At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code.

At the request of Mr. HELMS, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1296, a bill to designate portions of the lower Delaware River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

At the request of Mr. MILLLING, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1312, a bill to ensure full and expeditious enforcement of the provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 that seek to bring about competition in local telecommunications markets, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to reauthorize the Welfare-to-Work program to provide additional resources and flexibility to improve the administration of the program.

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to amend chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1438, a bill to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on Federal land in the District of Columbia.

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to promote economic growth and opportunity by increasing the level of visas available for highly specialized physicians and engineers and by eliminating the earnings penalty on senior citizens who continue to work after reaching retirement age.

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1464, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish certain requirements regarding the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as co-sponsors of Senate Resolution 95, a resolution designating August 16, 1999, as "National Airborne Day.”

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1062 intended to be proposed to S. 1233, an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. ENZI the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as co-sponsors of amendment No. 1489 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2466, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1495 intended to be proposed to S. 1233, an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1499 proposed to S. 1233, an original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

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ensure that medicare beneficiaries have access to both inpatient and outpatient services.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should—
(1) reject further reductions in the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act;
(2) reject extensions of the provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and
(3) take new resources for the medicare program that—
(A) address the unintended consequences of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and
(B) ensure the access of medicare beneficiaries to high-quality skilled nursing services, home health care services, teaching hospitals, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, and health care services in rural areas.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

CRAPO (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1505

(Ordered to lie on the table.)
Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. Burns, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Craig) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (H.R. 2466) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 10, line 16, after “herein,” insert “of which $50,000 of the amount available for consultation shall be available for development of a voluntary-enrollment habitat conservation plan for cold water fish in cooperation with the States of Idaho and Montana (of which $250,000 shall be made available to each of the States of Idaho and Montana), and”.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

HARKIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1506

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Kerrey, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Wellstone, Mrs. Lincoln, and Mr. Sarbanes) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1499 proposed by Mr. Daschle to the bill, S. 1233, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 1, line 3, strike all that follows “Sec.” to the end of the amendment and insert the following:

. EMERGENCY AND INCOME LOSS ASSISTANCE.—(a) ADDITIONAL CROP LOSS ASSISTANCE.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), in addition to amounts that have been made available to carry out section 1102 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note; Public Law 105–277) under other laws, the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’) shall use not more than $765,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide crop loss assistance in accordance with that section in a manner that, to the maximum extent practicable—
(A) fully compensates agricultural producers for crop losses in accordance with that section (as so modified, to the extent practicable, to carry out that section); and
(B) provides equitable treatment under that section for agricultural producers described in subsections (b) and (c) of that section.

(2) CROP INSURANCE.—Of the total amount made available (1) and (2), the Secretary shall use not less than $600,000,000 to assist agricultural producers in purchasing additional coverage for the 2000 crop year under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.).

(3) COMPENSATION FOR PROPRIETARY CROP LOSS ASSISTANCE BASED ON TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS.—The Secretary shall use not more than $70,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide assistance to producers on a farm that were denied crop loss assistance under section 1102 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note; Public Law 105–277), if it appears that a change in the taxpayer identification numbers of the producers if the Secretary determines that the change was not made to create an advantage for the producers in the crop insurance program through lower premiums or higher actual production histories.

(b) INCOME LOSS ASSISTANCE.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made available by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use not more than $6,373,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide on an equitable basis supplemental loan deficiency payments to producers on a farm that are eligible for marketing assistance loans for the 1999 crop of a commodity under section 131 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7231).

(2) PAYMENT LIMITATION.—The total amount of the payments that a person may receive under this subsection during any crop year may not exceed $40,000.

(3) PRODUCERS WITHOUT PRODUCTION.—The payments made available under this subsection shall be based on an equitable basis among producers, according to actual production history, as determined by the Secretary) to producers with failed acreage, or acreage on which planting was prevented, due to circumstances beyond the control of the producers.

(4) TIME FOR PAYMENT.—The assistance made available under this subsection for an eligible owner or producer shall be provided as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act by providing advance payments that are based on expected production and by taking such measures as are determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(5) DAIRY PRODUCERS.—
(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amount made available under paragraph (1), $400,000,000 shall be available to provide assistance to dairy producers in a manner determined by the Secretary.
(B) FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS.—Payments made under this subsection shall not affect any decision with respect to rulemaking under section 14 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7233).

(6) PEANUTS.—
(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amount made available under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use not to exceed $45,000,000 to provide payments to producers of quota peanuts or additional peanuts to partially compensate the producers for the loss of markets for the 1998 crop of peanuts.

(B) AMOUNT.—The amount of a payment made to producers on a farm of quota peanuts or additional peanuts produced under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) shall be equal to the product obtained by multiplying—
(i) the quantity of quota peanuts or additional peanuts produced or considered produced by the Secretary under section 155 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7231) by
(ii) an amount equal to 5 percent of the loan rate established for quota peanuts or additional peanuts, respectively, under section 155 of that Act.

(7) TOBACCO GROWER ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide $235,000,000 to be distributed to tobacco growers according to the formulas established pursuant to the National Tobacco Grower Settlement Trust.

(c) FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND SUPPLY (SECTION 32).—
(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, the Secretary shall use not more than $200,000,000 to be used in providing assistance under section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 612c), as the result of a natural disaster declared for losses due to excessive heat or drought by the Secretary, or a major disaster or emergency was declared due to excessive heat or drought by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)

(2) SET-ASIDE FOR CERTAIN LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS.—Of the funds made available by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use not more than $300,000,000 to provide assistance to livestock producers.

(A) the operations of which are located in countries with respect to which, during 1999 a natural disaster was declared for losses due to excessive heat or drought by the Secretary, or a major disaster or emergency was declared due to excessive heat or drought by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); and

(B) that experienced livestock losses as a result of the declared disaster or emergency.

(3) WAIVER OF COMMODITY LIMITATION.—In providing assistance under this subsection, the Secretary may waive the commodity limitation established under the second sentence of the second paragraph of section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), on the amount of funds that may be distributed to any 1 agricultural commodity or product.

(d) EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE.—For an additional amount to provide emergency livestock assistance, there is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $200,000,000.

(e) COMMODITY PURCHASES AND HUMANITARIAN DONATIONS.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall use not less than $597,000,000 of additional funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the purchase and distribution of agricultural commodities, under applicable food aid authorities, including—
(A) section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1431(b));
(B) the Food for Progress Act of 1967 (7 U.S.C. 1736); and
(C) the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.).

(2) LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.—Not less than 40 percent of the commodities distributed pursuant to this subsection shall be made available to least developed countries, as determined by the Secretary;

(3) LOCAL CURRENCIES.—To the maximum extent practicable, local currencies generated from the sale of commodities under the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, Public Law 105–277, are used to purchase goods and services in war- and disaster-afflicted countries.