

B. The Committee has included \$19,000,000, an increase of \$2,277,000 for the State Grants for Incarcerated Youth Offenders/Prisoner Literacy Programs. This program, which assists states to encourage incarcerated youth to acquire functional literacy, life and job skills, can also play a role in reducing recidivism rates and violent behavior.

C. The Committee has included \$42,000,000 for the Title I Neglected and Delinquent/High Risk Youth program, an increase of \$1,689,000 over the fiscal year 1999 appropriation. These funds will assist states to strengthen programs for neglected and delinquent children to enhance youth violence prevention programs in state-run institutions and for juveniles in adult correctional facilities.

These funds will be used to motivate youth to read and enhance their academic achievement. Literacy promotion encourages young individuals to pursue productive goals, such as continued education and gainful employment.

#### 14. YOUTH SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

The Committee is aware that the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) brings new emphasis to the development of coherent, comprehensive youth services that address the needs of low-income youth over time. It believes that youth service delivery systems under WIA integrate academic and work-based learning opportunities, offer effective connections to the job market and employers, and have intensive private-sector involvement. Such effective systems can provide low-income, disadvantaged youth with opportunities in our strong economy as alternatives to youth violence and crime. The Committee further recognizes the potential of Youth Councils for creating the necessary collaboration of private and public groups to create community strategies that improve opportunities for youth to successfully transition to adulthood, postsecondary education and training. Thus, the Committee has included funds to continue investments in WIA

formula-funded youth training and employment activities, the Youth Opportunities grant program, the Job Corps, and added \$15,000,000 to continue and expand the Youth Offender grant program serving youth who are or have been under criminal justice system supervision.

Mr. SPECTER. I thank the Chair for the time and yield the floor.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon, Monday, September 13, 1999.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:49 p.m., adjourned until Monday, September 13, 1999, at 12 noon.