

"(i) in the case of an eligible individual with 1 qualifying child shall be decreased by 1.87 percentage points, and

"(ii) in the case of an eligible individual with 2 or more qualifying child shall be decreased by 2.01 percentage points."

(3) by striking "AMOUNTS.—The earned" in paragraph (2) and inserting "AMOUNTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the earned", and

(4) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(B) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a joint return, the phaseout amount determined under subparagraph (A) shall be increased by \$2,000."

(b) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Paragraph (1)(B) of section 32(j) (relating to inflation adjustments) is amended to read as follows:

"(B) the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar year in which the taxable year begins, determined—

"(i) in the case of amounts in subsections (b)(2)(A) and (i)(1), by substituting 'calendar year 1995' for 'calendar year 1992' in subparagraph (B) thereof, and

"(ii) in the case of the \$2,000 amount in subsection (b)(2)(B), by substituting 'calendar year 2000' for 'calendar year 1992' in subparagraph (B) of such section 1."

(c) ROUNDING.—Section 32(j)(2)(A) (relating to rounding) is amended by striking "subsection (b)(2)" and inserting "subsection (b)(2)(A) (after being increased under subparagraph (B) thereof)".

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m. in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

This is the third in a series of hearings regarding pending electricity competition legislation: S. 282, the Transition to Competition in the Electric Industry Act; S. 516, the Electric Utility Restructuring Empowerment and Competitiveness Act of 1999; S. 1047, the Comprehensive Electricity Competition Act; S. 1284, the Electric Consumer Choice Act; S. 1273, the Federal Power Act Amendments of 1999; S. 1369, the Clean Energy Act of 1999; S. 2071, Electric Reliability 2000 Act; and S. 2098, the Electric Power Market Competition and Reliability Act.

For further information, please call Trici Heninger at (202) 224-7875.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at 9:30

a.m. on S. 2255—Internet Tax Freedom Act.

The Presiding Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing regarding Wassenaar Arrangement and the Future of Multilateral Export Controls.

The Presiding Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at 11:00 a.m.

The Presiding Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at 3:30 p.m. The markup will take place off the floor in The President's Room.

The Presiding Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in Hart 216.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. ROBERTS. 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, April 2, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on compelled political speech.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on European Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. to hold a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, EXPORT AND TRADE PROMOTION

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Securities of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, to conduct a hearing on "Multi-State Insurance Agent Licensing Reforms and the Creation of the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 12 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on federal actions affecting hydropower operations on the Columbia River system.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a congressional fellow, an outstanding pilot in the U.S. Air Force, Maj. Scott Kindsvater, be allowed privileges of the floor.

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

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent Elizabeth Smith, the legal counsel for the Employment, Safety and Training Subcommittee be granted the privilege of the floor during further debate on the bill.

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

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL OF S. 2163

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2163, a bill to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington, and that the measure be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

AUTHORIZING TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPH

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 288, submitted earlier by Senator LOTT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 288) authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 288) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 288

Resolved, That paragraph 1 of Rule IV of the Rules for the Regulation of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol (prohibiting the taking of pictures in the Senate Chamber) be temporarily suspended for the sole and specific purpose of permitting the Senate Photographic Studio to photograph the United States Senate in actual session on Tuesday, June 6, 2000, at the hour of 2:15 p.m.

SEC. 2. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate is authorized and directed to make the necessary arrangements therefor, which arrangements shall provide for a minimum of disruption to Senate proceedings.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR 19TH ANNUAL NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR 200TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

AUTHORIZING USE OF THE EAST FRONT OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR CERTAIN PERFORMANCES

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following concurrent resolutions and, further, that the Senate proceed to their consideration en bloc: H. Con. Res. 278, H. Con. Res. 279, and H. Con. Res. 281.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolutions by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 278) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 19th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 279) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 200th birthday celebration of the Library of Congress.

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 281) authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolutions.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent

that the resolutions be agreed to and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with the above occurring en bloc.

The concurrent resolutions (H. Con. Res. 278, H. Con. Res. 279, and H. Con. Res. 281) were agreed to.

PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following Senate joint resolutions: S.J. Res. 40, S.J. Res. 41, and S.J. Res. 42, and I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to these resolutions en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the joint resolutions by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 40) providing for the appointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 41) providing for the appointment of Sheila E. Widnall as citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 42) providing for the reappointment of Manuel L. Ibanez as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolutions.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be read a third time and passed, en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to these resolutions be printed in the RECORD.

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

The joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 40, S.J. Res. 41, and S.J. Res. 42) were read the third time and passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 40

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of resignation of Louis Gerstner of New York, is filled by the appointment of Alan G. Spoon of Maryland. The appointment is for a term of 6 years and shall take effect on the date of enactment of this joint resolution.

S.J. RES. 41

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Frank A. Shrontz of Washington on May 4, 2000, is filled by the appointment of Sheila E. Widnall of Massa-

chusetts. The appointment is for a term of 6 years and shall take effect on May 5, 2000.

S.J. RES. 42

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Manuel L. Ibanez of Texas on May 4, 2000, is filled by the reappointment of the incumbent for a term of 6 years. The reappointment shall take effect on May 5, 2000.

STAR PRINT—S. 2343

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 2343, the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, as introduced on April 4, 2000, be star printed to add text that was inadvertently omitted in the original bill. That is a request of Senator MURKOWSKI.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 13. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m., with Senators speaking up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator CRAPO, or his designee, 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.; Senator TIM HUTCHINSON, 10:45 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Senator BOB SMITH, or his designee, 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Senator HARRY REID, 20 minutes; Senator DODD, or his designee, 30 minutes; and Senator CONRAD, 10 minutes.

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

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. I further ask unanimous consent that at 12:30 p.m. the Senate remain in morning business with regard to the marriage tax penalty until 2 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders, or their designees, and the Senate then proceed to the cloture vote with regard to the amendment to H.R. 6 at 2 p.m., with the mandatory quorum waived.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. On behalf of the leader, I further announce, tomorrow morning there will be an opportunity in morning business for Senators to make general statements and for bill introductions until 12:30 p.m.