

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. —. DEDUCTION FOR POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating section 222 as section 223 and inserting after section 221 the following new section:

“SEC. 222. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

“(a) ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.—In the case of an individual, there shall be allowed as a deduction for the taxable year an amount equal to the lesser of—

“(1) the aggregate amount of contributions made to any candidate during the taxable year, or

“(2) \$100 (\$200 in the case of a joint return).

“(b) VERIFICATION.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) shall be allowed, with respect to any contribution, only if such contribution is verified in such manner as the Secretary shall prescribe by regulations.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the terms ‘candidate’ and ‘contribution’ have the meaning given those terms in section 301 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.”

(b) DEDUCTION ALLOWED WHETHER OR NOT TAXPAYER ITEMIZES OTHER DEDUCTIONS.—Section 62(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining adjusted gross income) is amended by inserting after paragraph (17) the following new paragraph:

“(18) POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION.—The deduction allowed by section 222.”

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking the last item and inserting the following new items:

“Sec. 222. Political contribution.

“Sec. 223. Cross reference.”

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

LEGISLATION TO REENACT CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 11, UNITED STATES CODE

GRASSLEY AMENDMENT NO. 1888

Mr. SESSIONS (for Mr. GRASSLEY) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1606) to reenact chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS.

Section 149 of title I of division C of Public Law 105-277, as amended by Public Law 106-5, is amended—

(1) by striking “October 1, 1999” each place it appears and inserting “July 1, 2000”; and

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “March 31, 1999” and inserting “September 30, 1999”; and

(B) by striking “April 1, 1999” and inserting “October 1, 1999”.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by section 1 shall take effect on October 1, 1999.

Amend the title so as to read: “To extend for 9 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted.”

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a legislative hearing has been scheduled before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 882, a bill to strengthen provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Federal Non-nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 with respect to potential Climate Change.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, October 26, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC, 20510-6150.

For further information, please call Kristin Phillips, Staff Assistant or Colleen Deegan, Counsel.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 30, 1999. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the administration's Agriculture agenda for the upcoming World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 30, 1999, at 10:30 to hold a hearing.

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 markup on Thursday, September 30, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

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 Thursday, September 30, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem be permitted to meet on September 30, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Consumer Affairs Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 30, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. on the Motor Vehicle Rental Fairness Act of 1999.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREST AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests & Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 30, for purposes of conducting a Subcommittee on Forests & Public Lands Management hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1457, the Forest Resources for the Environment and the Economy Act.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL CHAMBERLIN

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Rear Admiral Bob Chamberlin, on his retirement from the United States Navy after 33 years of distinguished and dedicated service to the nation.

Rear Admiral Chamberlin is a native of Massachusetts. He graduated from high school in Westwood and went on to earn his bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin, where he distinguished himself as a first-tier ROTC graduate. Shortly after receiving his commission in 1966, he was assigned to the U.S.S. *Hisseem* in Pearl Harbor. From there he went on to serve in Vietnam, gaining the respect of all who shared duty with him and earning numerous decorations and awards, including the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, the Vietnamese Medal