

“(2) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—Amounts provided to a State under this section shall be subject to the requirements and limitations of this subchapter except that section 658E(c)(3), 658F, 658G, 658J, and 658O shall not apply.”.

TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO THE HEAD START ACT

SEC. 301. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 639(a) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9834(a)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, \$4,900,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, \$5,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$6,100,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2002”.

SEC. 302. ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.

Section 640(a)(6) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9835(a)(6)) is amended—

(1) by striking “1997, and” and inserting “1997.”; and

(2) by inserting after “1998,” the following: “6 percent for fiscal year 1999, 7 percent for fiscal year 2000, 8 percent for fiscal year 2001, and 10 percent for fiscal year 2002.”.

SEC. 303. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This title and the amendments made by this title shall take effect on October 1, 1998.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President. I rise today, along with my distinguished colleague from Massachusetts, Senator JOHN KERRY, to introduce the Early Childhood Development Act of 1997. Let me thank all who have worked so hard to develop this legislation.

The most important thing we can do to address the many social problems we face, is to recognize that the family is the centerpiece of our society and take steps to strengthen families and mobilize communities to support young children and their families.

This legislation follows up on recent scientific research showing that infant brain development occurs much more rapidly than previously thought, and that early, positive interaction with parents plays the critical role in brain development.

Not surprisingly parents have known instinctively for generations what science is just now figuring out: that reading to a baby, caressing and cuddling him, and helping him to have a wide range of good experiences will enhance his development. When children fail to receive love and nurturing at home when they do not receive quality child care, whether it is provided by centers, family child care homes, or relatives, they are far more likely to develop social and academic problems.

Yet parents today face burdens that were unimaginable a generation ago. Half of all marriages now end in divorce, and 28 percent of all children under the age of 18 live in a single-parent family. One in four infants and toddlers under the age of 3—nearly 3 million children—live in families with incomes below the Federal poverty level.

Many women, particularly in low- and moderate-income families, are essential in helping support their families financially and have entered the workforce in record numbers during the last generation. In many families, both parents work. Each day, an estimated 13 million children younger than 6—including 6 million babies and tod-

dlers—spend some or all of their day being cared for by someone other than their parents. Children of working mothers are entering care as early as 6 weeks of age and spending 35 or more hours a week in some form of child care. Whether by choice or necessity, parents must try to find quality child care—which is not always available.

We are seeking, through this legislation, to provide families with support through early childhood education and more child care options. Our bill will support families—not bureaucracy—by building on local initiatives that are already working for families with infants and toddlers. We will help communities improve their services and supports to families with young children by expanding the thousands of successful efforts for families with children from birth to 6, such as those sponsored by the United Way and Boys and Girls Clubs as well as State initiatives such as Success by Six in Massachusetts and Vermont, the Parents as Teachers programs in Missouri and 47 other States, and the Early Childhood Initiative in Pennsylvania.

The Early Childhood Development Act will provide funds for early childhood education programs for all children that emphasize the primary role of parents and help give them the tools they need to be their children's best teachers. Parents are the key to a child's healthy development and as we all know, we will never solve our social problems unless we involve parents in the process and in their children's lives.

In addition, the bill will expand quality child care programs for families, especially for infants. And we will begin the Head Start Program earlier—when its impact could be much greater—at birth.

While Government cannot and should not become a replacement for parents and families, we can help families become stronger by providing support to help them give their children the encouragement, the love and the healthy environment they need to develop their social and intellectual capacities.

Our legislation balances the desire to provide support with the need to do so responsibly. I am proud that we have come together on a bipartisan basis to invest in programs that encourage family responsibility and obligation while helping families in need to reach those goals.

I am very optimistic that the spirit of bipartisanship will guide our consideration of this legislation and move it forward. Recent polls have shown that the overwhelming majority of Americans want early childhood development issues to be top priorities for our country. We must all work together to ensure that our most vulnerable citizens are given the care and protection they need and deserve.

Mr. President. I look forward to working with my colleagues to improve the quality of life for all children.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 19

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 19, a bill to provide funds for child care for low-income working families, and for other purposes.

S. 61

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 61, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend eligibility for veterans' burial benefits, funeral benefits, and related benefits for veterans of certain service in the United States merchant marine during World War II.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to assure access to emergency medical services under group health plans, health insurance coverage, and the medicare and medicaid programs.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to require that imported meat, and meat food products containing imported meat, bear a label identifying the country of origin.

S. 644

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI] were added as cosponsors of S. 644, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish standards for relationships between group health plans and health insurance issuers with enrollees, health professionals, and providers.

S. 732

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the names of the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] were added as cosponsors of S. 732, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the first manned flight of Orville and Wilbur Wright in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to permit the transportation of passengers between United States ports by certain foreign-flag vessels and to encourage United States-flag vessels to participate in such transportation.

S. 943

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] and the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 943, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act" to aviation accidents.

S. 983

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 983, a bill to prohibit the sale or other transfer of highly advanced weapons to any country in Latin America.

S. 990

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 990, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging.

S. 1037

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1037, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish incentives to increase the demand for and supply of quality child care, to provide incentives to States that improve the quality of child care, to expand clearing-house and electronic networks for the distribution of child care information, to improve the quality of child care provided through Federal facilities and programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1037, *supra*.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to require country of origin labeling of perishable agricultural commodities imported into the United States and to establish penalties for violations of the labeling requirements.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE], the Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Wyo-

oming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. ROBERTS] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. ASHCROFT] were added as cosponsors of S. 1084, a bill to establish a research and monitoring program for the national ambient air quality standards for ozone and particulate matter and to reinstate the original standards under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. KERREY, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAUX], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], the Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK], and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. BRYAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1096, a bill to restructure the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

S. 1189

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI] and the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND] were added as cosponsors of S. 1189, a bill to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of S. 1204, 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; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution.

S. 1220

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1220, a bill to provide a process for declassifying on an expedited basis certain documents relating to human rights abuses in Guatemala and Honduras.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1237, a bill to amend the Oc-

cupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, and for other purposes.

S. 1260

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1260, a bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 96

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 96, A resolution proclaiming the week of March 15 through March 21, 1998, as "National Safe Place Week".

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 56—AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

Mr. SPECTER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 56

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used on October 29, 1997, for a ceremony to honor Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope by conferring upon him the status of an honorary veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States. Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1997

DOMENICI (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENTS NOS. 1324-1327

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted four amendments intended to be proposed by them to the bill (S. 1173) to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 1324

On page 54, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(d) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(d) of title 23, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking "(d) On" and inserting the following:

"(d) INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—On";