

Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SARBANES) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the end of the title III, add the following:

21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

SEC. . In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated under this title to carry out part I of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8241 et seq.), \$200,000,000 which shall become available on October 1, 2000 and shall remain available through September 30, 2001 for academic year 2000–2001.

GREGG AMENDMENT NO. 1810

Mr. GREGG proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1809, proposed by Mrs. BOXER to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the end of the amendment proposed strike the “.” and insert the following: “(which funds shall, notwithstanding any other provision of this title, be used to carry out activities under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1411 et seq.) in accordance with the requirements of such part, in lieu of being used to carry out part I of title X)”.

BOXER (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 1811

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SARBANES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the end of the amendment, add the following:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act the following shall apply:

SEC. . In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated under this title to carry out part I of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8241 et seq.), \$200,000,000 which shall become available on October 1, 2000 and shall remain available through September 30, 2001 for academic year 2000–2001.

HUTCHINSON AMENDMENT NO. 1812

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. HUTCHINSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED
HEALTH CENTERS

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, \$25,472,000 of the amounts appropriated for the National Labor Relations Board under this Act shall be transferred and utilized to carry out projects for the consolidated health centers under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b).

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND
FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Com-

mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on September 30, 1999, in SR-328A at 9 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the administration's agriculture agenda for the upcoming World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
WORKS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a business meeting to consider pending business Wednesday, September 29, 10 a.m., hearing room (SD-406).

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be permitted to meet on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., to hear testimony on the preparations for the upcoming WTO ministerial meeting in Seattle and the objectives for the multilateral negotiations that will follow.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on S. 1508, a bill to provide technical and legal assistance to tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes.

The hearing will be held in room 485, Russell Senate Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Dirksen Room 226.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, to markup S. 791, the Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act of 1999, and other pending legislation. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select

Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 2 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SURFACE, TRANSPORTATION,
AND MERCHANT MARINE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., on the Motor Carrier Safety Act.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 29, for purposes of conducting a Water & Power Subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to conduct oversight on the practices of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding operations and maintenance costs and contract renewals.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE VFW ON ITS 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, today is the 100th birthday of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Yesterday, the Senate approved H.J. Res. 34, a resolution which commemorates that auspicious event. I wish to mark the occasion further by offering my congratulations to the members and families of that fine organization.

In my 19 years as a United States Senator I have been able to count on the VFW to convey the concerns of veterans in a fair and insightful manner. Especially during my tenure as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I have always been able to rely on the VFW to assist me in ascertaining the quality of health care and benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Without the VFW's 2,000,000 strong membership, it would be extremely difficult for the Committee—or the Congress—to operate in the best interest of America's veterans.

Earlier this year, I had the honor of being named the recipient of the VFW Congressional Award. At the award reception, I was struck by the history of the VFW. From the trenches of Verdun