

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
SEC. 301. PUBLIC HOUSING FLEXIBILITY IN THE CHAS.

Section 105(b) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12705(b)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second paragraph designated as paragraph (17) (as added by section 681(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) as paragraph (20);

(2) by redesignating paragraph (17) (as added by section 220(b)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) as paragraph (19);

(3) by redesignating the second paragraph designated as paragraph (16) (as added by section 220(c)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) as paragraph (18);

(4) in paragraph (16)—

(A) by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(B) by striking “(16)” and inserting “(17)”;

(5) by redesignating paragraphs (11) through (15) as paragraphs (12) through (16), respectively; and

(6) by inserting after paragraph (10) the following new paragraph:

“(11) describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and coordinate with the local public housing agency plan under section 5A of the United States Housing Act of 1937;”.

SEC. 302. REPEAL OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

(a) **MAXIMUM ANNUAL LIMITATION ON RENT INCREASES RESULTING FROM EMPLOYMENT.**—

(1) **REPEAL.**—Section 957 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12714) is repealed.

(2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall be deemed to have the same effective date as section 957 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act.

(b) **ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.**—

(1) **REPEAL.**—Section 923 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 12714 note) is repealed.

(2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall be deemed to have the same effective date as section 923 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992.

SEC. 303. DETERMINATION OF INCOME LIMITS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3(b)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2)) is amended—

(1) in the fourth sentence—

(A) by striking “County,” and inserting “and Rockland Counties”; and

(B) by inserting “each” before “such county”; and

(2) in the fifth sentence, by striking “County” each place that term appears and inserting “and Rockland Counties”.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue regulations implementing the amendments made by subsection (a).

SEC. 304. DEMOLITION OF PUBLIC HOUSING.

(a) **REPEAL.**—Section 415 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development—Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1988 (Public Law 100-202; 101 Stat. 1329-213) is repealed.

(b) **FUNDING AVAILABILITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the public housing projects described in section 415 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development—Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1988, as that section existed on the day before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be eligible for demolition under—

(1) section 14 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as that section existed on the

day before the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended by this Act.

SEC. 305. COORDINATION OF TAX CREDITS AND SECTION 8.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rehabilitation activities undertaken in projects using the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit allocated to developments in the City of New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1991, are hereby deemed to have met the requirements for rehabilitation in accordance with clause (ii) of the third sentence of section 8(d)(2)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended.

SEC. 306. ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING.

Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 1436a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “and includes any other assistance provided under the United States Housing Act of 1937”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(h) **VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except in the case of an election under paragraph (2)(A), no individual or family applying for financial assistance may receive such financial assistance prior to the affirmative establishment and verification of eligibility of that individual or family under this section by the Secretary or other appropriate entity.

“(2) **RULES APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.**—A public housing agency (as that term is defined in section 3 of the United States Housing Act of 1937)—

“(A) may elect not to comply with this section; and

“(B) in complying with this section—

“(i) may initiate procedures to affirmatively establish or verify the eligibility of an individual or family under this section at any time at which the public housing agency determines that such eligibility is in question, regardless of whether or not that individual or family is at or near the top of the waiting list of the public housing agency;

“(ii) may affirmatively establish or verify the eligibility of an individual or family under this section in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 274A(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act; and

“(iii) shall have access to any relevant information contained in the SAVE system (or any successor thereto) that relates to any individual or family applying for financial assistance.

“(3) **ELIGIBILITY OF FAMILIES.**—For purposes of this subsection, with respect to a family, the term ‘eligibility’ means the eligibility of each family member.”.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 1518

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill on the calendar that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1518) to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by prohibiting funding for the Board and by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I object to the further consideration of this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XIV, paragraph 4, the bill will be placed on the Senate Calendar of General Orders.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting one nomination which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 5, 1996, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1358) to require the Secretary of Commerce to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the National Fisheries Service laboratory located on Emerson Avenue in Gloucester, MA, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 134) making further appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1643. An act making further appropriations for certain activities for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the bill was signed by the President pro tempore [Mr. WARNER].

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 1995, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 6, 1996, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 1358. An act to require the Secretary of Commerce to convey to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the National Fisheries Service laboratory located on Emerson Avenue in Gloucester, MA.