

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—
 (1) agricultural producers in the United States compete effectively when world markets are not distorted by government intervention;
 (2) the elimination of barriers to competition in world markets for agricultural commodities is in the interest of producers and consumers in the United States;

(3) the United States must provide leadership on the opening of the agricultural markets in upcoming multilateral World Trade Organization negotiations;

(4) countries that import agricultural commodities are more likely to liberalize practices if they are confident that their trading partners will not curtail the availability of agricultural commodities on world markets for foreign policy purposes; and

(5) a multilateral commitment to use the open market, rather than government intervention, to guarantee food security would advance the interests of the farm community of the United States.

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

(1) members of the World Trade Organization should undertake multilateral negotiations to eliminate policies and programs that distort world markets for agricultural commodities; and

(2) as part of the multilateral negotiations, members of the World Trade Organization should agree to renounce the use of unilateral sanctions to prohibit, restrict, or condition agricultural exports.

TAXPAYERS REFUND ACT OF 1999

ROTH (AND MOYNIHAN) AMENDMENT NO. 1496

Mr. ROTH (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1429, supra; as follows:

On page 10, strike the matter between lines 19 and 20 (as added by the Hutchison amendment), and insert:

“Calendar year:	Applicable dollar amount:
2006	\$4,000
2007 and thereafter	\$5,000.

On page 11, strike the matter before line 1 (as added by the Hutchison amendment), and insert:

“Calendar year:	Applicable dollar amount:
2006	\$2,000
2007 and thereafter	\$2,500.

On page 11, line 3, strike “2008” (as added by the Hutchison amendment) and insert “2007”.

On page 11, line 11, strike “2007” (as added by the Hutchison amendment) and insert “2006”.

On page 19, line 7, strike “50” and insert “40”.

In the section at the end of title II relating to expansion of adoption expenses (as added by the Landrieu amendment), strike “\$7,500” and insert “\$10,000”.

On page 75, line 6, strike “section 401(a)(11)” and insert “sections 401(a)(11) and 411(b)(1)(H)”.

On page 87, line 3, strike “Section” and insert “Except as provided in subsection (b)(4)(A), section”.

On page 153, strike lines 17 and 18, and insert:

“(2) an individual account plan which is subject to the funding standards of section 412.

Such term shall not include a governmental plan (within the meaning of section 414(d)) or

a church plan (within the meaning of section 414(e)) with respect to which an election under section 410(d) has not been made.”

On page 158, strike lines 8 and 9, and insert: “(B) an individual account plan which is subject to the funding standards of section 302.

Such term shall not include a governmental plan (within the meaning of section 3(32)) or a church plan (within the meaning of section 3(33)) with respect to which an election under section 410(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 has not been made.”

On page 161, after line 23, insert:

SEC. ____ MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION RULES MODIFIED AND APPLIED TO ALL DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (D) of section 404(a)(1) (relating to special rule in case of certain plans) is amended to read as follows:

“(D) SPECIAL RULE IN CASE OF CERTAIN PLANS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any defined benefit plan, except as provided in regulations, the maximum amount deductible under the limitations of this paragraph shall not be less than the unfunded termination liability (determined as if the proposed termination date referred to in section 4041(b)(2)(A)(i)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 were the last day of the plan year).

“(ii) PLANS WITH LESS THAN 100 PARTICIPANTS.—For purposes of this subparagraph, in the case of a plan which has less than 100 participants for the plan year, termination liability shall not include the liability attributable to benefit increases for highly compensated employees (as defined in section 414(q)) resulting from a plan amendment which is made or becomes effective, whichever is later, within the last 2 years before the termination date.

“(iii) RULE FOR DETERMINING NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.—For purposes of determining whether a plan has more than 100 participants, all defined benefit plans maintained by the same employer (or any member of such employer’s controlled group (within the meaning of section 412(1)(8)(C))) shall be treated as 1 plan, but only employees of such member or employer shall be taken into account.

“(iv) PLANS ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAIN BY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE EMPLOYERS.—Clause (i) shall not apply to a plan described in section 4021(b)(13) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (6) of section 4972(c) is amended to read as follows:

“(6) EXCEPTIONS.—In determining the amount of nondeductible contributions for any taxable year, there shall not be taken into account so much of the contributions to 1 or more defined contribution plans which are not deductible when contributed solely because of section 404(a)(7) as does not exceed the greater of—

“(A) the amount of contributions not in excess of 6 percent of compensation (within the meaning of section 404(a)) paid or accrued (during the taxable year for which the contributions were made) to beneficiaries under the plans, or

“(B) the sum of—

“(i) the amount of contributions described in section 401(m)(4)(A), plus

“(ii) the amount of contributions described in section 402(g)(3)(A).

For purposes of this paragraph, the deductible limits under section 404(a)(7) shall first be applied to amounts contributed to a defined benefit plan and then to amounts described in subparagraph (B).”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2000.

SEC. ____ INCREASE IN SECTION 415 EARLY RETIREMENT LIMIT FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER PLANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subclause (II) of section 415(b)(2)(F)(i), as amended by section 346(c), is amended—

(1) by striking “\$75,000” and inserting “80 percent of the dollar amount in effect under paragraph (1)(A)”, and

(2) by striking “the \$75,000 limitation” and inserting “80 percent of such dollar amount”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to years beginning after December 31, 1999.

On page 180, after line 24, insert:

SEC. 370A. REPORTING SIMPLIFICATION.

(a) SIMPLIFIED ANNUAL FILING REQUIREMENT FOR OWNERS AND THEIR SPOUSES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall modify the requirements for filing annual returns with respect to one-participant retirement plans to ensure that such plans with assets of \$500,000 or less as of the close of the plan year need not file a return for that year.

(2) ONE-PARTICIPANT RETIREMENT PLAN DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the term “one-participant retirement plan” means a retirement plan that—

(A) on the first day of the plan year—
 (i) covered only the employer (and the employer’s spouse) and the employer owned the entire business (whether or not incorporated), or

(ii) covered only one or more partners (and their spouses) in a business partnership (including partners in an S or C corporation),

(B) meets the minimum coverage requirements of section 410(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 without being combined with any other plan of the business that covers the employees of the business,

(C) does not provide benefits to anyone except the employer (and the employer’s spouse) or the partners (and their spouses),

(D) does not cover a business that is a member of an affiliated service group, a controlled group of corporations, or a group of businesses under common control, and

(E) does not cover a business that leases employees.

(3) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—Terms used in paragraph (2) which are also used in section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the respective meanings given such terms by such section.

(b) SIMPLIFIED ANNUAL FILING REQUIREMENT FOR PLANS WITH FEWER THAN 25 EMPLOYEES.—In the case of a retirement plan which covers less than 25 employees on the 1st day of the plan year and meets the requirements described in subparagraphs (B), (D), and (E) of subsection (a)(2), the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide for the filing of a simplified annual return that is substantially similar to the annual return required to be filed by a one-participant retirement plan.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of this section shall take effect on January 1, 2001.

On page 195, strike lines 4 through 9, and insert:

SEC. 404. EXTENSION OF EXCLUSION FOR EMPLOYER-PROVIDED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 127(d) (relating to termination of exclusion for educational assistance programs) is amended by striking “May 31, 2000” and inserting “December 31, 2003”.

On page 202, between lines 9 and 10, insert:

SEC. ____ CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS PROVIDED BY AN EMPLOYER TO CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES EXCLUDABLE FROM GROSS INCOME AS A SCHOLARSHIP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 117 (relating to qualified scholarships) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) EMPLOYER-PROVIDED EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS PROVIDED TO CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In determining whether any amount is a qualified scholarship for purposes of subsection (a), the fact that such amount is provided in connection with an employment relationship shall be disregarded if—

“(A) such amount is provided by the employer to a child (as defined in section 161(c)(3)) of an employee of such employer,

“(B) such amount is provided pursuant to a plan which meets the nondiscrimination requirements of subsection (d)(3), and

“(C) amounts provided under such plan are in addition to any other compensation payable to employees and such plan does not provide employees with a choice between such amounts and any other benefit.

For purposes of subparagraph (C), the business practices of the employer (as well as such plan) shall be taken into account.

“(2) DOLLAR LIMITATIONS.—

“(A) PER CHILD.—The amount excluded from the gross income of the employee by reason of paragraph (1) for a taxable year with respect to amounts provided to each child of such employee shall not exceed \$2,000.

“(B) AGGREGATE LIMIT.—The amount excluded from the gross income of the employee by reason of paragraph (1) for a taxable year (after the application of subparagraph (A)) shall not exceed the excess of the dollar amount contained in section 127(a)(2) over the amount excluded from the employee's gross income under section 127 for such year.

“(3) PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS AND OWNERS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any amount provided to any child of any individual if such individual (or such individual's spouse) owns (on any day of the year) more than 5 percent of the stock or of the capital or profits interest in the employer.

“(4) DEGREE REQUIREMENT NOT TO APPLY.—In the case of an amount which is treated as a qualified scholarship by reason of this subsection, subsection (a) shall be applied without regard to the requirement that the recipient be a candidate for a degree.

“(5) CERTAIN OTHER RULES TO APPLY.—Rules similar to the rules of paragraphs (4), (5), and (7) of section 127(c) shall apply for purposes of this subsection.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

On page 216, line 1, insert “and fishing” after “farm”.

On page 225, after line 24, insert:

SEC. ____ INCREASE IN ESTATE TAX DEDUCTION FOR FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS INTEREST.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2057(a)(2) (relating to maximum deduction) is amended by striking “\$675,000” and inserting “\$1,975,000”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2057(a)(3)(B) (relating to coordination with unified credit) is amended by striking “\$675,000” each place it appears in the text and heading and inserting “\$1,975,000”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to estates of decedents dying after December 31, 2000.

SEC. ____ CREDIT FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 (relating to busi-

ness-related credits) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 45E. EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSES.

“(a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of section 38, in the case of a small employer, the employee health insurance expenses credit determined under this section is an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the amount paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year for qualified employee health insurance expenses.

“(b) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of subsection (a), the applicable percentage is equal to—

“(1) 60 percent in the case of self-only coverage, and

“(2) 70 percent in the case of family coverage (as defined in section 220(c)(5)).

“(c) PER EMPLOYEE DOLLAR LIMITATION.—The amount of qualified employee health insurance expenses taken into account under subsection (a) with respect to any qualified employee for any taxable year shall not exceed—

“(1) \$1,000 in the case of self-only coverage, and

“(2) \$1,715 in the case of family coverage (as so defined).

“(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) SMALL EMPLOYER.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘small employer’ means, with respect to any calendar year, any employer if such employer employed an average of 9 or fewer employees on business days during either of the 2 preceding calendar years. For purposes of the preceding sentence, a preceding calendar year may be taken into account only if the employer was in existence throughout such year.

“(B) EMPLOYERS NOT IN EXISTENCE IN PRECEDING YEAR.—In the case of an employer which was not in existence throughout the 1st preceding calendar year, the determination under subparagraph (A) shall be based on the average number of employees that it is reasonably expected such employer will employ on business days in the current calendar year.

“(2) QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified employee health insurance expenses’ means any amount paid by an employer for health insurance coverage to the extent such amount is attributable to coverage provided to any employee while such employee is a qualified employee.

“(B) EXCEPTION FOR AMOUNTS PAID UNDER SALARY REDUCTION ARRANGEMENTS.—No amount paid or incurred for health insurance coverage pursuant to a salary reduction arrangement shall be taken into account under subparagraph (A).

“(C) HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.—The term ‘health insurance coverage’ has the meaning given such term by section 9832(b)(1).

“(3) QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified employee’ means, with respect to any period, an employee of an employer if the total amount of wages paid or incurred by such employer to such employee at an annual rate during the taxable year exceeds \$5,000 but does not exceed \$16,000.

“(B) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term ‘employee’—

“(i) shall not include an employee within the meaning of section 401(c)(1), but

“(ii) shall include a leased employee within the meaning of section 414(n).

“(C) WAGES.—The term ‘wages’ has the meaning given such term by section 3121(a)

(determined without regard to any dollar limitation contained in such section).

“(D) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in a calendar year after 2001, the \$16,000 amount contained in subparagraph (A) shall be increased by an amount equal to—

“(I) such dollar amount, multiplied by

“(II) the cost-of-living adjustment under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar year in which the taxable year begins, determined by substituting ‘calendar year 2000’ for ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.

“(ii) ROUNDING.—If any increase determined under clause (i) is not a multiple of \$100, such amount shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100.

“(e) CERTAIN RULES MADE APPLICABLE.—For purposes of this section, rules similar to the rules of section 52 shall apply.

“(f) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—No deduction or credit under any other provision of this chapter shall be allowed with respect to qualified employee health insurance expenses taken into account under subsection (a).”

(b) CREDIT TO BE PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS CREDIT.—Section 38(b) (relating to current year business credit) is amended by striking “plus” at the end of paragraph (13), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (14) and inserting “, plus”, and by adding at the end the following:

“(15) the employee health insurance expenses credit determined under section 45E.”

(c) NO CARRYBACKS.—Subsection (d) of section 39 (relating to carryback and carryforward of unused credits) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(10) NO CARRYBACK OF SECTION 45E CREDIT BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE.—No portion of the unused business credit for any taxable year which is attributable to the employee health insurance expenses credit determined under section 45E may be carried back to a taxable year ending before January 1, 2001.”

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 45E. Employee health insurance expenses.”

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to amounts paid or incurred in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000.

On page 268, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

SEC. ____ HOLDING PERIOD REDUCED TO 12 MONTHS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER HORSES ARE SECTION 1231 ASSETS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section 1231(b)(3) (relating to definition of property used in the trade or business) is amended by striking “and horses”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000.

On page 318, line 20, strike “increased!” and insert “decreased!”.

On page 321, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following flush sentence:

Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, such securities shall be taken into account in determining whether such trust fails to meet the requirements of section 856(c)(4)(B) of such Code (as amended by such amendments) if such trust acquires or receives securities to which the preceding sentence does not apply.

On page 337, line 15, insert “on or” before “before”.

On page 341, between lines 23 and 24, insert: “(C) EARNINGS AND PROFITS.—The earnings and profits of any Native Corporation making a contribution to a Settlement Trust

shall not be reduced on account thereof at the time of such contribution, but such earnings and profits shall be reduced (up to the amount of such contribution) as distributions are thereafter made by the Settlement Trust which exceed the sum of—

“(i) such Trust’s total undistributed net income for all prior years during which an election under paragraph (2) is in effect, and
“(ii) such Trust’s distributable net income.
On page 364, beginning on line 15, strike “under section 1216 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, as in effect on July 21, 1999.”

On page 371, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

SEC. —. CAPITAL GAIN TREATMENT UNDER SECTION 631(b) TO APPLY TO OUTRIGHT SALES BY LAND OWNER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 631 (relating to disposal of timber with a retained economic interest) is amended—

(1) by inserting “AND OUTRIGHT SALES OF TIMBER” after “ECONOMIC INTEREST” in the subsection heading, and

(2) by adding before the last sentence the following new sentence: “The requirement in the first sentence of this subsection to retain an economic interest in timber shall not apply to an outright sale of such timber by the owner thereof if such owner owned the land (at the time of such sale) from which the timber is cut.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to sales after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. —. CREDIT FOR CLINICAL TESTING RESEARCH EXPENSES ATTRIBUTABLE TO CERTAIN QUALIFIED ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING TEACHING HOSPITALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 (relating to business related credits) is amended by inserting after section 41 the following:

“SEC. 41A. CREDIT FOR MEDICAL INNOVATION EXPENSES.

“(a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of section 38, the medical innovation credit determined under this section for the taxable year shall be an amount equal to 40 percent of the excess (if any) of—

“(1) the qualified medical innovation expenses for the taxable year, over

“(2) the medical innovation base period amount.

“(b) QUALIFIED MEDICAL INNOVATION EXPENSES.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified medical innovation expenses’ means the amounts which are paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year directly or indirectly to any qualified academic institution for clinical testing research activities.

“(2) CLINICAL TESTING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘clinical testing research activities’ means human clinical testing conducted at any qualified academic institution in the development of any product, which occurs before—

“(i) the date on which an application with respect to such product is approved under section 505(b), 506, or 507 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this section),

“(ii) the date on which a license for such product is issued under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (as so in effect), or

“(iii) the date classification or approval of such product which is a device intended for human use is given under section 513, 514, or 515 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (as so in effect).

“(B) PRODUCT.—The term ‘product’ means any drug, biologic, or medical device.

“(3) QUALIFIED ACADEMIC INSTITUTION.—The term ‘qualified academic institution’ means any of the following institutions:

“(A) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.—A qualified organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) which is owned by, or affiliated with, an institution of higher education (as defined in section 3304(f)).

“(B) TEACHING HOSPITAL.—A teaching hospital which—

“(i) is publicly supported or owned by an organization described in section 501(c)(3), and

“(ii) is affiliated with an organization meeting the requirements of subparagraph (A).

“(C) FOUNDATION.—A medical research organization described in section 501(c)(3) (other than a private foundation) which is affiliated with, or owned by—

“(i) an organization meeting the requirements of subparagraph (A), or

“(ii) a teaching hospital meeting the requirements of subparagraph (B).

“(D) CHARITABLE RESEARCH HOSPITAL.—A hospital that is designated as a cancer center by the National Cancer Institute.

“(4) EXCLUSION FOR AMOUNTS FUNDED BY GRANTS, ETC.—The term ‘qualified medical innovation expenses’ shall not include any amount to the extent such amount is funded by any grant, contract, or otherwise by another person (or any governmental entity).

“(c) MEDICAL INNOVATION BASE PERIOD AMOUNT.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘medical innovation base period amount’ means the average annual qualified medical innovation expenses paid by the taxpayer during the 3-taxable year period ending with the taxable year immediately preceding the first taxable year of the taxpayer beginning after December 31, 1998.

“(d) SPECIAL RULES.—

“(1) LIMITATION ON FOREIGN TESTING.—No credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to any clinical testing research activities conducted outside the United States.

“(2) CERTAIN RULES MADE APPLICABLE.—Rules similar to the rules of subsections (f) and (g) of section 41 shall apply for purposes of this section.

“(3) ELECTION.—This section shall apply to any taxpayer for any taxable year only if such taxpayer elects to have this section apply for such taxable year.

“(4) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT FOR INCREASING RESEARCH EXPENDITURES AND WITH CREDIT FOR CLINICAL TESTING EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN DRUGS FOR RARE DISEASES.—Any qualified medical innovation expense for a taxable year to which an election under this section applies shall not be taken into account for purposes of determining the credit allowable under section 41 or 45C for such taxable year.”

(b) CREDIT TO BE PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS CREDIT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 38(b) (relating to current year business credits), as amended by this Act, is amended by striking “plus” at the end of paragraph (14), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (15) and inserting “, plus”, and by adding at the end the following:

“(16) the medical innovation expenses credit determined under section 41A(a).”

(2) TRANSITION RULE.—Section 39(d), as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(11) NO CARRYBACK OF SECTION 41A CREDIT BEFORE ENACTMENT.—No portion of the unused business credit for any taxable year which is attributable to the medical innovation credit determined under section 41A may be carried back to a taxable year beginning before January 1, 1999.”

(c) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—Section 280C, as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) CREDIT FOR INCREASING MEDICAL INNOVATION EXPENSES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No deduction shall be allowed for that portion of the qualified medical innovation expenses (as defined in section 41A(b)) otherwise allowable as a deduction for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit determined for such taxable year under section 41A(a).

“(2) CERTAIN RULES TO APPLY.—Rules similar to the rules of paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (c) shall apply for purposes of this subsection.”

(d) DEDUCTION FOR UNUSED PORTION OF CREDIT.—Section 196(c) (defining qualified business credits) is amended by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (8) as paragraphs (6) through (9), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

“(5) the medical innovation expenses credit determined under section 41A(a) (other than such credit determined under the rules of section 280C(d)(2)).”

(e) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by adding after the item relating to section 41 the following:

“Sec. 41A. Credit for medical innovation expenses.”

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1998.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, August 4, 1999 at 9:15 a.m. in Room SR-301 Russell Senate Office Building, to receive testimony on committee funding resolutions.

For further information concerning this meeting, please contact Tamara Somerville at the Rules Committee.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOSWIKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce that a full committee oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will take place Tuesday, August 10, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. at the 2nd Floor of the Federal Building and U.S. Court House, 7th & C Street in Anchorage, AK.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the implementation of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. The hearing will focus on how the Act has been interpreted and implemented by federal regulators since its passage in December of 1980. There will be testimony from the Administration, state and local officials, and other interested parties.

Those who wish to testify or to submit written testimony should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. Presentation of oral testimony is by Committee invitation only. For further information, please contact Jo Meuse or Brian Malnak.