

S. 486

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 562

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 562, a bill to provide for a comprehensive, coordinated effort to combat methamphetamine abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 702

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 702, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB), and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) were added as cosponsors of S. 736, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals enjoy the right to be free from restraint, and for other purposes.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1028, a bill to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to establish a program to provide grants to expand the availability of public health dentistry programs in medically underserved areas, health professional shortage areas, and other Federally-defined areas that lack primary dental services.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1197, a bill to prohibit the importation of products made with dog or cat fur, to prohibit the sale, manufacture, offer for sale, transportation, and distribution of products made with dog or cat fur in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat spaceports like airports under the exempt facility bond rules.

S. 1269

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1269, a bill to provide that the Federal Government and States shall be subject to the same procedures and substantive laws that would apply to persons on whose behalf certain civil actions may be brought, and for other purposes.

S. 1310

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the interim payment system for home health services, and for other purposes.

S. 1419

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1419, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate May as "National Military Appreciation Month."

S. 1446

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an additional advance refunding of bonds originally issued to finance governmental facilities used for essential governmental functions.

S. 1449

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1449, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the payment amount for renal dialysis services furnished under the medicare program.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect the right of a medicare beneficiary enrolled in a Medicare+Choice plan to receive services at a skilled nursing facility selected by that individual.

S. 1473

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1473, a bill to amend section 2007 of the Social Security Act to provide grant

funding for additional Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and Strategic Planning Communities, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 118, A resolution designating December 12, 1999, as "National Children's Memorial Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 179

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 179, a resolution designating October 15, 1999, as "National Mammography Day."

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

BYRD (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1744

Mr. BOND (for Mr. BYRD, for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. SMITH of NH, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KERREY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. REID, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROBB, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ASHCROFT, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. FRIST) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2684) A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 7, beginning on line 23, strike "\$18,406,000,000" and all that follows through "Provided," and insert "\$19,006,000,000, plus reimbursements: *Provided* That of the funds made available under this heading, \$600,000,000 is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as

an emergency requirement (as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) is transmitted by the President to Congress: *Provided further*, ”.

TORRICELLI (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1745

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2684, *supra*; as follows:

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

SEC. 4 . STUDY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall submit a study on airport noise to Congress, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

(b) AREAS OF STUDY.—The study shall examine—

(1) the selection of noise measurement methodologies used by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration;

(2) the threshold of noise at which health impacts are felt; and

(3) the effectiveness of noise abatement programs at airports around the United States.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The study shall include specific recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration concerning new measures that should be implemented to mitigate the impact of aircraft noise on communities surrounding airports.

TORRICELLI AMENDMENT NO. 1476

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. TORRICELLI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, *supra*; as follows:

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

SEC. 4 . RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT AIRPORT POLLUTION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the serious ground level ozone, noise, water pollution, and solid waste disposal problems attendant to airport operations require a thorough evaluation of all significant sources of pollution;

(2) the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.)—

(A) requires each State to reduce emissions contributing to ground level ozone problems and maintain those reductions; and

(B) requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to study, in addition to other sources, the effects of sporadic, extreme noise (such as jet noise near airports) on public health and welfare;

(3) the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) establishes a regulatory and enforcement program for discharges of wastes into waters;

(4) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) establishes primary drinking water standards and a ground water control program;

(5) the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.) regulates management and disposal of solid and hazardous waste;

(6) a study of air pollution problems in California—

(A) has determined that airports are significant sources of air pollution; and

(B) has led to the creation of an airport bubble concept; and

(7) the airport bubble concept is an approach that—

(A) treats an airport and the area within a specific radius around the airport as a single source of pollution that emits a range of pollutants, including air, noise, water, and solid waste; and

(B) seeks, by implementation of specific programs or regulations, to reduce the pollution from each source within the bubble and thereby reduce the overall pollution in that area.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to require the Administrator to conduct—

(1) a feasibility study for applying airport bubbles to airports as a method of assessing and reducing, where appropriate, air, noise, water, and solid waste pollution in and around the airports and improving overall environmental quality; and

(2) a study of air pollutant emission standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency for airplane engines to determine whether it is feasible and desirable to strengthen the standards.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) AIRPORT BUBBLE.—The term “airport bubble” means an area—

(A) in and around an airport (or other facility using aircraft) within which sources of pollution and levels of pollution from those sources are to be identified and reduced; and

(B) containing a variety of types of air, noise, water, and solid waste sources of pollution in which the aggregate of each type of pollutant from the respective sources is regulated as if the various sources were a single source.

(d) STUDY OF USING AIRPORT BUBBLES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of regulating air, noise, water, and solid waste pollution from all sources in and around airports using airport bubbles.

(2) WORKING GROUP.—In conducting the study, the Administrator shall establish and consult with a working group comprised of—

(A) the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (or a designee);

(B) the Secretary of Defense (or a designee);

(C) the Secretary of Transportation (or a designee);

(D) a representative of air quality districts;

(E) a representative of environmental research groups;

(F) a representative of State Audubon Societies;

(G) a representative of the Sierra Club;

(H) a representative of the Nature Conservancy;

(I) a representative of port authorities of States;

(J) an airport manager;

(K) a representative of commanding officers of military air bases and stations;

(L) a representative of the bus lines that serve airports who is familiar with the emissions testing and repair records of those buses, the schedules of those lines, and any problems with delays in service caused by traffic congestion;

(M) a representative of the taxis and limousines that serve airports who is familiar with the emissions testing and repair records of the taxis and limousines and the volume of business generated by the taxis and limousines;

(N) a representative of local law enforcement agencies or other entities responsible for traffic conditions in and around airports;

(O) a representative of the Air Transport Association;

(P) a representative of the Airports Council International-North America;

(Q) a representative of environmental specialists from airport authorities; and

(R) a representative from an aviation union representing ground crews.

(3) REQUIRED ELEMENTS.—In conducting the study, the Administrator shall—

(A) collect, analyze, and consider information on the variety of stationary and mobile sources of air, noise, water, and solid waste pollution within airport bubbles around airports in the United States, including—

(i) aircraft, vehicles, and equipment that service aircraft (including main and auxiliary engines); and

(ii) buses, taxis, and limousines that serve airports;

(B) study a statistically significant number of airports serving commercial aviation in a manner designed to obtain a representative sampling of such airports;

(C) consider all relevant information that is available, including State implementation plans under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and airport master plans;

(D) consider the air quality implications of airport and ground and in-flight aircraft operations, such as routing and delays;

(E) assess the role of airports in interstate and international travel and commerce and the environmental and economic impact of regulating airports as significant sources of air, noise, water, and solid waste pollution;

(F) propose boundaries of the areas to be included within airport bubbles;

(G) propose a definition of air pollutant emissions for airport bubbles that includes hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds, and other ozone precursors targeted for reduction under Federal air pollution law;

(H) develop an inventory of each source of air, noise, water, and solid waste pollution to be regulated within airport bubbles and the level of reduction for each source;

(I) list and evaluate programs that might be implemented to reduce air, noise, water, and solid waste pollution within airport bubbles and the environmental and economic impact of each of the programs, including any changes to Federal or State law (including regulations) that would be required for implementation of each of the programs;

(J) evaluate the feasibility of regulating air, noise, water, and solid waste pollutants in and around airports using airport bubbles and make recommendations regarding which programs should be included in an effective implementation of airport bubble methodology; and

(K) address the issues of air and noise pollution source identification and regulation that are unique to military air bases and stations.

(4) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report describing the results and recommendations of the study required by this subsection.

(e) STUDY OF EMISSION STANDARDS FOR AIRPLANE ENGINES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall conduct a study of air pollutant emission standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency for airplane engines to determine whether it is feasible and desirable to strengthen the standards.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report describing the results and recommendations of the study required by this subsection.

(f) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until the reports under subsections (d) and (e) are submitted,

the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report that details the progress being made by the Administrator in carrying out subsections (d) and (e).

(g) FUNDING.—The Administrator shall carry out this section using existing funds available to the Administrator.

**WELLSTONE (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 1747**

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 17, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 108. The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title under the heading "VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION" is hereby increased by \$1,300,000,000.

CONRAD AMENDMENT NO. 1748

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CONRAD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 17, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 108. (a)(1) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading "DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION" under the subheading "CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS" is hereby increased by \$12,000,000.

(2) Of the amount appropriated by this title under the heading "DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION" under the subheading "CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS", as increased by paragraph (1), \$12,000,000 shall be available for renovations and environmental improvements at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fargo, North Dakota.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the aggregate of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for the travel expenses of the departments, agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices covered by this Act is hereby reduced by \$12,000,000.

CLELAND AMENDMENTS NOS. 1749–1754

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CLELAND submitted six amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1749

On page 17, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 108. (a)(1) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading "DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION" under the subheading "CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS" is hereby increased by \$12,400,000.

(2) Of the amount appropriated by this title under the heading "DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION" under the subheading "CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS", as increased by paragraph (1), \$12,400,000 shall be available for renovations and environmental improvements at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

(b) The aggregate amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act, other than the amount appropriated under the heading "DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION" under the subheading "CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS", is hereby reduced by \$12,400,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 1750

On page 31, line 17, strike "\$110,000,000" and insert "\$112,000,000".

On page 31, line 23, insert before the period the following: ", and including \$2,000,000 for

the expansion and modernization of the Tubman African American Museum in Macon, Georgia".

On page 76, line 8, strike "\$5,000,000" and insert "\$3,000,000".

AMENDMENT NO. 1751

On page 17, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 108. (a)(1) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading "DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION" under the subheading "NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION" is hereby increased by \$1,500,000.

(2) Of the amount appropriated by this title under the heading "DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION" under the subheading "NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION", as increased by paragraph (1), \$1,500,000 shall be available for the construction of a national cemetery in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area.

(b) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading "DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION" under the subheading "OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL" is hereby reduced by \$1,500,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 1752

On page 31, line 17, strike "\$110,000,000" and insert "\$112,000,000".

On page 31, line 23, insert before the period the following: ", and including \$2,000,000 for the National Institute for Community Empowerment in Atlanta, Georgia".

On page 44, line 15, strike "\$95,910,000" and insert "\$93,910,000".

AMENDMENT NO. 1753

On page 83, line 12, strike "\$3,250,000,000, to remain available until expended," and insert "\$3,259,200,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$9,200,000 shall be derived from pro rata transfers of amounts made available under each other heading under the heading "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY" and shall be available to the Atlanta region for modeling and monitoring of combined sewer overflows as part of the comprehensive watershed restoration strategy, and".

AMENDMENT NO. 1754

On page 31, line 17, strike "\$110,000,000" and insert "\$112,770,000".

On page 31, line 23, insert before the period the following: ", and including \$2,770,000 for the demolition and environmental mitigation of the Swift Building in Moultrie, Georgia".

On page 44, line 15, strike "\$95,910,000" and insert "\$93,140,000".

KERRY (AND OTHERS)

AMENDMENT NO. 1755

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 78, line 20, strike "\$1,885,000,000" and insert "\$1,897,000,000".

On page 78, line 21, before the colon, insert the following: ", and of which not less than \$12,000,000 shall be derived from pro rata transfers of amounts made available under each other heading under the heading "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY" and shall be available for the Montreal Protocol Fund".

KERRY AMENDMENT NO. 1756

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 28, line 2, strike "\$225,000,000" and insert "\$239,000,000".

On page 44, line 15, strike "\$95,910,000" and insert "\$81,910,000".

SMITH (AND OTHERS)

AMENDMENT NO. 1757

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. INHOFE) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 7, line 23, strike "\$19,006,000,000" and insert "\$19,215,500,000".

On page 8, line 10, insert after the colon the following: "Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, \$5,000,000 shall be available for the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program".

On page 14, line 21, strike "\$90,000,000" and insert "\$100,000,000".

On page 73, line 22, strike "\$423,500,000" and insert "\$199,000,000".

On page 74, beginning on line 9, strike "Provided further," and all that follows through "section 121(d)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 12581(d)(2))".

FEINSTEIN AMENDMENTS NOS.

1758–1759

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by her to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1758

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.

Not later than May 1, 2000, in administering the underground storage tank program under subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6991 et seq.), the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall develop a plan (including cost estimates)—

(1) to identify underground storage tanks that are not in compliance with subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6991 et seq.) (including regulations);

(2) to identify underground storage tanks in temporary closure;

(3) to determine the ownership of underground storage tanks described in paragraphs (1) and (2);

(4) to determine the plans of owners and operators of underground storage tanks described in paragraphs (1) and (2) to bring the underground storage tanks into compliance or out of temporary closure; and

(5) in a case in which the owner of an underground storage tank described in paragraph (1) or (2) cannot be identified—

(A) to bring the underground storage tank into compliance; or

(B) to permanently close the underground storage tank.

AMENDMENT NO. 1759

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.

Not later than May 1, 2000, in administering the underground storage tank program under subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6991 et seq.), the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall develop a plan (including cost estimates)—

(1) to identify underground storage tanks that are not in compliance with subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6991 et seq.) (including regulations);

(2) to identify underground storage tanks in temporary closure;

(3) to determine the ownership of underground storage tanks described in paragraphs (1) and (2);

(4) to determine the plans of owners and operators of underground storage tanks described in paragraphs (1) and (2) to bring the underground storage tanks into compliance or out of temporary closure; and

(5) in a case in which the owner of an underground storage tank described in paragraph (1) or (2) cannot be identified—

(A) to bring the underground storage tank into compliance; or

(B) to permanently close the underground storage tank.

BOND AMENDMENT NO. 1760

Mr. BOND proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 112, strike line 3 and all that follows through line 4 on page 113.

KERRY AMENDMENT NO. 1761

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 18, line 3, strike “\$10,855,135,000” and insert “\$10,566,335,000”.

On page 18, line 4, strike “\$6,655,135,000” and insert “\$6,366,335,000”.

On page 18, line 19, insert before the colon the following: “: *Provided further*, That of the total amount provided under this heading, \$288,800,000 shall be made available for incremental section 8 vouchers under section 558 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-276; 112 Stat. 2614): *Provided further* That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may not expend any amount made available under the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, for tenant-based assistance under the United States Housing Act of 1937 to help eligible families make the transition from welfare to work until March 1, 2000”.

BINGAMAN AMENDMENT NO. 1762

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 84, line 10, insert after “(S. 1596)” the following: “, of which \$500,000 shall be available to the City of Bayard, New Mexico, to construct a new wastewater treatment facility for the City of Bayard, the Village of Santa Clara, and the Fort Bayard State Hospital”.

KERREY AMENDMENTS NOS. 1763-1765

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KERREY submitted three amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1763

On page 78, line 21, after “studies.” insert the following, “: *Provided*, That within funds available, \$120,000 shall be provided to the Fontenelle Forest Association for the Missouri River Ecology Institute.”

AMENDMENT NO. 1764

On page 31, line 23, after “Act”, strike “.” and insert in lieu thereof “: *Provided further*, That within the funds provided, \$1,500,000 shall be available for the North 27th Street Project in Lincoln, Nebraska”.

AMENDMENT NO. 1765

On page 31, line 23, after “Act”, strike “.” and insert in lieu thereof “: *Provided further*, That within the funds provided, \$750,000 shall be made available for Project Jericho in Omaha, Nebraska.”

SMITH AMENDMENT NO. 1766

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SMITH of Oregon submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert: “The comment period on the proposed rules related to section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act published at 64 Federal Register 46012 and 46058 (August 23, 1999) shall be extended from October 22, 1999, for a period of no less than 90 additional calendar days.”

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 1767

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. STEVENS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 28, line 25 after the word “Council,” insert “\$4,000,000 for the Special Olympics 2001 World Winter Games”.

SPECTER AMENDMENTS NOS. 1768-1769

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SPECTER submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1768

On page 17, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 108. (a) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading “DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION” under the subheading “CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS” is hereby increased by \$14,500,000.

(b) Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Veterans Affairs under the heading “DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION” under the subheading “CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS”, as increased by subsection (a), \$14,500,000 shall be available for construction of a long term facility at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

AMENDMENT NO. 1769

On page 17, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 108. (a) Using amounts available under subsection (b), the National Cemetery Administration shall provide for the construction of a national cemetery in Southwestern Pennsylvania in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.

(b) The amounts available to the National Cemetery Administration for purposes of subsection (a) are the amounts appropriated under the heading “DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION” under the subheading “CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS” and allocated for the advance planning fund of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

GRAMM AMENDMENT NO. 1770

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 45, line 9, strike “\$16,000,000” and insert in lieu thereof, “\$19,493,000”.

HUTCHISON AMENDMENT NO. 1771

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROMULGATION OF STORMWATER REGULATIONS.

(a) FINDING.—The Senate finds that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has not sufficiently addressed the concerns of local governments concerning the Phase II stormwater regulations that are scheduled to be promulgated on October 29, 1999.

(b) STORMWATER REGULATIONS.—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall not promulgate the regulations described in subsection (a) until the Administrator submits to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report containing—

(1) an in-depth impact analysis on the effect the final regulations will have on urban, suburban, and rural local governments subject to the regulations, including an estimate of—

(A) the costs of complying with the 6 minimum control measures described in the regulations; and

(B) the costs resulting from the lowering of the construction threshold from 5 acres to 1 acre;

(2) an explanation of the rationale of the Administrator for lowering the construction site threshold from 5 acres to 1 acre, including—

(A) an explanation, in light of recent court decisions, of why a 1-acre measure is any less arbitrarily determined than a 5-acre measure; and

(B) all qualitative information used in determining an acre threshold for a construction site;

(3) documentation demonstrating that stormwater runoff is generally a problem in communities with populations of 50,000 to 100,000 (including an explanation of why the coverage of the regulation is based on a census-determined population instead of a water quality threshold);

(4) information that supports the position of the Administrator that the Phase II stormwater program should be administered as part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System under section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1342); and

(5) a detailed explanation of the impact, if any, that the Phase I program has had in improving water quality in the United States (including a description of specific measures that have been successful and those that have been unsuccessful).

MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 1772

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BOND (for Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 17, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 108. (a) DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSAL.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall

develop a proposal for a system within the Department of Veterans Affairs for the collection of payments from third party payers under the Medical Care Cost Recovery Program of the Department which system shall, to the maximum extent practicable, utilize procedures for the collection of payments from third parties similar to the procedures utilized in the private sector for the collection of payments for health care costs from third parties.

(2) In developing the proposal, the Secretary shall consider a variety of procedures utilized in the private sector for the collection of payments for health care costs from third parties.

(b) USE OF PRIVATE COST-RECOVERY ENTITIES DURING DEVELOPMENT.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall, during the period referred to in paragraph (3), provide for the collection of payments from third party payers under the Medical Care Cost Recovery Program solely through appropriate private entities with which the Secretary contracts for that purpose.

(2) The fee paid a private entity for the collection of payments under a contract under this subsection shall be a contingent fee based on the amount of payments collected by the entity under the contract.

(3) The period referred to in this paragraph is the period beginning as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on the date that is six months after the date on which the Secretary commences collections under the Medical Care Cost Recovery Program through a system within the Department under this section.

(c) SAFEGUARDS.—The Secretary shall take appropriate actions to ensure that any collection practices utilized under this section do not impose unwarranted financial or other burdens upon veterans who receive medical care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(d) SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSAL.—Not later than three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the proposal developed under subsection (a). The report shall include—

(1) a description of the system covered by the proposal; and

(2) an assessment by an appropriate entity independent of the Department of the potential effectiveness of the collection procedures under the system in comparison with the effectiveness of the collection procedures of the private entities utilized under subsection (b).

(e) IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSAL.—The Secretary shall implement the system covered by the proposal submitted under subsection (d) commencing 90 days after the date on which the Secretary submits to Congress the proposal on the system under that subsection.

SNOWE AMENDMENT NO. 1773

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 17, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 108. (a) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that it should be the goal of the Department of Veterans Affairs to serve all veterans equitably at health care facilities in urban and rural areas.

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—(1) Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Rep-

resentatives a report on the impact of the allocation of funds under the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation (VERA) funding formula on the rural subregions of the health care system administered by the Veterans Health Administration.

(2) The report shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of impact of the allocation of funds under the VERA formula on—

(i) travel times to veterans health care in rural areas;

(ii) waiting periods for appointments for veterans health care in rural areas;

(iii) the cost associated with additional community-based outpatient clinics;

(iv) transportation costs; and

(v) the unique challenges that Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers in rural, low-population subregions face in attempting to increase efficiency without large economies of scale.

(B) The recommendations of the Secretary on means of modifying the VERA formula, or implementing other reforms, in order to improve the access of veterans to health care in rural areas.

LEVIN AMENDMENTS NOS. 1774-1776

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. LEVIN submitted three amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1774

On page 77, line 21, after "\$642,483,000", insert the following: "of which not less than \$3,000,000 shall be available to gather data and conduct studies relating to agriculture, recreation, economic development, human health, ecological impacts, and other land use issues for the Kalamazoo River watershed revitalization project."

AMENDMENT NO. 1775

On page 77, line 21, strike "\$642,483,000" and insert "\$641,483,000".

On page 84, line 6, strike "\$100,000,000" and insert "\$101,000,000".

On page 84, line 10, before the semicolon, insert the following: ", of which \$1,000,000 shall be available for the renovation and replacement of the water system of the city of Benton Harbor, Michigan".

AMENDMENT NO. 1776

On page 31, line 17, strike "\$110,000,000" and insert "\$111,000,000".

On page 31, line 23, insert before the period the following: ", and including \$1,000,000 for the Muskegon, Michigan Housing Commission for use in developing duplex units".

INOUE AMENDMENT NO. 1777

Ms. MIKULSKI (for Mr. INOUE) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amount made available under the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1991 (Public Law 101-507) for a special purpose grant under section 107 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to the County of Hawaii for the purpose of an environmental impact statement for the development of a water resource system in Kohala, Hawaii, that is unobligated on the date of enactment of this Act, may be used to fund water system improvements, including exploratory wells, well drillings, pipeline replacements, water system planning and design, and booster pump and reservoir development.

REED (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1778

Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. COLLINS, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. CHAFEE) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 42, line 12, strike "\$80,000,000" and insert "\$100,000,000".

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

SEC. _____. (a) There is appropriated out of any money in the Treasury that is not otherwise appropriated for fiscal year 2000 for expenses necessary to carry out section 1011 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, \$20,000,000.

(b) Each amount appropriated or otherwise made available for each program, project, or activity relating to salaries, expenses, and program management under title I, II, or III of this Act (other than this section) that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law is reduced by the uniform percentage necessary to reduce the total amounts appropriated for such programs, projects, or activities by \$20,000,000.

BOND AMENDMENT NO. 1779

Mr. BOND proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 111, beginning on line 4 strike out "or be used" and all that follows through "litigation activity" on line 5.

SNOWE (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1780

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. HAGEL) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 17, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 108. (a) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that it should be the goal of the Department of Veterans Affairs to serve all veterans equitably at health care facilities in urban and rural areas.

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—(1) Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the impact of the allocation of funds under the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation (VERA) funding formula on the rural subregions of the health care system administered by the Veterans Health Administration.

(2) The report shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of impact of the allocation of funds under the VERA formula on—

(i) travel times to veterans health care in rural areas;

(ii) waiting periods for appointments for veterans health care in rural areas;

(iii) the cost associated with additional community-based outpatient clinics;

(iv) transportation costs; and

(v) the unique challenges that Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers in rural, low-population subregions face in attempting to increase efficiency without large economies of scale.

(B) The recommendations of the Secretary, if any, on how rural veterans' access to health care services might be enhanced.

DEWINE (AND VOINOVICH) AMENDMENTS NOS. 1781-1782

Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) proposed two amendments to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1781

On page 113, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

SEC. 431. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by this Act may be obligated or expended for purposes of transferring any research aircraft from Glenn Research Center, Ohio, to another field center of the Administration.

AMENDMENT NO. 1782

On page 113, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

SEC. 431. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by this Act may be obligated or expended for purposes of establishing at a field center of the Administration any research capability that would duplicate a research capability that currently exists at another field center of the Administration.

CRAIG AMENDMENT NO. 1783

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CRAIG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 113, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

SEC. 4 . PESTICIDE TOLERANCE FEES.

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to promulgate a final regulation to implement changes in the payment of pesticide tolerance processing fees as proposed at 64 Fed. Reg. 30939, or any similar proposals.

SESSIONS AMENDMENT NO. 1784

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

On page 77, line 21, after "\$642,483,000," insert the following: "of which not less than \$175,000 shall be available for a study conducted by the Geological Survey of Alabama of the fracturing of coalbed methane reservoirs in Alabama."

FITZGERALD (AND DURBIN)
AMENDMENT NO. 1785

Mr. BOND (for Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself and Mr. DURBIN)) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act for the Medical Care appropriation of the Department of Veterans Affairs may be obligated for the realignment of the health care delivery system in VISN 12 until 60 days after the Secretary of Veterans Affairs certifies that the Department has (a) consulted with veterans organizations, medical school affiliates, employee representatives, State veterans and health associations, and other interested parties with respect to the realignment plan to be implemented, and (b) made available to the Congress and the public information from the consultations regarding possible impacts on the accessibility of veterans health care services to affected veterans.

BOND AMENDMENT NO. 1786

Mr. BOND proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2684, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . GAO STUDY ON FEDERAL HOME LOAN
BANK CAPITAL.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of—

(1) possible revisions to the capital structure of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, including the need for—

(A) more permanent capital;
(B) a statutory leverage ratio; and
(C) a risk-based capital structure; and

(2) what impact such revisions might have on the operations of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, including the obligation of the Federal Home Loan Bank System under section 21B(f)(2)(C) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to the Congress on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a)."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEETCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. BOND. 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 22, for purposes of conducting a Full Committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Government Affairs Committee be permitted to meet on Wednesday, September 22, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing regarding the Department of Justice's Investigation of Charlie Trie.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BOND. 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 22, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. to conduct a hearing on S. 1587, a bill to amend the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 to establish within the Department of the Interior an Office of Special Trustee for Data Cleanup and Internal Control and; S. 1589, to amend the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994.

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

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. BOND. 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, September 22, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. to mark up S. Res. 172, a resolution to establish a special com-

mittee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 22, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND
MANAGEMENT

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 1999, in open session, to receive testimony on the National Security requirements for continued training operations at the Vieques Training Range.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL
BLUFFS, IOWA EAGLE SCOUT
AWARDS

• Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I recognize and congratulate the following young men who recently achieved the rare and honored distinction of being presented the Eagle Scout Award. The wide range of knowledge that they have gained in earning this award reflects dedication and accomplishment in many different fields of human endeavor that will benefit the Council Bluffs, Iowa community in which they live.

These new Eagle Scouts include Joshua Reinders, son of Greg and Jackie Reinders; Paul McGrath, son of Ray and Marsha McGrath; Steven DeLong, son of Don and Melissa DeLong; Gregory Versch, son of Mark and Rebecca Versch; and Roland Whitt, son of Tillman and Susan Whitt.

All of these young men and their families are to be commended for their community involvement and service.●

THE LIFE OF FREDERICK P. ROSE

• Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise to celebrate the life of Frederick P. Rose who died last week at the fine age of seventy-five, after a life that enhanced the lives of so many others. He was, of course, a member of the celebrated Rose family which rose, if you like (and he would have done!) with New York City itself, ever upwards and onwards. His craft was building—he was a graduate engineer—his art was friendship, but his genius lay in the way he would use his own wealth and epic energies to engage the support of legions of friends in the widest range of