

(3) enhanced community policing, state enactment of truth in sentencing laws requiring violent criminals to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences, and increased reliance on new crime detection and crime solving technology have significantly contributed to this decline in the violent crime rate;

(4) the policies and priorities of recent Congresses and the Nation's governors have provided significant increases in law enforcement funding and have enacted legislative initiatives that have given federal and state prosecutors and judges the tools to detect, prosecute, and punish violent criminals;

(5) foremost among these federal funding initiatives have been the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, the Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth in Sentencing Incentive Grant program, and the Juvenile Offender Accountability Incentive Block Grant program, which have distributed nearly \$5.7 billion in funding to State and local governments since fiscal year 1996; and

(6) The President's FY 2000 budget provides zero funding for each of the three crucial programs.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that—

(1) the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program, the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program, the Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth in Sentencing Incentive Grants Program, the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and the Byrne Memorial Grant program should be reauthorized; and

(2) the COPS Program should be reauthorized and improved in order to provide continued federal funding for the hiring, deployment, and retention of community law enforcement officers, to provide greater flexibility to state and local authorities to purchase capital equipment, and to provide greater incentives to state and local law enforcement to invest in zero tolerance and crime tracking strategies used successfully in New York City and elsewhere.

#### COLLINS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 247

Mr. DOMENICI (for Ms. COLLINS for herself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REED, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 20, supra; as follows:

Amend section 315 to read as follows:

#### SEC. 315. SENSE OF THE SENATE ON NEED-BASED STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) public investment in higher education yields a return of several dollars for each dollar invested;

(2) higher education promotes economic opportunity for individuals, as recipients of bachelor's degrees earn an average of 75 percent per year more than those with high school diplomas and experience half as much unemployment as high school graduates;

(3) higher education promotes social opportunity, as increased education is correlated with reduced criminal activity, lessened reliance on public assistance, and increased civic participation;

(4) a more educated workforce will be essential for continued economic competitiveness in an age where the amount of information available to society will double in a matter of days rather than months or years;

(5) access to a college education has become a hallmark of American society, and is vital to upholding our belief in equality of opportunity;

(6) for a generation, the Federal Pell Grant has served as an established and effective means of providing access to higher education for students with financial need;

(7) over the past decade, Pell Grant awards have failed to keep pace with inflation, eroding their value and threatening access to higher education for the nation's neediest students;

(8) grant aid as a portion of all students' financial aid has fallen significantly over the past 5 years;

(9) the nation's neediest students are now borrowing approximately as much as its wealthiest students to finance higher education; and

(10) the percentage of freshmen attending public and private 4-year institutions from families below national median income has fallen since 1981.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that within the discretionary allocation provided to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate for function 500—

(1) the maximum amount of Federal Pell Grants should be increased by \$400;

(2) funding for the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants Program should be increased by \$65,000,000;

(3) funding for the Federal capital contributions under the Federal Perkins Loan Program should be increased by \$35,000,000;

(4) funding for the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program should be increased by \$50,000,000;

(5) funding for the Federal Work-Study Program should be increased by \$64,000,000;

(6) funding for the Federal TRIO Programs should be increased by \$100,000,000.

#### MICROLOAN PROGRAM TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 1999

##### KERRY AMENDMENT NO. 248

Mr. ENZI (for Mr. KERRY) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 440) to make technical corrections to the Microloan Program; as follows:

On page 2, strikes lines 7 through 20, and insert the following:

(1) in paragraph (7), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) ALLOCATION.—

“(i) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, of the total amount of new loan funds made available for award under this subsection in each fiscal year, the Administration shall make available for award in each State (including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa) an amount equal to the sum of—

“(I) the lesser of—

“(aa) \$800,000; or

“(bb) 1/5 of the total amount of new loan funds made available for award under this subsection for that fiscal year; and

“(II) any additional amount, as determined by the Administration.

“(ii) REDISTRIBUTION.—If, at the beginning of the third quarter of a fiscal year, the Administration determines that any portion of the amount made available to carry out this subsection is unlikely to be made available under clause (i) during that fiscal year, the Administration may make that portion

available for award in any 1 or more States (including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa) without regard to clause (i).”;

#### AVIATION WAR RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM

##### THOMPSON AMENDMENT NO. 249

Mr. ENZI (for Mr. THOMPSON) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 98) to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program; as follows:

Strike section 2.

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program.”.

#### CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LANDS IN SAN JUAN COUNTY, NM, TO SAN JUAN COLLEGE

##### DOMENICI (AND BINGAMAN) AMENDMENT NO. 250

Mr. ENZI (for Mr. DOMENICI for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 293) to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior and to convey certain lands in San Juan County, NM, to San Juan College; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. OLD JICARILLA ADMINISTRATIVE SITE.

(a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—Not later than one year after the date of completion of the survey referred to in subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to San Juan College, in Farmington, New Mexico, subject to the terms, conditions, and reservations under subsection (c), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property (including any improvements on the land) not to exceed 20 acres known as the “Old Jicarilla Site” located in San Juan County, New Mexico (T29N; R5W; portions of sections 29 and 30).

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, and the President of San Juan College. The cost of the survey shall be borne by San Juan College.

(c) TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND RESERVATIONS.—

(1) Notwithstanding exceptions for application under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (43 U.S.C. 869(c)), consideration for the conveyance described in subsection (a) shall be—

(A) an amount that is consistent with the Bureau of Land Management special pricing program for Governmental entities under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act; and

(B) an agreement between the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture and San Juan College indemnifying the Government of the United States from all liability of the Government that arises from the property.