

[Mr. INHOFE] and the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO] were added as cosponsors of S. 943, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation accidents.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill ordering the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian-Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgement of such injustices by the President.

S. 982

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to provide for the protection of the flag of the United States and free speech, and for other purposes.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to require Federal agencies to assess the impact of policies and regulations on families, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 30, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Republic of China should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

SENATE RESOLUTION 98

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 98, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to any international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

BUMPERS AMENDMENT NO. 944

Mr. BUMPERS proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1034) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 70, strike lines 17 through 18, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "sion and administrative aircraft, \$3,826,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999. *Provided*, that of the funds made available in this bill, no funds shall be expended on the space station program, except for termination costs."

D'AMATO AMENDMENT NO. 945

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. D'AMATO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 1034, *supra*; as follows:

On page 16, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

SEC. 108. (a) Not later than 4 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the allocation of health care resources by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under the Veterans Integrated Service Network system and the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation System. The report shall address the following:

(1) The manner in which health care resources (including personnel and funds) are allocated under the Veterans Integrated Service Network system and the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation system.

(2) Whether or not the allocation of health care resources under the systems takes into account the disproportionate number of veterans with special needs who reside in the northeastern United States.

(3) The effect of the allocation of health care resources under the systems on the quality of health care services provided by the Secretary to veterans who reside in the northeastern United States.

(4) The effect of the allocation of health care resources under the systems on the access to health care services provided by the Secretary to veterans who reside in the northeastern United States.

(b) Not later than 4 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall also submit to Congress a report on the effect of the reform of the eligibility of veterans for health care services under title I of Public Law 104-262 (110 Stat. 3178), and the amendments made by that title, on the quality of and access to health care provided by the Secretary to veterans who reside in the northeastern United States.

THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATION, 1998

FORD (AND MCCONNELL) AMENDMENT NO. 946

Mr. BURNS (for Mr. FORD, for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2016) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . Section 303(e) of the 1997 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from Natural Disasters, and for Overseas Peacekeeping Efforts, Including Those in Bosnia (Public Law 105-18; 111 Stat. 168) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may use funds available in the Defense Working Capital Fund for the payment

of the costs of utilities, maintenance and repair, and improvements entered into under the lease under this section."

THE DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

ALLARD AMENDMENT NO. 947

Mr. ALLARD proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, *supra*; as follows:

On page 21, line 16, insert before the period at the end the following: "": *Provided further*, That of the total amount made available under this heading, \$290,000,000 shall be made available for tenant-based assistance in accordance with section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937".

GRAHAM AMENDMENT NO. 948

Mr. GRAHAM proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, *supra*; as follows:

On page 85, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SEC. 423. SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING CATASTROPHIC NATURAL DISASTERS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) catastrophic natural disasters are occurring with great frequency, a trend that is likely to continue for several decades according to prominent scientists;

(2) estimated damage to homes, buildings, and other structures from catastrophic natural disasters has totaled well over \$100,000,000,000 during the last decade, not including the indirect costs of the disasters such as lost productivity and economic decline;

(3) the lack of adequate planning for catastrophic natural disasters, coupled with inadequate private insurance, has led to increasing reliance on the Federal Government to provide disaster relief, including the appropriation of \$40,000,000,000 in supplemental funding since 1989;

(4) in the foreseeable future, a strong likelihood exists that the United States will experience a megacatastrophe, the impact of which would cause widespread economic disruption for homeowners and businesses and enormous cost to the Federal Government; and

(5) the Federal Government has failed to anticipate catastrophic natural disasters and take comprehensive action to reduce their impact.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should consider legislation that embodies the following principles:

(1) Persons who live in areas at risk of natural disaster should assume a practical level of personal responsibility for the risks through private insurance.

(2) The insurance industry, in partnership with the Federal Government and other private sector entities, should establish new mechanisms for the spreading of the risk of catastrophes that minimize the involvement and liability of the Federal Government.

(3) A partnership should be formed between the private sector and government at all levels to encourage better disaster preparation and respond quickly to the physical and financial impacts of catastrophic natural disasters.

WELLSTONE (AND MIKULSKI)
AMENDMENT NO. 949

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, supra; as follows:

On page 85, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

SEC. 423. It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should appropriate for the Department of Veterans Affairs for discretionary activities in each of fiscal years 1999 through 2002 an amount equal to the amount required by the Department in such fiscal year for such activities.

WELLSTONE AMENDMENT NO 950

Mr. WELLSTONE proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

(A) Not later than 60 days after enactment of this act, the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs shall hold one or more hearings to consider legislation which would add the following diseases at the end of Section 1112(c)(2) of title 38, United States Code: Lung cancer, bone cancer, skin cancer, colon cancer, kidney cancer, posterior subcapsular cataracts, non-malignant thyroid nodular disease, ovarian cancer, parathyroid adenoma, tumors of the brain and central nervous system, and rectal cancer.

(B) Not later than 30 days after enactment of this act, the Congressional Budget Office shall provide to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Senate Appropriations Committee an estimate of the cost of the provision contained in (A).

MIKULSKI (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 951

Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. BOND) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, supra; as follows:

On page 16, line 21, strike "\$10,693,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$10,653,000,000."

On page 17, line 7, strike "\$1,150,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$1,110,000,000."

On page 33, after line 23, insert the following new heading:

"EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE
COMMUNITIES

"For grants to Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities, to be designated by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to continue efforts to simulate economic opportunity in America's distressed communities, \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended."

On page 53 line 22, strike "\$400,500,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$420,500,000".

On page 55, line 14, insert after the colon the following: "Provided further, That \$20,000,000 shall be available for the America Reads Initiative".

On page 67, line 9, strike "\$202,146,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$207,146,000".

On page 67, line 9, insert the following before the period: "Provided further, That for purposes of pre-disaster mitigation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5131 (b) and (c) and 42 U.S.C. 5196 (e) and (i), \$5,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be available until expended for project grants for State and local governments".

On page 72, line 1, strike "\$2,513,200,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$2,503,200,000."

D'AMATO (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 952

Mr. D'AMATO (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. LAU-

TENBERG) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, supra; as follows:

On page 16, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

SEC. 108. (a) Not later than 4 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the allocation of health care resources by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under the Veterans Integrated Service Network system and the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation System. The report shall address the following:

(1) The manner in which health care resources (including personnel and funds) are allocated under the Veterans Integrated Service Network system and the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation system.

(2) Whether or not the allocation of health care resources under the systems takes into account the disproportionate number of veterans with special needs who reside in the northeastern United States.

(3) The effect of the allocation of health care resources under the systems on the quality of health care services provided by the Secretary to veterans who reside in the northeastern United States.

(4) The effect of the allocation of health care resources under the systems on the access of health care services provided by the Secretary to veterans who reside in the northeastern United States.

(b) Not later than 4 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall also submit to Congress a report on the effect of the reform of the eligibility of veterans for health care services under title I of Public Law 104-262 (110 Stat. 3178), and the amendments made by that title, on the quality of and access to health care provided by the Secretary to veterans who reside in the northeastern United States.

BUMPERS AMENDMENTS NOS. 953-
955

Mr. BUMPERS proposed three amendments to the bill, S. 1034, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 953

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new sections:

SEC. . ANNUAL REPORT ON LIFE CYCLE COSTS
AND SPACE LAUNCH REQUIRE-
MENTS.

(a) For each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2013, the Administrator, along with the President's submission to the Congress of the annual budget request for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, shall submit a report that contains—

(1) a life cycle capital development and operations plan with a year-by-estimate of the United States' share of the projected expenses for development, construction, operation, enhancement, and decommissioning and disassembly of the Space Station; and

(2) an updated space launch manifest for the Space Station program and the estimated marginal and average launch costs for the Space Station program for the fiscal year involved and all succeeding fiscal years.

SEC. . FUNDING CAPS.

(a) The President's cumulative budget submissions for Space Station capitol development and operations for the fiscal year 1994 through the fiscal year during which the Space Station achieves full operational capability may not exceed \$17,400,000,000, exclusive of launch costs.

(b) After achieving full operational capability and continuing through its decommissioning, the President's annual budget submission to Congress for the National Aero-

nautics and Space Administration shall contain an amount for the operation of, and any enhancement to, the Space Station which shall in no case exceed \$1,300,000,000 for that fiscal year, exclusive of launch costs.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

(a) the capitol development program of the Space Station includes, but is not limited to, the research and development activities associated with the space and ground systems and collateral equipment of the Space Station, and all direct expenses for space flight, control, data communications, assembly and operations planning, construction of facilities, training, development of science equipment and payloads, and research and program management activities associated with the construction and operations of the Space Station and its supporting elements and services until the facility is equipped and powered as planned, and declared fully operational;

(2) operation of the Space Station includes, but is not limited to, all direct research and development; space flight, control and data communications; construction of facilities; training; development of science equipment and payloads, scientific experiments; and research and program management activities associated with the operations of the Space Station; and the U.S.-Russia cooperative MIR program;

(3) enhancement of the Space Station includes all direct research and development; space flight, control and data communications; construction of facilities; and research and program management activities associated with the acquisition of additional Space Station elements and ground support facilities;

(4) direct expenses include, but are not limited to, the marginal costs of transportation and tracking and data services, launch facilities, payload processing facilities, simulator facilities, and all other enabling facilities including their collateral equipment, and all laboratory and technical services provided by NASA Centers to support space station development and scientific research; and

(5) full operation capability means the facility is fully assembled on-orbit with the power, configuration and capabilities described in the system design review of March 24, 1994.

AMENDMENT NO. 954

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

SEC. XXX. Of the funds provided to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in this bill, the Administrator shall by November 1, 1998, make available no less than \$400,000 for a study by the National Research Council, with an interim report to be completed by June 1, 1998, that evaluates, in terms of the potential impact on the Space Station's assembly schedule, budget, and capabilities, the engineering challenges posed by extravehicular activity (EVA) requirements, U.S. and non-U.S. space launch requirements, the potential need to upgrade or replace equipment and components after assembly complete, and the requirement to decommission and disassemble the facility.

AMENDMENT NO. 955

At the appropriate place, add the following new section:

SEC. . Section 214(l)(1)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(l)(1)(D)) (as added by section 220 of the

Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 and redesignated as subsection (j) by section 671(a)(3)(A) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", except that, in the case of a request by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the alien shall not be required to practice medicine in a geographic area designated by the Secretary."

BOND AMENDMENT NO. 956

Mr. BOND proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, supra; as follows:

On page 63, lines 4 and 5, strike "allocated to the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act" and insert "allocated for the purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act and title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, respectively."

On page 63, line 18, before the period, add the following proviso: "": *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator is authorized to make a grant of \$4,326,000 under Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, from funds appropriated in prior years under section 205 of the Act for the State of Florida and available due to deobligation, to the appropriate instrumentality for wastewater treatment works in Monroe County, Florida".

On page 64, line 18, before the period, add the following proviso: "": *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds other than those appropriated under this heading, shall be used for or by the Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality".

On page 65, line 13, after the semicolon, insert "or", and on line 17, strike "": or beach-es".

FAIRCLOTH AMENDMENT NO. 957

Mr. BOND (for Mr. FAIRCLOTH) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

None of the funds made available by Title I of this Act may be used to provide a locality payment differential which would have the effect of causing a pay increase to any employee that was removed as a Director of a VA Hospital and transferred to another hospital as a result of the Inspector General's conclusion that the employee engaged in verbal sexual harassment and abusive behavior toward female employees.

GORTON AMENDMENT NO. 958

Mr. BOND (for Mr. GORTON) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, supra; as follows:

On page 51 after line 11, insert the following:

SEC. 216. INDIAN HOUSING REFORM.

Upon a finding by the Secretary that any person has substantially, significantly, or materially violated the requirements of any activity under the Native American Housing Block Grants Program under title I of the Native American Self-Determination Act of 1996 or any associated activity under the jurisdiction of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary shall bar that person from any such participation in programs under that title thereafter and shall require reimbursement for any losses or costs associated with these violations.

SHELBY AMENDMENT NO. 959

Mr. BOND (for Mr. SHELBY) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, supra; as follows:

On page 70, line 18, strike out "1999." and insert in lieu thereof "1999: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this heading, \$1,000,000 may be available for the Neutral Buoyancy Simulator program."

BOND (AND MUKULSKI) AMENDMENT NO. 960

Mr. BOND (for himself and Ms. MUKULSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1034, supra; as follows:

On page 16, line 21, strike \$10,693,000,000" and insert in lieu thereof "\$10,159,000".

On page 16, line 23, strike "\$9,200,000" and insert "\$8,666,000".

On page 23, line 6, insert "and contract expertise" after "technical assistance".

On page 23, line 24, strike "and 1995" and insert in lieu thereof "1995, and 1997".

On page 27, line 17, insert "for" after "charge".

On page 27, line 22, insert "or moderate income family" after "family".

On page 27, line 24, strike "payment" and insert "prepayment".

On page 28, line 1, insert "of" after the first "the".

On page 28, line 8, insert "if" after "and".

On page 28, line 13, insert "from" after "move".

On page 28, line 14, strike "of" and insert "or".

On page 28, line 22, strike "223" and insert "220".

On page 35, line 10, insert before the period, the following: "": *Provided further*, That any unobligated balances available or recaptures in, or which become available in the Emergency Shelter Grants Program account, Supportive Housing Program account, Supplemental Assistance for Facilities to Assist the Homeless account, Shelter Plus Care account, Innovative Homeless Initiatives Demonstration Program account and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation (SRO) account, shall be transferred to and merged with the amounts in this account and shall be used for purposes under this account".

On page 45, after line 18, insert the following:

"(d) Public and Assisted Housing Rents, Income Adjustments and Preferences.

"(1) Section 402(a) of The Balanced Budget Downpayment Act, I is amended by striking "fiscal year 1997" and insert in lieu thereof "fiscal year 1998".

"(2) Section 402(f) of The Balanced Budget Downpayment Act, I is amended by striking "fiscal years 1996 and 1997" and inserting in lieu thereof "fiscal years 1997 and 1998".

On page 47, beginning on line 24, strike out "Account Transition" and all that follows through line 7 on page 48, and redesignate the sections accordingly.

On page 51, line 11, insert before the period "or demolition".

"HOME PROGRAM FORMULA

"SEC. 217. The first sentence of section 217(b)(3) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act is amended by striking "only those jurisdictions that are allocated an amount of \$500,000 or greater shall receive an allocation" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "jurisdictions that are allocated an amount of \$500,000 or more, and participating jurisdictions (other than consortia that fail to renew the membership of all of their member jurisdictions) that are allocated an amount less than \$500,000, shall receive an allocation".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 22, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., in SR-328A to receive testimony regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air regulations and agriculture.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 22, 1997, to conduct a hearing on the Federal Mass Transit Program and the reauthorization of ISTEA.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 22, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to review the Department of Interior's handling of the Ward Valley land conveyance, the findings of a new General Accounting Office report on the issue, and to receive testimony on S. 964, The Ward Valley Land Transfer Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 22, 1997, at 10:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. to hold hearings.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee special investigation to meet on Tuesday, July 22, at 10 a.m., for a business meeting on campaign financing issues.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 22, 1997, at 2 p.m., in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building, to hold a hearing on judicial nominations.

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