

2330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services.

S. 2408

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) were added as cosponsors of S. 2408, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to the Navajo Code Talkers in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 2416

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2416, a bill to designate the Federal building located at 2201 C Street, Northwest, in the District of Columbia, which serves as headquarters for the Department of State, as the "Harry S. Truman Federal Building."

S. 2417

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2417, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase funding for State nonpoint source pollution control programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2443

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2443, a bill to increase immunization funding and provide for immunization infrastructure and delivery activities.

S. 2460

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2460, a bill to authorize the payment of rewards to individuals furnishing information relating to persons subject to indictment for serious violations of international humanitarian law in Rwanda, and for other purposes.

S. 2538

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2538, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to maintain retiree health benefits under the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act of 1992.

S. CON. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 98, a concurrent resolution urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

S. CON. RES. 100

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 100, a concurrent resolution expressing support of Congress for a National Moment of Remembrance to

be observed at 3:00 p.m. eastern standard time on each Memorial Day.

AMENDMENT NO. 3146

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of Amendment No. 3146 intended to be proposed to S. 2521, an original bill making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

HUTCHISON AMENDMENT NO. 3151

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill (S. 2521) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 63, line 20, strike "July 31, 2001" and insert "December 31, 2001".

On page 66, line 3, strike "July 31, 2001" and insert "December 31, 2001".

On page 67, line 3, strike "July 31, 2001" and insert "December 31, 2001".

DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 1999

SMITH AMENDMENTS NOS. 3152-3153

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. SMITH of New Hampshire submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 1691) to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize programs for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 3152

In section 201—

(1) insert "(a) IN GENERAL.—" before "Section"; and

(2) add at the end the following:

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 311 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5154) is amended in subsections (a)(1), (b), and (c) by striking "section 803 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965" each place it appears and inserting "sections 201 and 209 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141, 3149)".

AMENDMENT No. 3153

Section 203(d) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as added by section 102 of the bill, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) the extent to which the hazard mitigation measures to be carried out using the technical and financial assistance contribute to the mitigation goals and priorities established by the State as a condition of receipt of the annual emergency management performance grant awarded to the State by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Section 204(d) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as added by section 103 of the bill, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by adding "and" at the end;

(B) by striking subparagraph (B); and

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B); and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(3) CONDITIONS FOR INCENTIVES.—To be eligible for an incentive under paragraph (1), an owner of a building located in a natural disaster mitigation zone that is not subject to subsection (c) shall have obtained and be maintaining adequate levels of insurance with respect to the building (as determined by the President).

In section 201—

(1) insert "(a) IN GENERAL.—" before "Section"; and

(2) add at the end the following:

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 311 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5154) is amended in subsections (a)(1), (b), and (c) by striking "section 803 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965" each place it appears and inserting "sections 201 and 209 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141, 3149)".

Section 406(e)(1)(A)(ii) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5172), as amended by section 203(d)(1) of the bill, is amended—

(1) by striking "current applicable"; and

(2) by inserting before the period at the end the following: "applicable at the time at which the disaster occurred"

Section 323(e) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as added by section 204(a) of the bill, is amended—

(1) by striking "If" and inserting the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—If"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—In determining whether to increase the maximum percentage under paragraph (1), the President shall consider whether the State has established—

"(A) eligibility criteria for property acquisition and other types of mitigation measures;

"(B) requirements for cost effectiveness that are related to the eligibility criteria;

"(C) a system of priorities that is related to the eligibility criteria;

"(D) a process by which an assessment of the effectiveness of a mitigation action may be carried out after the mitigation action is complete; and

"(E) hazard resistant construction standards, as may be required under section 324.

In title II, at the end the following:

SEC. 210. TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

Section 408(c) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking "In lieu of" and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In lieu of”; and
(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the amount of assistance provided to a household under this subsection shall not exceed \$5,000, as adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor.

“(B) ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The President may provide additional assistance to a household that is unable to secure temporary housing through insurance proceeds or loans or other financial assistance from the Small Business Administration or another Federal agency.”.

SEC. 211. INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GRANT PROGRAM.

Section 411 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5178) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The President, in consultation and coordination with a State, may make a grant directly, or through the State, to an individual or a family that is adversely affected by a major disaster to assist the individual or family in meeting disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of the individual or family, if the individual or family is unable to meet the expenses or needs through—

“(1) assistance under other provisions of this Act; or

“(2) other means.”;

(2) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—If a State determines that a grant to an individual or a family under this section shall be made through the State, the State shall pay, without reimbursement from any funds made available under this Act, the cost of all administrative expenses associated with the management of the grant by the State.”;

(3) by striking subsection (e); and

(4) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (e).

In section 302—

(1) insert “(a) TERRITORIES.—” before “Section 102”; and

(2) add at the end the following:

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—Section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122) is amended by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

“(6) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘local government’ means—

“(A) a county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (regardless of whether the council of governments is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under State law), regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government;

“(B) an Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or Alaska Native village or organization; and

“(C) a rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity, for which an application for assistance is made by a State or political subdivision of a State.”.

(c) PRIVATE NONPROFIT FACILITY.—Section 102(9) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122(9)) is amended by inserting “irrigation,” after “utility.”

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

LEVIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3154

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. ROBB, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. REED, Mr. MACK, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. COCHRAN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 521, supra; as follows:

Strike section 2410.

STEVENS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3155

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 521, supra; as follows:

On page 26, at line 15, strike, “\$74,859,000”, and insert in lieu thereof, “\$542,859,000”; and

On page 27, at line 7, strike, “;”, and insert in lieu thereof: “; Acquisition of six C-130J long-range maritime patrol aircraft authorized under section 812(G) of the Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act that are capable of meeting defense-related and other elements of the Coast Guard’s multi-mission requirements, \$468,000,000.”

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 Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to consider the outlook for America’s natural gas demand.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, May 25, 2000, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Presentation of oral testimony is by Committee invitation only. However, those who wish to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information regarding the hearing, please contact Dan Kish at (202) 224-8276.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. on global warming.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 17, 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 INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. to conduct an oversight hearing on Implementation of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (P.L. 101-644). The hearing will take place in room 562, Dirksen Senate Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 17, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. to conduct a hearing on S. 1148, to provide for the Yankton Sioux Tribe and the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska certain benefits of the Missouri River Pick-Sloan Project and S. 1658, to authorize the construction of a Reconciliation Place in Fort Pierre, South Dakota. The hearing will be held in the Committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, for an Open Executive Session to mark up legislation extending permanent Normal Trading Relations to China.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in SD226.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. CRAIG. 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, May 17, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on legislative remedies, including S. 1816, the Hagel-Kerrey-Abraham-Landrieu campaign finance reform bill.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR, WETLANDS, PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety be