

S. 1488

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1488, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.

S. 1498

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1498, a bill to amend chapter 55 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize equal overtime pay provisions for all Federal employees engaged in wildland fire suppression operations.

S. 1499

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1499, a bill to title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote the coverage of frail elderly medicare beneficiaries permanently residing in nursing facilities in specialized health insurance programs for the frail elderly.

S. 1550

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1550, a bill to extend certain Medicare community nursing organization demonstration projects.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1568, a bill imposing an immediate suspension of assistance to the Government of Indonesia until the results of the August 30, 1999, vote in East Timor have implemented, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 34, a concurrent resolution relating to the observance of "In Memory" Day.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 56

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 56, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of "family friendly" programming on television.

SENATE RESOLUTION 99

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Hawaii

(Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 99, a resolution designating November 20, 1999, as "National Survivors for Prevention of Suicide Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 118, a resolution designating December 12, 1999, as "National Children's Memorial Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 163

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 163, a resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to study the causes of firearms violence in America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 172

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 172, a resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 179

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 179, a resolution designating October 15, 1999, as "National Mammography Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 181

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 181, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the situation in East Timor.

SENATE RESOLUTION 183

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 183, a resolution designating the week beginning on September 19, 1999, and ending on September 25, 1999, as National Home Education Week.

AMENDMENT NO. 1572

At the request of Mr. DEWINE his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 1572 proposed to H.R. 2466, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1642

At the request of Mr. DEWINE his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 1642 proposed to H.R. 2466, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1643

At the request of Mr. DEWINE his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 1643 proposed to H.R. 2466, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

HELMS (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 1658

Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. NICKLES) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2084; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The survival of American culture is dependent upon the survival of the sacred institution of marriage.

(2) The decennial census is required by section 2 of article 1 of the Constitution of the United States, and has been conducted in every decade since 1790.

(3) The decennial census has included marital status among the information sought from every American household since 1880.

(4) The 2000 decennial census will mark the first decennial census since 1880 in which marital status will not be a question included on the census questionnaire distributed to the majority of American households.

(5) The United States Census Bureau has removed marital status from the short form census questionnaire to be distributed to the majority of American households in the 2000 decennial census and placed that category of information on the long form census questionnaire to be distributed only to a sample of the population in that decennial census.

(6) Every year more than \$100,000,000,000 in Federal funds are allocated based on the data collected by the Census Bureau.

(7) Recorded data on marital status provides a basic foundation for the development of Federal policy.

(8) Census data showing an exact account of the numbers of persons who are married, single, or divorced provides critical information which serves as an indicator on the prevalence of marriage in society.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the United States Census Bureau—

(1) has wrongfully decided not to include marital status on the census questionnaire to be distributed to the majority of Americans for the 2000 decennial census; and

(2) should include marital status on the short form census questionnaire to be distributed to the majority of American households for the 2000 decennial census.

CRAIG AMENDMENT NO. 1659

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CRAIG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2084, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following: “The Secretary will make available \$6,000,000 from the Public Lands Program for safety and capacity improvements to public land access highway U.S. 89 from West Forest Boundary to Bishoff Canyon in Idaho.”

THOMAS (AND ENZI) AMENDMENT NO. 1660

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2084, *supra*; as follows:

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

SEC. . No monies may be made available to implement the cost sharing provisions of Section 5001(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century with regard to Section 5117(b)(5) of that Act.

DASCHLE (AND JOHNSON) AMENDMENT NO. 1661

Mr. SHELBY (for Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON)) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2084, *supra*; as follows:

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

SEC. ____ TEMPORARY AIR SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS.

(a) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to carry out section 47114(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code, may be available for apportionment to an airport sponsor described in subsection (b) in fiscal year 2000 in an amount equal to the amount apportioned to that sponsor in fiscal year 1999.

(b) COVERED AIRPORT SPONSORS.—An airport sponsor referred to in subsection (a) is an airport sponsor with respect to whose primary airport the Secretary of Transportation found that—

(1) passenger boardings at the airport fell below 10,000 in the calendar year used to calculate the apportionment;

(2) the airport had at least 10,000 passenger boardings in the calendar year prior to the calendar year used to calculate apportionments to airport sponsors in a fiscal year; and

(3) the cause of the shortfall in passenger boardings was a temporary but significant interruption in service by an air carrier to that airport due to an employment action, natural disaster, or other event unrelated to the demand for air transportation at the affected airport.

COLLINS AMENDMENT NO. 1662

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill, H.R. 2084, *supra*; as follows:

On page 91, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 342. (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a commission to be known as the Airline De-regulation Study Commission (in this section referred to as the “Commission”).

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

(A) COMPOSITION.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Commission shall be composed of 15 members of whom—

(i) 5 shall be appointed by the President;

(ii) 5 shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, upon the recommendation of the Majority and Minority leaders of the Senate; and

(iii) 5 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(B) MEMBERS FROM RURAL AREAS.—

(i) REQUIREMENT.—Of the individuals appointed to the Commission under subparagraph (A)—

(I) one of the individuals appointed under clause (i) of that subparagraph shall be an individual who resides in a rural area; and

(II) two of the individuals appointed under each of clauses (ii) and (iii) of that subparagraph shall be individuals who reside in a rural area.

(ii) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—The appointment of individuals under subparagraph (A) pursuant to the requirement in clause (i) of this subparagraph shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be made so as to ensure that a variety of geographic areas of the country are represented in the membership of the Commission.

(C) DATE.—The appointments of the members of the Commission shall be made not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission. Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(4) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which all members of the Commission have been appointed, the Commission shall hold its first meeting.

(5) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson.

(6) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number of members may hold hearings.

(7) CHAIRPERSON.—The Commission shall select a Chairman and Vice Chairperson from among its members.

(b) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—

(1) STUDY.—

(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the terms “air carrier” and “air transportation” have the meanings given those terms in section 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

(B) CONTENTS.—The Commission shall conduct a thorough study of the impacts of deregulation of the airline industry of the United States on—

(i) the affordability, accessibility, availability, and quality of air transportation, particularly in small-sized and medium-sized communities;

(ii) economic development and job creation, particularly in areas that are underserved by air carriers;

(iii) the economic viability of small-sized airports; and

(iv) the long-term configuration of the United States passenger air transportation system.

(C) MEASUREMENT FACTORS.—In carrying out the study under this subsection, the Commission shall develop measurement factors to analyze the quality of passenger air transportation service provided by air carriers by identifying the factors that are generally associated with quality passenger air transportation service.

(D) BUSINESS AND LEISURE TRAVEL.—In conducting measurements for an analysis of the affordability of air travel, to the extent practicable, the Commission shall provide for appropriate control groups and comparisons with respect to business and leisure travel.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit an interim report to the President and Congress, and not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit a report to the President and the Congress. Each such report shall contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission, together with its recommendations for such legislation and administrative actions as it considers appropriate.

(c) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—

(1) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Commission considers advisable to carry out the duties of the Commission under this section.

(2) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The Commission may secure directly from any Federal department or agency such information as the Commission considers necessary to carry out the duties of the Commission under this section. Upon request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the head of such department or agency shall furnish such information to the Commission.

(3) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

(4) GIFTS.—The Commission may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of services or property.

(d) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

(1) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission.

(2) STAFF.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Chairperson of the Commission may, without regard to the civil

service laws and regulations, appoint and terminate an executive director and such other additional personnel as may be necessary to enable the Commission to perform its duties. The employment of an executive director shall be subject to confirmation by the Commission.

(B) COMPENSATION.—The Chairperson of the Commission may fix the compensation of the executive director and other personnel without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating to classification of positions and General Schedule pay rates, except that the rate of pay for the executive director and other personnel may not exceed the rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

(3) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any Federal Government employee may be detailed to the Commission without reimbursement, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

(4) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.—The Chairperson of the Commission may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individuals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

(e) TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.—The Commission shall terminate 90 days after the date on which the Commission submits its report under subsection (b).

(f) FUNDING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts appropriated by this Act, \$1,500,000 shall be available to the Commission to carry out this section.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Funds available to the Commission under paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.

INHOFE AMENDMENT NO. 1663

Mr. SHELBY (for Mr. INHOFE) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

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

SEC. . TERMINAL AUTOMATED RADAR DISPLAY AND INFORMATION SYSTEM.

It is the sense of the Senate that, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration should develop a national policy and related procedures concerning the interface of the Terminal Automated Radar Display and Information System and en route surveillance systems for Visual Flight Rule (VFR) air traffic control towers.

KERRY AMENDMENT NO. 1664

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

In the appropriate place, insert:

“Of the funds made available in this act for Sec. 123 of Title 23 U.S. Code, \$2,432,000 shall be provided to the State of Nebraska for improvements to provide access to the Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge, Fort Calhoun, Washington County, Nebraska.”

ROBB AMENDMENT NO. 1665

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ROBB submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . NOISE BARRIERS, VIRGINIA.

Use of Apportioned Funds: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Transportation may approve the use of funds apportioned under paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 104(b) of title 23, United States Code, for construction of Type II noise barriers for the West Langley community along Interstate 495.

DURBIN AMENDMENT NO. 1666

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that the Village of Bourbonnais, Illinois and Kankakee County, Illinois, have incurred significant costs for the rescue and cleanup related to the Amtrak train accident of March 15, 1999. These costs have created financial burdens for the Village, the County, and other adjacent municipalities.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) should reimburse the Village of Bourbonnais, Illinois, Kankakee County, Illinois, and any other related municipalities for all necessary costs of rescue and cleanup efforts related to the March 15, 1999 accident, not covered by other outside sources including insurance.

THOMAS (AND ENZI) AMENDMENT NO. 1667

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

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

SEC. . For purposes of Section 51127(b)(5) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21 Century, the cost sharing provisions of Section 5001(b) of that Act shall not apply.

DEWINE (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1668

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

On page 91, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 342. (a) AMOUNTS FOR DRUG ELIMINATION ACTIVITIES.—In addition to any other amounts appropriated by this Act for the Coast Guard, \$345,000,000 are appropriated to the Coast Guard, of which—

(1) \$151,500,000 shall be used as operating expenses for the drug enforcement activities of the Coast Guard in accordance with section 812(a) of the Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act (title VIII of division C of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277)); and

(2) \$193,500,000 shall be used by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, in a manner that the Commandant determines to be consistent with section 812 of the Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act, for acquiring maritime patrol aircraft, surface patrol vessels, or sensors.

ABRAHAM (AND LEVIN) AMENDMENT NO. 1669

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

On page 6, line 14, strike “\$2,772,000,000” and replace with “\$2,775,666,000”.

Insert on page 7, line 22, after the word “systems”, “:Provided further, That the Secretary of Transportation shall continue to operate and maintain the seasonal Coast Guard air search and rescue facility located in Muskegon, Michigan”.

REED AMENDMENT NO. 1670

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. . (a) In title I, under the heading “COAST GUARD”, the total amount appropriated for alteration of bridges is hereby increased by \$2,000,000. The additional \$2,000,000 shall be available for removal of the Sakonnet River Railroad Bridge, Rhode Island.

(b) In title I, under the heading “COAST GUARD”, the total amount appropriated for acquisition, construction, and improvements for shore facilities-general for minor AC&I shore construction projects is hereby reduced by \$2,000,000.

SMITH AMENDMENT NO. 1671

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

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

SEC. . PROHIBITION ON FUNDING ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD.

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act (including unobligated balances of prior year appropriations) may be used to carry out—

(1) any provision of law that establishes a national identification card; or

(2) section 656 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (relating to identification-related documents).

TORRICELLI AMENDMENT NO. 1672

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. TORRICELLI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

On page 91, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 3. USE OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS FOR RESTORATION OF AIRPORT HANGER, CAPE MAY COUNTY AIRPORT.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the guidance issued by the Secretary of Transportation in June 1999 excluding aviation from the definition of surface transportation for the purpose of funding for transportation enhancement activities shall not apply to the application of the Naval Air Station Wildwood Foundation for a grant of funds apportioned under section 104(b)(3) of title 23, United States Code, for phase 2 of the project for restoration of Airport Hangar

No. 1 at Cape May County Airport, New Jersey.

REID AMENDMENTS NOS. 1673-1674

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. REID submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2084, *supra*; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1673

At an appropriate place in the Federal-aid Highways (Limitations on Obligations) (Highway Trust Fund) section insert the following: “*Provided further*, That, not withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall, at the request of the State of Nevada, transfer up to \$10,000,000 OF Minimum Guarantee apportionments, and an equal amount of obligation authority, to the State of California for use on High Priority Project No. 829 ‘Widen I-15 in San Bernardino County,’ Section 1602 of Public Law 105-178.”

AMENDMENT NO. 1674

At an appropriate place in the Federal-aid Highways (Limitations on Obligations) (Highway Trust Fund) section insert the following: “*Provided further*, that, not withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall, at the request of the State of Nevada, transfer up to \$10,000,000 OF Minimum Guarantee apportionments, and an equal amount of obligation authority, to the State of California for use on High Priority Project No. 829 ‘Widen I-15 in San Bernardino County,’ Section 1602 of Public Law 105-178.”

DORGAN (AND CONRAD)
AMENDMENT NO. 1675

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2084, *supra*; as follows:

On page 91, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 3 . EMERGENCY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR SPIRIT LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION.

Of the amount available for obligation from the emergency fund authorized by section 125 of title 23, United States Code, \$15,419,198 shall be obligated to pay for the repair or reconstruction of highways, roads, and trails in the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation that were damaged by disasters that occurred before the date of enactment of this Act.

LANDRIEU (AND WYDEN)
AMENDMENT NO. 1676

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2084, *supra*; as follows:

On page 65, line 22, before the period at the end of the line, insert the following “: *Provided*, That the funds made available under this heading shall be used for the submission to the appropriate committees of Congress by the Inspector General, not later than July 15, 2000, of a report on the extent to which air carriers and foreign carriers deny travel to airline consumers with non-refundable tickets from one carrier to another, including recommendations to develop a passenger-friendly and cost-effective solution to ticket transfers among airlines when seats are available.

GORTON (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 1677

Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2084, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3 . SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING CAFE STANDARDS.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate finds that—

(1) the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) law, codified at chapter 329 of title 49, United States Code, is critical to reducing the dependence of the United States on foreign oil, reducing air pollution and carbon dioxide, and saving consumers money at the gas pump;

(2) the cars and light trucks of the United States are responsible for 20 percent of the carbon dioxide pollution generated in the United States;

(3) the average fuel economy of all new passenger vehicles is at its lowest point since 1980, while fuel consumption is at its highest;

(4) since 1995, a provision in the transportation appropriations Acts has prohibited the Department of Transportation from examining the need to raise CAFE standards for sport utility vehicles and other light trucks;

(5) that provision denies purchasers of new sport utility vehicles and other light trucks the benefits of available fuel saving technologies;

(6) the current CAFE standards save more than 3,000,000 barrels of oil per day;

(7)(A) the current CAFE standards have remained the same for nearly a decade;

(B) the CAFE standard for sport utility vehicles and other light trucks is ½ the standard for automobiles; and

(C) the CAFE standard for sport utility vehicles and other light trucks is 20.7 miles per gallon and the standard for automobiles is 27.5 miles per gallon;

(8) because of CAFE standards, the average sport utility vehicle emits about 75 tons of carbon dioxide over the life of the vehicle while the average car emits about 45 tons of carbon dioxide;

(9) the technology exists to cost effectively and safely make vehicles go further on a gallon of gasoline; and

(10) improving light truck fuel economy would not only cut pollution but also save oil and save owners of new sport utility vehicles and other light trucks money at the gas pump.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the issue of CAFE standards should be permitted to be examined by the Department of Transportation, so that consumers may benefit from any resulting increase in the standards as soon as possible; and

(2) the Senate should not recede to section 320 of this bill, as passed by the House of Representatives, which prevents an increase in CAFE standards.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce that on Thursday, September 23rd, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold an oversight hearing titled, “Y2K—Will The Lights Go Out?” The purpose of the hearing is to explore the potential consequences of the year 2000

computer problem to the Nation’s supply of electricity. The hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Those who wish further information may write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. SHELBY. 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 Wednesday, September 15, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nominations of David Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Sylvia Baca to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; and Ivan Itkin to be Director of the Office of the Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in 215 Dirksen.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be permitted to meet on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing on the nomination of Sally Katzen to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SHELBY. 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, September 15, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing on the issue of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and Contract Support Costs.

The hearing will be held in room 485, Russell Senate Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct and oversight hearing on the issues of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and Contract Support Costs.