such obligations may be acquired—

"(A) on original issue at the issue price, or

"(B) by purchase of outstanding obligations at the market price.

"(2) SALE OF OBLIGATIONS.—Any obligation acquired by the Trust Fund for DC Schools may be sold by the Secretary at the market price.

"(3) INTEREST ON CERTAIN PROCEEDS.—The interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any obligations held in the Trust Fund for DC Schools shall be credited to and from a part of the Trust Fund for DC Schools."

ALLARD AMENDMENT NO. 523

Mr. ALLARD proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 949, supra; as follows:

On page 397, strike section 881.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 25, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Building to conduct an Oversight Hearing on the Administration's proposal to restructure Indian gaming fee assessments.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 25, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a hearing on: "Judicial Nominations."

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. DOMENICI. 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, June 25, 1997 beginning at 2:00 p.m. until business is completed, to receive testimony on Campaign Finance—Are Political Contributions Voluntary: Union Dues and Corporation Activity.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. The Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a hearing to take testimony from the General Accounting Office, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense relative to the GAO report "Gulf War Illnesses: Improved Monitoring of Clinical Progress and Re-examination of Research Emphasis Needed". The hearing will be held on June 25,