

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.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor Human Resources be authorized to meet for a hearing on women's health during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 22, 1997, at 10 a.m.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

PROTECTION OF AIRBUS
INDUSTRIE

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, the European Community is engaged in the blatant misuse of its authority to review United States mergers shamelessly to protect Airbus Industrie. It has decided that it will use its authority to block the merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas. Its rationale is that the combined commercial aircraft company poses too great a risk to Airbus Industrie.

For the past 25 years, America has watched the Europeans pour billions of dollars of subsidies into Airbus Industrie to create what is now without question a highly competitive aircraft company. Airbus Industrie today boasts more than 30 percent of the global market for large jet transports. Its goal is to have 50 percent of the market and it is aggressively pursuing that goal. Many of us were shocked with French President Chirac's shameless pursuit of aircraft orders in China in exchange for the French's Government's commitment to defeat a U.N. human rights resolution.

Airbus Industrie has already destroyed the viability of the Douglas Aircraft Co. Airbus' market share has come largely at the expense of McDonnell Douglas, which last year had only 4 percent of the market. Now the Europeans, in a final blow to Douglas, want the Boeing Co. to divest itself of Douglas Aircraft Co. and put the 14,000 remaining Douglas employees out on the street.

While most Americans will find it inconceivable, the Europeans do in fact have the legal authority to block this American merger. This is true even though neither Boeing nor McDonnell Douglas have significant operations in Europe and despite the fact that our own Government has thoroughly reviewed the merger and approved it without conditions.

The Europeans have disregarded our own exhaustive review process in the United States.

The Boeing Co. has engaged in a good-faith effort to try to address the concerns raised by the European Commission about the merger—but to no avail. Nevertheless, the EC plans to block the merger. This means that Boeing aircraft may well be prevented from being sold in Europe.

From the very beginning, the European merger review proceedings have

been dominated by the political considerations of the Airbus member sales. I warned the President about this in a May letter on this subject. My colleagues in the Senate supported my sense-of-the-Senate resolution on the subject last week.

The United States can no longer stand aside and allow Europe blatantly to protect Airbus at the expense of our own civil aircraft industry and our own American employees. The administration should send a clear signal that it will not allow this type of protectionism to continue and that we will retaliate decisively if the Europeans block the merger.

The European Commission's indifference to appropriate antitrust considerations and its undisguised protectionism was expressed candidly by the EC's Karl Van Miert on Tuesday, July 15 on Belgian radio: "The EC does not want a competitive market, it wants a guaranteed market."•

THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
RESTORATION OF THE PERMA-
NENT DIACONATE IN PATERSON

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to mark a special anniversary. This year is the 25th anniversary of the restoration of the Permanent Diaconate in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paterson, NJ. In the Catholic faith, a deacon is a layman who willingly gives his time, talent and treasure to help not only his own church community but, through his work, the entire community. His is a life of service.

Mr. President, I deeply admire the commitment of these lay people to serve others. They bring to mind the words of the great humanitarian, Albert Schweitzer, "The greatest gift we can give to another, is the gift of ourselves."

The work done by the 146 deacons of Paterson's Diocese also reminds me of the long tradition of service which communities of faith have in America. Whether Christian, Jewish, Muslim, or other religion, these communities not only minister to individuals' spiritual needs, but to all of their needs. They may provide tangible support like food and shelter, or simply compassion, counseling, and concern.

Mr. President, I offer my congratulations to the Diaconate of the Diocese of Paterson, and to Msgr. Ken Lasch who, 25 years ago, laid the cornerstone upon which the Diaconate's success has been built. As a native of Paterson, I am pleased that we have these dedicated men in our midst who are serving both their church and our community.●

CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF
OUR NATION

• Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, many of us returned home to our States to celebrate the Fourth of July and the birth of this great Nation. All across this country, in both urban and rural com-

munities, we joined as one to honor our Founding Fathers and their commitment to freedom as reflected in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Together these two documents form the foundation of our Nation.

It seems most fitting and appropriate to take a moment after we have returned from our Fourth of July activities to take note of two groups of Wyoming students that came to our Nation's Capital recently as part of programs celebrating the history of our Nation and its place in the world.

To celebrate the Constitution, and its effect on our lives as citizens, a team from Central High School in Cheyenne traveled to Washington to participate in a competition entitled "We the People * * * The Citizen and the Constitution." In that event, students from across the United States competed against each other as they demonstrated their remarkable understanding of and sensitivity to the fundamental principles upon which this Nation was founded. They proved that the values that are embodied in our Nation's Constitution still resonate with meaning and importance in our lives today as they serve to fire our children's imaginations and interest in our past.

In the process of preparing for this event, those students learned a lot about the Constitution. I would imagine many of them were surprised to learn that it is truly a living document. Through the years it has been changed and amended to address the problems of a growing democracy. It has weathered every storm, including a Civil War and countless crisis faced by our Nation's leaders. Through it all, it has continued to provide the guideposts we have followed to ensure that our Nation remains strong and free.

It was very gratifying personally to see such attention focused on our Nation's Constitution. That document holds a great deal of meaning to me personally.

I have always drawn inspiration from the words our Founding Fathers used as they drafted the U.S. Constitution. In fact, when I served as the mayor of Gillette, WY, I always had a copy in my coat pocket. I gave copies to the members of the council each year on Constitution Day and every other year we read it as part of our proceedings.

Now that I have been elected to the Senate, I have to say it has new meaning for me. It refers to me. It is my job description. It is not just the basic rules for someone way off in Washington. It speaks directly to me and the purpose I serve as a Member of the Senate, a representative of the dreams, hopes, and ambitions of the people of my home State of Wyoming.

Just a few weeks ago another group came to Washington as part of a program to promote and encourage our children's interest in and enthusiasm for history. We are all familiar with the famous quote of George Santayana,