At the request of Mr. Hatch, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Lieberman) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. Snowe) were added as cosponsors of S. 1150, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1862 to more accurately codify the depreciable life of semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

At the request of Mr. Harkin, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Dorgan) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1177, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to permit the harvesting of crops on land subject to conservation reserve contracts for recovery of biomass used in energy production.

At the request of Mr. Dorgan, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. Hagel) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 34
At the request of Mr. Torricelli, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Roth) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. Collins) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 34, a resolution designating the week beginning April 30, 1999, as “National Youth Fitness Week.”

SENATE RESOLUTION 59
At the request of Mr. Lautenberg, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. Snowe), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. Smith), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Thurmond), and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. Bayh) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 59, a resolution designating both July 2, 1999, and July 2, 2000, as “National Literacy Day.”

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

BOXER (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 541
Mrs. Boxer (for herself, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Feingold) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1122) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike section 8106, and insert the following:

SEC. 8106. Not later than March 1, 2000, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the inventory and status of operational support aircraft, Commander-in-Chief support aircraft, and command support aircraft of the Department of Defense. The report shall include a detailed discussion of the requirements for such aircraft, the foreseeable future requirements for such aircraft, the cost of leasing such aircraft, commercial alternatives to use of such aircraft, the cost of maintaining the aircraft, the capability and appropriateness of the aircraft to fulfill mission requirements, and the relevancy of the missions of the aircraft to warfighting requirements.

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 542
Mr. Stevens proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

In the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

“SEC. In addition to any funds appropriated elsewhere in Title IV of this Act under the heading “Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy”, $5,000,000 is hereby appropriated only for the Army Test and Evaluation Centers program element.

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 543
Mr. Stevens proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Title IV under the heading “Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy”, is hereby reduced by $86,840,000 and the total amount appropriated in this Act for Title IV under the heading “Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide”, is hereby increased by $51,840,000 to reflect the transfer of the Joint Warfighting Experimentation Program to the Department of Defense for development.

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 544
Mr. Stevens proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

In the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated elsewhere in Title IV of this Act under the heading “Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy”, is hereby reduced by $86,840,000 and the total amount appropriated in this Act for Title IV of this Act under the heading “Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide”, is hereby increased by $51,840,000 to reflect the transfer of the Joint Warfighting Experimentation Program to the Department of Defense for development.

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 545
Mr. Stevens proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in Title III, $10,000,000 is hereby appropriated for U-2 cockpit modifications.

SUMMARY

None of the funds made available in the 1999 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law 106-5) for emergency support of refugees and displaced persons and the local communities directly affected by the influx of refugees may be made available to implement a long-term, regional program of development or reconstruction in South- eastern Europe except pursuant to specific statutory authorization enacted on or after the date of enactment of this Act.
MACK AMENDMENTS NOS. 553–555

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. MACK) proposed three amendments to the bill, S. 1122, supra, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 553
At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, NAVY”, up to $6,000,000 may be available for the 3-D advanced track acquisition and imaging system.

AMENDMENT NO. 554
At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, FIRE”, up to $5,000,000 may be available for electronic propulsion systems.

AMENDMENT NO. 555
At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . Of the funds appropriated in title III under the heading “Counter-Drug Activities, Defense”, up to $5,000,000 may be made available for a ground processing station to support a tropical remote sensing radar.

BECK AMENDMENT NO. 556

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. BECK) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra, as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

SEC. . Of the funds made available under the heading “Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army”, up to $2,000,000 may be available to support the establishment of a DOD Center for Medical Informatics.

SEC. III under the heading ‘‘PROCUREMENT, NAVY’’, up to $2,800,000 may be made available for development of an anti-ship missile.

SEC. IV under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army’’, up to $6,000,000 may be made available for the Crowd Control Munition.

SEC. V under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Marine Corps’’, up to $1,500,000 may be made available for continuing research on advanced anti-ship capabilities.

SEC. VI under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy’’, up to $2,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new anti-submarine warfare system.

SEC. VII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force’’, up to $4,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new electronic warfare system.

SEC. VIII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army’’, up to $1,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new battlefield surveillance system.

SEC. IX under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy’’, up to $3,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new antisubmarine warfare system.

SEC. X under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Marine Corps’’, up to $4,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new anti-ship missile.

SEC. XI under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force’’, up to $6,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new electronic warfare system.

SEC. XII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army’’, up to $2,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new battlefield surveillance system.

SEC. XIII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy’’, up to $3,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new antisubmarine warfare system.

SEC. XIV under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Marine Corps’’, up to $5,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new anti-ship missile.

SEC. XV under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force’’, up to $7,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new electronic warfare system.

SEC. XVI under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army’’, up to $2,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new battlefield surveillance system.

SEC. XVII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy’’, up to $4,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new antisubmarine warfare system.

SEC. XVIII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Marine Corps’’, up to $5,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new anti-ship missile.

SEC. XIX under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force’’, up to $7,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new electronic warfare system.

SEC. XX under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army’’, up to $3,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new battlefield surveillance system.

SEC. XXI under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy’’, up to $4,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new antisubmarine warfare system.

SEC. XXII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Marine Corps’’, up to $6,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new anti-ship missile.

SEC. XXIII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force’’, up to $8,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new electronic warfare system.

SEC. XXIV under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army’’, up to $3,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new battlefield surveillance system.

SEC. XXV under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy’’, up to $5,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new antisubmarine warfare system.

SEC. XXVI under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Marine Corps’’, up to $6,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new anti-ship missile.

SEC. XXVII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force’’, up to $8,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new electronic warfare system.

SEC. XXVIII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army’’, up to $4,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new battlefield surveillance system.

SEC. XXIX under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy’’, up to $5,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new antisubmarine warfare system.

SEC. XXX under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Marine Corps’’, up to $7,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new anti-ship missile.

SEC. XXXI under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force’’, up to $9,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new electronic warfare system.

SEC. XXXII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army’’, up to $4,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new battlefield surveillance system.

SEC. XXXIII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy’’, up to $6,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new antisubmarine warfare system.

SEC. XXXIV under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Marine Corps’’, up to $7,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new anti-ship missile.

SEC. XXXV under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force’’, up to $9,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new electronic warfare system.

SEC. XXXVI under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army’’, up to $5,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new battlefield surveillance system.

SEC. XXXVII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy’’, up to $6,500,000 may be made available for the development of a new antisubmarine warfare system.

SEC. XXXVIII under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Marine Corps’’, up to $8,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new anti-ship missile.

SEC. XXXIX under the heading ‘‘Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force’’, up to $10,000,000 may be made available for the development of a new electronic warfare system.
At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

SEC. 8109. (a) The purpose of this section is to provide means for the City of Bayonne, New Jersey, to furnish fire protection through the Secretary's municipal fire department for the tenants, including the Coast Guard, and property at Military Ocean Terminal, New Jersey, thereby enhancing the City's capability to furnish safety services that is a fundamental capability necessary for encouraging the economic development of Military Ocean Terminal.

(b) The Secretary of the Army may, notwithstanding title II of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, convey without consideration to the Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority, Bayonne, New Jersey, and to the City of Bayonne, New Jersey, jointly, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the firefighting equipment described in subsection (c).

(c) The equipment to be conveyed under subsection (b) is firefighting equipment at Military Ocean Terminal, Bayonne, New Jersey, as follows:

(2) Pierce Arrow 100-foot Tower Ladder, manufactured January 1998.
(3) Pierce HAZMAT truck, manufactured 1993.

(d) The conveyance and delivery of the property shall be at no cost to the United States.

(e) The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

BIDEN AMENDMENT NO. 566

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

SEC. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, NAVY”, up to $3,000,000 may be made available for research on advanced composite materials processing (specifically, resin transfer molding, vacuum-assisted resin transfer molding, and co-infusion resin transfer molding).

DOMENICI AMENDMENTS NOS. 567–568

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. DOMENICI) proposed two amendments to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

Amendment No. 567

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert:

SEC. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, NAVY”, up to $5,000,000 may be spent on a pilot program to use state-of-the-art training technology that would train the acquisition workforce in a simulated government procurement environment.

INOUYE AMENDMENT NO. 573

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. INOUYE) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill add the following:

SEC. . During the current fiscal year, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Center of Excellence for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance may also pay, or authorize payment for, the expenses of providing or facilitating education and training for appropriate personnel of foreign and other countries in disaster management and humanitarian assistance: Provided, That not later than April 1, 2001, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report regarding the training of foreign personnel conducted under this authority during the preceding fiscal year for which expenses were paid under the section: Provided further, That the report shall specify the countries in which the training was conducted, the type of training conducted, and the foreign personnel trained.

HUTCHISON (AND GRAMM) AMENDMENT NO. 574

Mr. STEVENS (for Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. GRAMM)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

On page 107, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 8109. (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to evaluate and demonstrate cost savings from using public or private sector facilities, capabilities, or contracts; to identify and evaluate public or private sector capabilities, and to provide for the acquisition, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, of the services of such facilities, capabilities, or contracts.

(b) Authority.—(1) The Secretary of the Air Force may carry out at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, a demonstration project to be known as the “Base Efficiency Project” to improve mission effectiveness and reduce the cost of providing quality installation support at Brooks Air Force Base.

(2) The Secretary shall carry out the Project in consultation with the Community to the extent the Secretary determines such consultation is necessary and appropriate.

(3) The authority provided in this section is in addition to any other authority vested in or delegated to the Secretary, and the Secretary may exercise any authority or combination of authorities provided under this section or elsewhere to carry out the purposes of the Project.

(c) Efficient Practices.—(1) The Secretary may convert services at or for the benefit of the Base from accomplishment by military personnel or by Department civilian employees (appropriated funds or non-appropriated funds) to services performed by contract or provided as consideration for the lease, sale, or other conveyance or transfer of property.

(2) Notwithstanding section 2602 of title 10, United States Code, a contract for services may be awarded based on “best value” if the Secretary determines that the award will advance the purposes of a joint activity conducted under the Project and is in the best interest of the Department.

(3) Notwithstanding that such services are generally funded by local and State taxes and provided without specific charge to the public at large, the Secretary may contract for public services at or for the benefit of the Base in exchange for such consideration, if any, the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(4)(A) The Secretary may conduct joint activities with the Community, the State, and any private parties or entities on or for the benefit of the Base.

(B) Payments or reimbursements received from participants for their share of direct and indirect costs of joint activities, including the costs of providing, operating, and maintaining facilities, shall be in an amount and type determined to be adequate and appropriate by the Secretary.

(C) Any payments or reimbursements received by the Department shall be deposited into the Project Fund.
Lease Authority.—(1) The Secretary may lease real property located on the Base to any lessee upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate and in the interest of the United States, if the Secretary determines that the lease would facilitate the purposes of the Project.

(2) Consideration for a lease under this subsection shall be determined in accordance with subsection (g).

(3) A lease under this subsection—
(A) may be for such period as the Secretary determines is necessary to accomplish the goals of the Project; and
(B) may give the lessee the first right to purchase the property if the lease is terminated in order to allow the United States to sell the property under any other provision of law.

(4)(A) The interest of a lessee of property leased under this subsection may be taxed by the State or the Community.
(B) A lease under this subsection shall provide that, if and to the extent that the leased property is later made taxable by State governments or local governments under Federal law, the lease shall be renegotiated.

(5) The Department may furnish a lessee with personal services, and other base operation, maintenance, or support services, in exchange for such consideration, payment, or reimbursement as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(6) All amounts received from leases under this subsection shall be deposited into the Project Fund.

(7) A lease under this subsection shall not be subject to the following provisions of law:
(A) Section 2667 of title 10, United States Code, other than subsection (b)(1) of that section.

Property Disposal.—(1) The Secretary may sell or otherwise convey or transfer real and personal property located at the Base to the Community or to another public or private party during the Project, upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate for purposes of the Project.

(2) Consideration for a sale or other conveyance or transfer of property under this subsection shall be determined in accordance with subsection (g).

(3) The sale or other conveyance or transfer of property under this subsection shall not be subject to the following provisions of law:
(A) Section 2693 of title 10, United States Code.
(B) The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.).

(4) Cash payments received as consideration for the sale or other conveyance or transfer of property under this subsection shall be deposited into the Project Fund.

Leaseback of Property Leased or Disposed.—(1) The Secretary may lease, sell, or otherwise convey or transfer real property at the Base to the Department (h) and (e), and as applicable, which will be retained for use by the Department or by another military department or other Federal agency, if the lease, personal services, and other conveyance or transfer of the property agrees to enter into a leaseback to the Department in connection with the lease, sale, or other conveyance or transfer of some or all of the property leased, sold, or otherwise conveyed or transferred, as applicable.

(2) A leaseback of real property under this subsection shall be for operating leases for no more than 20 years unless the Secretary of Defense determines that a longer term is appropriate.

(3) Consideration, if any, for real property leased under a leaseback entered into under this subsection shall be in such form and amount as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(4) The Secretary may use funds in the Project Fund or other funds appropriated or otherwise available to the Department for payment of any such cash rent.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department or other military department or other Federal agency using the real property leased under a leaseback entered into under this subsection may construct and erect facilities on or otherwise improve the leased property using funds appropriated or otherwise available to the department or other military department or other Federal agency for such purpose. Funds available under this subsection shall be deposited into the Project Fund, for such purpose include funds in the Project Fund.

Consideration.—(1) The Secretary shall determine the nature, value, and adequacy of consideration required or offered in exchange for a lease, sale, or other conveyance or transfer of real or personal property or for other actions under the Project.

(2) Consideration shall be made from amounts in the Project Fund or any combination thereof. In-kind consideration may include the following:
(A) Real property.
(B) Personal property.
(C) Goods or services, including operation, maintenance, protection, repair, or restoration (including environmental restoration) or any combination thereof (including non-appropriated fund facilities).
(D) Base operating support services.
(E) Construction or improvement of Department facilities.
(F) Provision of facilities, including office, storage, or other usable space, for use by the Department on or off the Base.

(3) Consideration may not be for less than the fair market value.

Project Fund.—(1) There is established in the Treasury a fund to be known as the “Base Efficiency Project Fund” into which all cash rents, proceeds, payments, reimbursements, and other amounts from leases, sales, or other conveyances or transfers, joint activities, and all other actions taken under the Project shall be deposited. All amounts deposited into the Project Fund are without fiscal year limitation.

(2) Amounts in the Project Fund may be used only for operation, base operating support services, maintenance, repair, construction, or improvement of Department facilities, payment of consideration for acquisitions of interests in real property (including payment of rentals for leasebacks), and environmental protection or restoration, in addition to or in combination with other amounts appropriated for these purposes.

(3) Subsection (b) applies as if the provisions of subsection (b) were applicable.

(4) The Secretary shall establish the structure of the Project Fund and such administrative policies and procedures as the Secretary considers necessary to account for and control deposits into and disbursements from the Project Fund effectively.

(5) All amounts in the Project Fund shall be available for use for the purposes authorized in paragraph (2) at the Base, except that the Secretary may redirect up to 50 per cent of such amounts to other Federal agencies for use at other installations under the control and jurisdiction of the Secretary as the Secretary determines necessary and in the best interest of the Department.

(a)(1) Any Federal agency, its contractors, or its grantees shall pay, in cash or services, for the use of facilities or property at the Base, in an amount and type determined to be adequate by the Secretary.

(b) Such rent shall generally be the fair market rental of the property, but in any case shall be sufficient to compensate the Base for the direct and overhead costs incurred by the Base due to the possession of the tenant agency on the Base.

(2) Transfers of real or personal property at the Base to other Federal agencies shall be at fair market value consideration. Such consideration may be paid in cash, by appropriation transfer, or in property, or services.

(3) Amounts received from other Federal agencies for the use of facilities or property, including any amounts paid by appropriation transfer, shall be deposited in the Project Fund.

Acquisition of Interests in Real Property.—(1) The Secretary may acquire any interest in real property in and around the Community that the Secretary determines will advance the purposes of the Project.

(2) The Secretary shall determine the value of the interest in the real property to be acquired and the consideration (if any) to be offered in exchange for the interest or property, or gift.

(3) The authority to acquire an interest in real property under this subsection includes authority to make surveys and acquire such interests by purchase, exchange, or gift.

(4) Payments for such acquisitions may be made from amounts in the Project Fund or from such other funds appropriated or otherwise available to the Department for such purposes.

Reports to Congress.—(1) Section 2662 of title 10, United States Code, shall not apply to transactions at the Base during the Project.

(2) A Not later than March 1 each year, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on any transactions at the Base during the preceding fiscal year that would be subject to such section 2662, but for paragraph (1).

(3) The report shall include a detailed cost analysis of the financial savings and gains realized through joint activities and other actions under the Project authorized by this section and a description of the status of the Project.

Limitation.—None of the authorities in this section shall create any legal rights in any person or entity except rights embodied in leases, deeds, or contracts.

Expiration of Authority.—The authority to enter into a lease, deed, permit, license, contract, or other agreement under this section shall expire on September 30, 2004.

Definitions.—In this section:
(1) The term “Project” means the Base Efficiency Project authorized by this section.
(2) The term “Base” means Brooks Air Force Base, Texas.
(3) The term “Community” means the City of San Antonio, Texas.
(4) The term “Department” means the Department of the Air Force.
unit as that term is used in subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code.

6. The term “joint activity” means any activity conducted on or for the benefit of the Base by the Department, jointly with the Community, the State, or any private entity, or any combination thereof.

7. The term “Project Fund” means the Base Efficiency Project Fund established by subsection (b).

8. The term “public services” means public services (except public schools, fire protection, and police protection) that are funded by Federal and State taxes and provided without specific charge to the public at large.

9. The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Air Force or the Secretary’s designee, who shall be a civilian official of the Department appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

10. The term “State” means the State of Texas.

GORTON AMENDMENT NO. 575
Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. Gorton) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

On page 107, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

Sect. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMED FORCES”, $4,000,000 shall be made available for the Advanced Integrated Helmet System Program.

LOTT AMENDMENT NO. 576
Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. Lott) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

Office of Net Assessment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, jointly with the United States Pacific Command, shall submit a report to Congress no later than 180 days after the enactment of this act which addresses the following issues:

1. A review and evaluation of the operational planning and other preparations of the U.S. Pacific Command, including but not limited to the U.S. Pacific Command, to implement the relevant sections of the Taiwan Relations Act since its enactment in 1979.

2. A review and evaluation of all gaps in relevant knowledge about the current and future military balance between Taiwan and mainland China, including but not limited to Chinese open source writings.

3. A set of recommendations, based on these reviews and evaluations, concerning further research and analysis that the Office of Net Assessment and the Pacific Command believe to be necessary and desirable to be performed by the National Defense University and other defense research centers.

DOMENICI AMENDMENT NO. 577
Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. Domenici) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

On page 106, line 4, strike “The Communications Act” and insert “(a) The Communications Act of 1934”.

On page 107, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

(b) Not later than 15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Communications Commission shall each submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report which shall:

(A) set forth the anticipated schedule (including specific dates for—

(1) preparing and conducting the competitive bidding process required by subsection (a); and

(B) set forth each significant milestone in the rulemaking process with respect to the competitive bidding process;

(C) include an explanation of the effect of each requirement in subsection (a) on the schedule for the competitive bidding process and any post-bidding activities (including the deposit of receipts) when compared with the schedule for the competitive bidding and any post-bidding activities (including the deposit of receipts) that would otherwise have occurred under section 337(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 337(b)(2)) if not for the enactment of subsection (a);

(D) set forth for each spectrum auction held by the Federal Communications Commission since 1995 information on—

(i) the time required for each stage of preparation for the auction;

(ii) the date of the commencement of and the completion of the auction;

(iii) the time which elapsed between the date of the completion of the auction and the date of the first deposit of receipts from the auction in the Treasury; and

(iv) the dates of all subsequent deposits of receipts from the auction in the Treasury; and

(E) include an assessment of how the stages of the competitive bidding process required by subsection (a), including preparation, commencement and completion, and deposit of receipts, will differ from similar stages in the auctions referred to in subparagraph (D).

(2) Not later than October 5, 2000, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Communications Commission shall each submit to the appropriate congressional committees the report which shall—

(A) describe the course of the competitive bidding process required by subsection (a) through September 30, 2000, including the amount of any post-bidding activities required by the competitive bidding process deposited in the Treasury on or before September 30, 2000; and

(B) if the course of the competitive bidding process has included any deviations from the schedule set forth under paragraph (1)(A), an explanation for such deviations from the schedule.

(3) The Federal Communications Commission may not consult with the Director in the preparation and submittal of the report required of the Commission by this subsection.

(4) In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the following:

(A) The Committees on Appropriations, the Budget, and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

ROBERTS AMENDMENT NO. 578
Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. Roberts) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the end of the general provisions, add the following:


(a) EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURE EXPORT RELIEF ACT OF 1998.—Section 2 of the Agriculture Export Relief Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–194; 112 Stat. 627) is amended by striking “September 30, 1999” each place it appears and inserting “September 30, 2002”.

(b) EXTENSION OF INDIA-PAKISTAN RELIEF ACT OF 1998.—

(1) In general.—Section 902(a) of the India-Pakistan Relief Act of 1998 (Public Law 106–194; 112 Stat. 627) amended by striking “for a period not to exceed one year upon enactment of this Act” and inserting “for a period not to exceed September 30, 2002”.

(2) REPORT.—Section 904 of such Act is amended by striking “a one-year period described in section 902” and inserting “the year following the date of enactment of this Act and annually thereafter”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

DURBIN AMENDMENT NO. 579
Mr. INOUYE (for Mr. Durbin) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

Sect. 8109. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to carry out any conveyance of land at the former Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Unless such conveyance is consistent with a regional agreement among the communities and jurisdictions in the vicinity of Fort Sheridan and in accordance with section 2862 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (division B of Public Law 104–106; 110 Stat. 573).

(2) The land referred to in paragraph (1) is a parcel of real property, including any improvements thereon, located at the former Fort Sheridan, Illinois, consisting of approximately 14 acres, and known as the northern Army Reserve enclave area, that is covered by the authority in section 2862 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 and has not been conveyed pursuant to that authority as of the date of enactment of this Act.

BINGHAM AMENDMENT NO. 580
Mr. INOUYE (for Mr. Bingham) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

Sect. 8109. (a) Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Congress recognizes and supports, as being fundamental to the national defense, the duty of the Armed Forces to test weapons and weapon systems thoroughly, and to train members of the Armed Forces in the use of weapons and weapon systems before the forces enter hostile military engagements.

(2) It is the policy of the United States that the Armed Forces at all times exercise the highest degree of caution in the testing of weapons and weapon systems in order to avoid endangering civilian populations and the environment.

(3) In the adherence to these policies, it is essential to the public safety that the Armed Forces not test weapons or weapon systems,
or engage in training exercises with live ammunition in close proximity to civilian populations unless there is no reasonable alternative available.

(b) It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Department of Defense should be a thorough and independent investigation of the circumstances that led to the accidental death of a civilian employee of the Navy installation in Vieques, Puerto Rico, and the wounding of four other civilians during a live-ammunition weapons test at Vieques, including a re-examination of the adequacy of the measures that are in place to protect the civilian population during such testing and of the extent to which the civilian population at the site can be adequately protected during such testing;

(2) the President should not authorize the Navy to resume live ammunition testing on the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, unless and until he has advised the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives that—

(A) there is not available an alternative testing site with a civilian population located in close proximity;

(B) the national security of the United States requires that the testing be carried out despite the potential risks to the civilian population;

(C) measures to provide the utmost level of safety to the civilian population are to be in place and maintained throughout the testing; and

(D) in the event that testing resumes, measures are to be taken to protect the Island and the surrounding area from environmental degradation, including possible environmental harm, that might result from the testing of ammunition containing radioactive materials; and

(3) in addition to advising committees of Congress of the findings as described in paragraph (2), the President should advise the Governor of Puerto Rico of those findings and, if the President decides to resume live-ammunition weapons testing on the Island of Vieques, consult with the Governor on a regular basis regarding the measures being taken from time to time to protect civilians from harm from the testing.

INOUE AMENDMENT NO. 581
Mr. INOUE (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

SECTION 1. FEDERAL HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIP.

SEC. . (a) The Department of Defense is authorized to enter into agreements with the Veterans Administration and Federally-funded health agencies providing services to Native Hawaiians for the purpose of establishing a partnership similar to the Alaska Federal Health Care Partnership, in order to maximize Federal resources in the provision of health care services by Federally-funded health agencies, applying telemedicine technologies. For the purpose of this partnership, Native Hawaiians shall have the same status as other Native Americans who are eligible for the health care services provided by the Indian Health Service.

(b) The Department of Defense is authorized to develop a consultation policy, consistent with section 2703 of Executive Order 13084 (issued May 14, 1996), with Native Hawaiians for the purpose of assuring maximum Native Hawaiian participation in the direction and administration of health care services as to render those services more responsive to the needs of the Native Hawaiian community.

(c) For purposes of these sections, the term ‘Native Hawaiian’ means any individual who is a descendant of the aboriginal people who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now comprises the State of Hawaii’.

KENNEDY AMENDMENT NO. 582
Mr. KENNEDY (for Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

Of the funds appropriated in title III, Procurement, under the heading “MISSILE PROCUREMENT, Army”, up to $35,000,000 may be made available to retrofit and improve the inventory of Patriot missiles in order to meet current and projected threats from cruise missiles.

LEVIN AMENDMENT NO. 583
Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in Title IV, of this Act under Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, is hereby reduced by $200,000,000: Provided, That not more than $50,000,000 of the funds provided under this Act may be obligated for National Missile Defense programs: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Aircraft Procurement, Army is hereby increased by $56,100,000 for re-engining of the CH-47 helicopter, Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Procurement of Ammunition, Army, is hereby increased by $98,400,000 for advance procurement of the Javelin missile: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Aircraft Procurement, Army, is hereby increased by $98,400,000 for advance procurement of the Javelin missile: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Aircraft Procurement, Army, is hereby increased by $98,400,000 for advance procurement of the Javelin missile: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Aircraft Procurement, Army, is hereby increased by $98,400,000 for advance procurement of the Javelin missile: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Aircraft Procurement, Army, is hereby increased by $98,400,000 for advance procurement of the Javelin missile: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Aircraft Procurement, Army, is hereby increased by $98,400,000 for advance procurement of the Javelin missile: Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act for Aircraft Procurement, Army, is hereby increased by $98,400,000 for advance procurement of the Javelin missile:

McCAIN AMENDMENTS NOS. 584-585
Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. MCCAIN) proposed two amendments to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 584
Strike section 8108, and insert the following:

SEC. 8108. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the total amount appropriated in this Act by titles III, IV, and VI is hereby reduced by $1,100,000,000; the reductions to be derived from appropriations as follows:

(1) From Operation and Maintenance, Army, $27,000,000.
(2) From Operation and Maintenance, Navy, $36,000,000.
(3) From Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps, $1,200,000.
(4) From Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, $61,800,000.
(5) From Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, $78,900,000.
(6) From Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard, $35,500,000.
(7) From Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard, $4,100,000.
(8) From Aircraft Procurement, Army, $178,000,000.
(9) From Procurement of Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army, $26,400,000.
(10) From Procurement of Ammunition, Army, $37,500,000.
(11) From Other Procurement, Army, $135,500,000.
(12) From Aircraft Procurement, Navy, $69,000,000.
(13) From Procurement of Ammunition, Navy, $54,800,000.
(14) From Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy, $317,500,000.
(15) From Other Procurement, Navy, $67,800,000.
(16) From Procurement, Marine Corps, $54,900,000.
(17) From Aircraft Procurement, Air Force, $164,500,000.
(18) From Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force, $25,400,000.
(19) From Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force, $5,100,000.
(20) From Other Procurement, Air Force, $53,400,000.
(21) From Procurement, Defense-Wide, $73,000,000.
(22) From National Guard and Reserve Equipment, $190,500,000.
(23) From Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, $249,100,000.
(24) From Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, $286,700,000.
(26) From Defense Health Program, $226,200,000.
(27) From Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense, $61,600,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 585
At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

SEC. 8109. (a) Subject to subsection (c) and except as provided in subsection (d), the Secretary of Defense may waive any domestic source requirement or domestic content requirement referred to in subsection (b) and thereby authorize procurements of items that are grown, reprocessed, reused, produced, or manufactured—

(1) inside a foreign country the government of which is a party to a reciprocal defense memorandum of understanding that is entered into with the Secretary of Defense and is in effect;

(2) inside the United States or its possessions;

(3) inside the United States or its possessions partly or wholly from components grown, reprocessed, reused, produced, or manufactured outside the United States or its possessions.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) A domestic source requirement is any requirement under law that the Department of Defense must satisfy its needs for an item by procuring an item that is grown, reprocessed, reused, produced, or manufactured in the United States, its possessions, or a part of the national technology and industrial base;

(2) A domestic content requirement is any requirement under law that the Department must satisfy its needs for an item by procuring an item produced or manufactured...
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Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. Shelby) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

On page 107, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

S. 8109. (a) Of the amounts appropriated by title II under the heading "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE", up to $220,000 may be made available to carry out the study described in subsection (b).

(b) The Secretary shall carry out the study at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant, Wisconsin.

S. 8109. The Secretary shall provide for the carrying out of work under the study through the Omega District Corps of Engineers and in cooperation with the Department of Energy Federal Technology Center, Morgantown, West Virginia.

S. 8109. The Secretary may make available to other departments and agencies of the Federal Government information developed as a result of the study.

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. Bond) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

In Title IV, under Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army, add the following:

"Of the funds appropriated for research, development, test and evaluation Army, up to $10 million may be utilized for Army Space Control Technology."

MR. STEVENS (for Mr. Bond (for himself and Mr. Domenici)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

In the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

"S. 8109. In addition to funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, the amount appropriated in Title IV of this Act under the heading "Space Control Technology" is hereby increased by $220,000,000 only to procure four (4) F–15E aircraft; Provided, that the amount provided in Title IV of this Act under the heading "Space Control Technology" is hereby increased by $220,000,000 only to procure four (4) F–15E aircraft; Provided further, that the amount provided in Title III of this Act under the heading "Aircraft Procurement, Defense Wide" is hereby reduced by $50,000,000 to reduce the total amount available for Spares and Repair Parts; Provided further, that the amount provided in Title III of this Act under the heading "Aircraft Procurement, Navy" is hereby reduced by $50,000,000 to reduce the total amount available for Spares and Repair Parts."

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. Koch) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

S. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title II under the heading "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE", up to $4,000,000 may be made available for the Manufacturing Technology Assistance Pilot Program.

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. Helms) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

S. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY", up to $5,000,000 may be available for visual display performance and visual display environmental research and development.

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. Byrd) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

S. 8109. Of the funds appropriated in title III of this Act under the heading "AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE", $7,300,000 shall be available, in addition to other funds appropriated under that heading for space launch facilities, for a second team of personnel for space launch facilities."
year research plan outlined in the report entitled "Department of Defense Strategy to Address Low-Level Exposures to Chemical Warfare Agents (CWAes)", dated May 1999, that was submitted to committees of Congress pursuant to section 24(f) of the Strom Thurmond National Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261; 112 Stat. 1957).

ASHCROFT (AND BOND) AMENDMENT NO. 596

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself and Mr. BOND)) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the end of the general provisions, add the following:

Sec. 8109. (a) Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The B–2 bomber has been used in combat for the first time in Operation Allied Force against Yugoslavia.

(2) The B–2 bomber has demonstrated unparalleled strike capability in Operation Allied Force, with cursory data indicating that the bomber could have dropped nearly 20 percent of the precision ordinance while flying less than 3 percent of the attack sorties.

(3) According to the congressionally mandated Long Range Air Power Panel, "long range air power is an increasingly important element of United States military capability.

(4) The crews of the B–2 bomber and the personnel of Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, deserve particular credit for flying and supporting operations against Yugoslavia, some of the longest combat missions in the history of the Air Force.

(5) The bravery and professionalism of the personnel of Whiteman Air Force Base have advanced American interests in the face of significant challenge and hardship.

(6) The dedication of those who serve in the Armed Forces, exemplified clearly by the personnel of Whiteman Air Force Base, is the greatest national security asset of the United States.

(b) It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) The B–2 bomber has been used in Operation Allied Force against Yugoslavia.

(2) The B–2 bomber has demonstrated unparalleled strike capability in Operation Allied Force, with cursory data indicating that the bomber could have dropped nearly 20 percent of the precision ordinance while flying less than 3 percent of the attack sorties.

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(5) The bravery and professionalism of the personnel of Whiteman Air Force Base have advanced American interests in the face of significant challenge and hardship.

(6) The dedication of those who serve in the Armed Forces, exemplified clearly by the personnel of Whiteman Air Force Base, is the greatest national security asset of the United States.

SMITH AMENDMENT NO. 597

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. Smith of New Hampshire) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

In the appropriate page in the bill, insert the following:

Sec. . Of the funds appropriated in Title III under the heading "AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE", up to $17,500,000 may be made available for procurement of the F–15A/B data link for the Air National Guard.

HARKIN AMENDMENT NO. 598

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

Sec. 8104. Of the amount appropriated in title IV under the heading "RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE WINDS", $25,186,000 shall be available for research and development relating to Persian Gulf illnesses, of which $4,000,000 shall be available for continuation of research into Gulf War illnesses that include multidisciplinary studies of fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, multiple chemical sensitivity, and the use of research methods and computational neuroscience, and of which up to $2,000,000 may be made available for expansion of the research program in the Upper Great Plains region.

GRAHAM AMENDMENT NO. 599

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. GRAHAM) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

Sec. 8109. Of the total amount appropriated in Title III under the heading "WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY", up to $17,500,000 may be made available for the MK–43 Machine Gun Conversion Program.

COLLINS AMENDMENT NO. 600

Mr. STEVENS (for Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

Sec. . Of the funds appropriated in Title III under the heading "WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY", up to $3,000,000 may be made available for the MK–43 Machine Gun Conversion Program.

INUYE AMENDMENT NO. 601

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. INUYE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

In the appropriate page in the bill, insert the following:

SEC. . DEVELOPMENT OF FORD ISLAND, HAWAII.

(a) In General.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of the Navy may exercise any authority or combination of authorities in this section for the purpose of developing or facilitating the development of Ford Island, Hawaii, to the extent that the Secretary determines the development is compatible with the mission of the Navy.

(2) The Secretary may not exercise any authority under this section until—

(A) the Secretary submits to the appropriate committees of Congress a master plan for the development of Ford Island; and

(B) a period of 30 calendar days has elapsed following the date on which the notification is received by those committees.

(b) CONVEYANCE AUTHORITY.—(1) The Secretary of the Navy may convey to any public or private person or entity all right, title, and interest in United States real, personal, or mixed property (including any improvements thereon) or personal property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary in the State of Hawaii that the Secretary determines—

(A) is not needed for current operations of the Navy and all of the other Armed Forces; and

(B) will promote the purpose of this section.

(2) A conveyance under this subsection may include such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(c) LEASE AUTHORITY.—(1) The Secretary of the Navy may lease to any public or private person or entity any real property or personal property under jurisdiction of the Secretary in the State of Hawaii that the Secretary determines—

(A) is not needed for current operations of the Navy and all of the other Armed Forces; and

(B) will promote the purpose of this section.

(2) A lease under this subsection shall be subject to section 2667(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, and may include such other terms as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(3) A lease of real property under this subsection may provide that, upon termination of the lease term, the lessee shall have the right of first refusal to acquire the real property covered by the lease if the property is then conveyed under subsection (2).

(4)(A) The Secretary may provide property support services to or for real property leased under this subsection.

(b) To the extent that the Secretary inappropriately uses funds in the Appropriations Acts, any payment made to the Secretary for services provided under this paragraph shall be credited to the appropriation, account, or fund from which the cost of providing the services was paid.

(d) ACQUISITION OF LEASEHOLD INTEREST BY NAVY.—(1) The Secretary of the Navy may acquire a leasehold interest in any facility constructed under subsection (f) as consideration for a transaction authorized by this section upon such terms as the Secretary considers appropriate to promote the purpose of this section.

(2) The term of a lease under paragraph (1) may not exceed 10 years, unless the Secretary of Defense approves a term in excess of 10 years for the purpose of this section.

(3) A lease under this subsection may provide that, upon termination of the lease term, the United States shall have the right of first refusal to acquire the facility covered by the lease.

(e) REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITION.—The Secretary of the Navy shall use competitive procedures for purposes of selecting the real or personal property under subsection (b) and the lessee of real or personal property under subsection (c).

(5) CONSIDERATION.—(a) As consideration for the conveyance of real or personal property under subsection (b), or for the lease of real or personal property under subsection (c), the Secretary of the Navy shall accept cash, real property, personal property, or services, or any combination thereof, in an aggregate amount equal to not less than the fair market value of such real or personal property conveyed or leased.

(f) CONSTRUCTION OF FORD ISLAND.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may not convey or lease any real property or personal property under subsection (b), or the lessee of real or personal property under subsection (c), that is capable of being used as a facility for Coast Guard, Department of Veterans Affairs, Army, or Air Force purposes.

(2) Subject to subsection (i), the Secretary shall enter into a transaction authorized by this section only if the Secretary determines that the transaction meets the purposes set forth in section 2667 of title 10, United States Code.

(g) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary submits to the appropriate committees of Congress a notification of the transaction, including—.
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(A) A detailed description of the transactions authorized by the bill or resolution,

(B) A justification for the transaction specifying the manner in which the transaction will meet the purpose of this section;

(2) a period of 30 calendar days has elapsed following the date on which the notification is received by those committees.

(b) FORD ISLAND IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.—

(1) There is established on the books of the Treasury an account to be known as the “Ford Island Improvement Account”. If there are deposited into the account the following amounts:

(A) Amounts authorized and appropriated to the account.

(B) As provided in subsection (c)(4)(B), the amount of any cash payment received by the Secretary for a transaction under this section.

(2) There shall be deposited into the account the following amounts:

(A) The Secretary may transfer funds from the Ford Island Improvement Account pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2799aa–1) other than subsection (b)(2)(G), to carry out improvements of property or facilities at Ford Island.

(B) The Secretary may transfer funds from the Ford Island Improvement Account established by section 2883(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, to carry out or facilitate the carrying out of a transaction authorized by this section.

(Brownback Amendment No. 602)

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. BROWNBACK) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 578 proposed by Mr. ROBERTS to the bill, S. 1122, supra, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment, insert the following:

TITLE—SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN SANCTIONS TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN

SEC. 1. SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Effective for the period of five years commencing on the date of enactment of this Act, the sanctions contained in the following provisions of law shall not apply to India and Pakistan with respect to any grounds for the imposition of sanctions under those provisions arising prior to that date:

(1) Section 101 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2790a).

(2) Section 102 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2790aa–1) other than subsection (b)(2)(B), (C), or (G).

(3) Section 2(b)(4) of the Export Import Bank Act of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635(b)(4)).

(b) SPECIAL RULE FOR COMMERCIAL EXPORTS OF DUAL-USE ARTICLES AND TECHNOLOGY.—The sanction contained in section 102(b)(2)(G) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2770aa–1(b)(2)(G)) shall not apply to India or Pakistan with respect to any grounds for the imposition of the sanction contained in that section, if the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the activities of the party that initiates or supports activities that is inconsistent with the specific national security interest of the United States and that this control list requires refinement. (c) NATIONALLY CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY.—Nothing in this Act prohibits the imposition of sanctions under any provision of law specified in subsection (a) or (b) by reason of any grounds for the imposition of sanctions under that provision of law arising on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 2. REPEALS.

The following provisions of law are repealed:

(1) Section 620E(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2375(e)).

(2) The India-Pakistan Relief Act (title IX of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, as contained in section 101(a) of Public Law 105–277).
BIDEN AMENDMENT NO. 603

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

In amendment No. 577, on page 1, line 5, strike "shall" and insert "may".

DOMENICI AMENDMENT NO. 604

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. DOMENICI) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

On page 106, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

(b)(1) Not later than 15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Communications Commission shall each submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report which shall—
(A) set forth the anticipated schedule (including specific dates) for—
(i) preparing and conducting the competitive bidding process required by subsection (a); and
(ii) depositing the receipts of the competitive bidding process;
(B) include an explanation of the effect of each requirement in subsection (a) on the schedule for the competitive bidding process and any post-bidding activities (including the deposit of receipts) when compared with the schedule for the competitive bidding and any post-bidding activities (including the deposit of receipts) that would otherwise have occurred under section 337(b)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 337(b)(2)) if not for the enactment of subsection (a); and
(C) set forth each significant milestone in the rulemaking process with respect to the competitive bidding process;
(D) set forth the anticipated schedule (including specific dates) for—
(i) the time required for each stage of preparation for the auction;
(ii) the date of the commencement and of the completion of the auction;
(iii) the time which elapsed between the date of the completion of the auction and the date of the first deposit of receipts from the auction in the Treasury; and
(iv) the dates of all subsequent deposits of receipts from the auction in the Treasury; and
(E) include an assessment of how the stages of the competitive bidding process required by subsection (a), including preparation, commencement, and completion, and deposit of receipts, will differ from similar stages in the auction referred to in subparagraph (D).

(2) Not later than October 5, 2000, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Communications Commission shall each submit to the appropriate congressional committees the report which shall—
(A) describe the course of the competitive bidding process required by subsection (a) through September 30, 2000, including the amount of any receipts from the competitive bidding process deposited in the Treasury as of September 30, 2000; and
(B) if the course of the competitive bidding process has included any deviations from the schedule set forth under paragraph (1)(A), an explanation for such deviations from the schedule.

(3) The Federal Communications Commission may not consult with the Director in the preparation and submittal of the reports required of the Commission by this subsection.

In this subsection, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means the following:
(A) The Committees on Appropriations, the Budget, and Commerce of the Senate.
(B) The Committees on Appropriations, the Budget, and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

COVERDELL (AND KERREY) AMENDMENT NO. 605

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. COVERDELL, for himself and Mr. KERREY), proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:
(1) On June 21, 1996, a bomb detonated not more than 80 feet from the Air Force housing complex known as Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 19 members of the Air Force, and injuring hundreds more;
(2) An FBI investigation of the bombing, soon to enter its fourth year, has not yet determined who was responsible for the attack; and
(3) The Senate in S. Res. 273 in the 104th Congress condemned this terrorist attack in the name of the Senate.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that:
(1) The United States Government must continue its investigation into the Khobar Towers bombing until every terrorist involved is identified, held accountable, and punished;
(2) The FBI, together with the Department of State, should report to Congress no later than December 31, 1999, on the status of its investigation into the Khobar Towers bombing; and
(3) Once responsibility for the attack has been established the United States Government must take steps to punish the parties involved.

DOMENICI AMENDMENT NO. 606

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. DOMENICI) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

On page 102, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

TITLE IX— McGregor Range Land Withdrawal

SEC. 9003. WITHDRAWAL AND RESERVATION OF LANDS AT MCC Greg R ange, NEW MEXICO.

(a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, and except as otherwise provided in title III of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Secretary of the Interior shall withdraw and reserve under section 9003 that are withdrawn and reserved under section 9003 that are withdrawn and reserved under section 9003 that are withdrawn and reserved under section 9003 that are withdrawn and reserved under section 9003 that are withdrawn and reserved under section 9003 that are withdrawn and reserved under section 9003.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the withdrawal is to support military training and testing, all other uses of the withdrawn lands shall be secondary in nature.

(c) RESERVATION.—The withdrawn lands are reserved for use by the Secretary of the Army for military training and testing.

(d) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The lands withdrawn and reserved by this section (a) consist of lands in Otero County, New Mexico, as generally depicted on the map entitled "McGregor Range Land Withdrawal-Proposed", dated January 29, 1998, and filed in accordance with section 9004.

SEC. 9004. MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

(a) PREPARATION OF MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall—
(1) publish in the Federal Register a notice containing the legal description of the withdrawn lands; and
(2) file one or more maps of the withdrawn lands and the legal description of the withdrawn lands with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives.

(b) LEGAL EFFECT.—The maps and legal description shall have the same force and effect as if they were included in this title, except that the Secretary of the Interior may correct clerical and typographical errors in the maps and legal description.

(c) AVAILABILITY.—Copies of the maps and the legal description shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the New Mexico State Director and Las Cruces Field Office Manager of the Bureau of Land Management and in the office of the Commander Officer of Port Bliss, Texas.

SEC. 9005. MANAGEMENT OF WITHDRAWN LANDS.

(a) GENERAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.—During the withdrawal period, the Secretary of the Army shall manage the withdrawn lands in accordance with the provisions of this title and the management plan prepared under subsection (e), for the military purposes specified in section 9003(c).

(b) ACCESS RESTRICTIONS.

(1) AUTHORITY TO CLOSE.—Subject to paragraph (2), if the Secretary of the Army determines that military operations, public safety, or other national security require the closure to public use of any portion of the withdrawn lands (including any road or trail therein) commonly in public use, the Secretary of the Army is authorized to take such action.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Any closure under paragraph (1) shall be limited to the minimum areas and periods required for the purposes specified in such closure. During a closure, the Secretary of the Army shall keep appropriate warning notices posted and take appropriate steps to notify the public about the closure.

(c) MANAGEMENT OF WITHDRAWN AND ACQUIRED MINERAL RESOURCES.

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary of the Interior shall manage all withdrawn and acquired mineral resources within the boundaries of
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sec. 9007. termination of withdrawal and reservation.

(a) termination date.—the withdrawal and reservation made by this title shall terminate 50 years after the date of enactment of this title.

(b) requirements for extension.—

(1) notice of continued military need.—not later than five years before the end of the withdrawal and reservation made by this title, the Secretary of the Army shall advise the Secretary of the Interior as to whether or not the Army will have a continuing military need for any or all of the withdrawn lands after the end of the withdrawal period.

(2) application for extension.—if the Secretary of the Army determines that there will be a continuing military need for any or all of the withdrawn lands after the end of the withdrawal period, the Secretary of the Army shall file an application for extension of the withdrawal and reservation of the lands in accordance with the then-existing regulations and procedures of the Department of the Interior applicable to extension of withdrawal of lands for military purposes and that are consistent with this title. the application shall be filed with the Department of the Interior not later than four years before the end of the withdrawal period.

(c) limitation on extension.—the withdrawal and reservation made by this title may not be extended or renewed except by act or joint resolution.

sec. 9008. relinquishment of withdrawn lands.

(a) filing of relinquishment notice.—if, during the withdrawal period, the Secretary of the Army decides to relinquish all or any portion of the withdrawn lands, the Secretary of the Army shall give notice of intention to relinquish with the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) determination of presence of contamination.—in the case of a relinquishment notice under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, shall prepare a written determination concerning whether and to what extent the lands to be relinquished are contaminated with explosive, toxic, or other hazardous wastes and substances.

(c) decontamination and remediation.—in the case of any lands which are the subject of a relinquishment notice, the Secretary of the Army shall undertake no activities on such lands except as necessary to warn the public.

(d) continuous control over retired lands.—the Secretary of the Army shall make arrangements with the Secretary of the Interior for the continuous control over retired lands which are appropriate.

(e) decontamination and remediation.—in the case of any lands which are the subject of a relinquishment notice, the Secretary of the Army shall decontaminate or remediate the land to the extent that the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, determines that—

(1) decontamination or remediation of the lands is practicable and economically feasible, taking into consideration the potential future use and value of the land; and

(2) upon decontamination or remediation, the land could be opened to the operation of some or all of the public land laws, including the mining laws.

(f) relinquishment notice if the Secretary of the Interior declines to accept relinquishment notice.—if the Secretary of the Interior declines to accept relinquishment notice, the land shall not be decontaminated or remediated on the land.

sec. 9009. delegations of authority.

(a) secretary of the army.—the functions of the Secretary of the Army under this title may be delegated.

(b) secretary of the interior.—the functions of the Secretary of the Interior under this title may be delegated, except that an order under section 9008(h) to accept relinquishment of withdrawn lands may be approved and signed only by the Secretary of the Interior, the Deputy Secretary of the Interior, or an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.
Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1122, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, add the following:

TITLE —RENEWAL OF MILITARY LAND WITHDRAWALS

SEC. 01. SHORT TITLE.
This title may be cited as the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999.

SEC. 02. WITHDRAWALS.
(a) McGregor Range.—(1) Subject to valid existing rights and except as otherwise provided in this title, the public lands described in paragraph (3) are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws (including the mining laws and the mineral leasing and the geothermal leasing laws).

(b) Such lands are reserved for use by the Secretary of the Army for:

(i) military maneuvering;

(ii) training for artillery firing, aerial gunnery, and infantry tactics;

(iii) the purposes provided in section 2904(f), other defense-related purposes consistent with the purposes specified in this paragraph.

(c) The lands referred to in paragraph (1) are the lands comprising approximately 838,381.67 acres in Otero County, New Mexico, as generally depicted on the map entitled "McGregor Range Withdrawal—Proposed", dated January 1985, and withdrawn by the provisions of section 1(d) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1986. Such lands do not include any portion of the lands so withdrawn that were relinquished to the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions of any other act.

(2) Such lands are reserved for use by the Secretary of the Army for:

(i) military maneuvering;

(ii) training for artillery firing, aerial gunnery, and infantry tactics, and

(iii) the purposes provided in section 2904(f), other defense-related purposes consistent with the purposes specified in this paragraph.

(3) The lands referred to in paragraph (1) are the lands comprising approximately 247,931.67 acres of land in the Fourth Judicial District, Alaska, as generally depicted on the map entitled "Fort Wainwright Maneuver Area Withdrawal—Proposed", dated January 1985, and withdrawn by the provisions of section 1(f) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1986. Such lands do not include any portion of the lands so withdrawn that were relinquished to the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions of any other act.

(4) Any of the public lands withdrawn under paragraph (1) which, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, are managed pursuant to section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782) shall continue to be managed under that section until otherwise expressly provided.

(b) Fort Greely Maneuver Area and Fort Greely Air Drop Zone.—(1) Subject to valid existing rights and except as otherwise provided in this title, the lands described in paragraph (3) are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws (including the mining laws and the mineral leasing and the geothermal leasing laws), under the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the admission of the State of Alaska into the Union", approved July 7, 1958 (48 U.S.C. note prec. 21), and under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

(2) Such lands are reserved for use by the Secretary of the Army for:

(i) the purposes provided in paragraphs 2904(f), other defense-related purposes consistent with the purposes specified in this paragraph.

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The Secretary shall manage the lands through the Bureau of Land Management.

(2) To the extent consistent with applicable law and Executive orders, the lands withdrawn by this title may be managed in a manner permitting—

(i) the continuation of grazing pursuant to applicable law and Executive orders where permitted on the date of the enactment of this Act;

(ii) protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat;

(iii) control of predatory and other animals;

(iv) recreation; and

(v) the prevention and appropriate suppression of brush and range fires resulting from nonmilitary activities.

(3) Subject to the requirements of section 3(c) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1986. Such lands do not include any portion of the lands so withdrawn that were relinquished to the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions of any other act.

(b) Closure to Public.—(1) If the Secretary of the Interior determines that military operations, public safety, or national security require the closure to public use of any road, trail, or other public area of the lands withdrawn by this title, that Secretary may take such action as that Secretary determines necessary to effect and maintain such closure.

(2) Any such closure shall be limited to the minimum areas and periods which the Secretary of the military department concerned determines are required to carry out this subsection.

(3) During any closure under this subsection, the Secretary of the military department concerned shall—

(i) place appropriate warning notices; and

(ii) take appropriate steps to notify the public concerning such closures.

(c) Management Plan.—(1) The Secretary of the Interior shall develop a plan for the management of each area withdrawn by this title.

(2) Each plan shall—

(i) be consistent with applicable law;

(ii) be subject to conditions and restrictions specified in subsection (a)(3); and

(iii) include such provisions as may be necessary for proper management and protection of the resources and values of such areas.

(3) The Secretary of the Interior shall develop each plan required by this subsection no later than three years after the date of the enactment of this Act. In developing a plan for an area, the Secretary may utilize or modify appropriate provisions of the management plan developed for the area under section 3(c) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1986.

(d) Brush and Range Fires.—(1) The Secretary of the Interior shall take necessary precautions to prevent and suppress brush and range fires occurring...
resources is required to meet the construction of military facilities on otherwise-permitted nonmilitary lands will require that additional or more suitable land for such additional military uses of the lands concerned be provided, the status of such lands as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the military department concerned, shall determine regarding the contamination of any lands described in paragraph (2) a report on environmental restoration activities relating to the lands withdrawn by this title as a result of military activities that such Secretary considers appropriate. Before transmitting a notice of intent to relinquish any lands withdrawn by this title to any lands under paragraph (1) shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior a report on environmental decontamination that exists on such lands equivalent to the level of environmental decontamination that exists on such lands as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of the military department concerned may relinquish all or any of the lands withdrawn by this title to the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) NOTICE.—If the Secretary of the military department concerned determines to relinquish any lands under subsection (a), that Secretary shall transmit to the Secretary of the Interior a notice of intent to relinquish such lands.

(c) DETERMINATION OF CONTAMINATION.—(1) Before transmitting a notice of intent to relinquish any lands under subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of the Army, Under Secretary of the Navy, or Under Secretary of the Air Force, shall—

(2) A circumstance referred to in this paragraph is a determination that—

(A) decontamination of the land concerned is practicable and economically feasible; or

(B) upon decontamination, the land could be opened to operation of some or all of the public land laws, including the mining laws.

(h) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN RELINQUIshed LANDS.—Any lands withdrawn by section 2902(c) or 2902(d) that are relinquished under this section shall be public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management and shall be considered vacant, unreserved, and unappropriated for purposes of the public land laws.

(2) Should the decision be made to revoke the withdrawal, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the Federal Register an appropriate order which shall—

(A) terminate the withdrawal;

(B) constitute official acceptance of full jurisdiction over the lands by the Secretary of the Interior; and

(C) state the date upon which the lands will be closed to the operation of some or all of the public land laws, including the mining laws.

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(g) R EVOCATION OF AUTHORITY.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Interior may, upon finding that it is in the public interest to accept jurisdiction over lands proposed for relinquishment pursuant to subsection (a), revoke the withdrawal established by this title as it applies to such lands.

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this Act except in accordance with the law of the State which lands described in section 2902 are located. This section shall not be construed to affect water rights acquired by the United States before the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 11. HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING. All hunting, fishing, and trapping on the lands withdrawn by this title shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 2671 of title 10, United States Code.

SEC. 12. MINING AND MINERAL LEASING. (a) DETERMINATION OF LANDS SUITABLE FOR OPENING.—The Secretary of the Interior shall, as practicable for the date of the enactment of this Act and at least every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior shall determine, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the military department concerned, which public and acquired lands (except as provided in this subsection) described in section 2902 shall be suitable for opening to the operation of the Mining Law of 1872, the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920, the Mineral Leasing Act of 1932, the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, or any one or more of such Acts.

(b) OPENING LANDS.—On the day specified in the notice in the Federal Register listing the lands determined suitable for opening pursuant to this section and specifying the opening date, such lands shall be opened to the operation of the Mining Law of 1872, the Minerals Leasing Act of 1920, the Mineral Leasing Act of 1932, the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, or any one or more of such Acts.

(c) EXCEPTIONS FOR COMMON VARIETIES.—No deposit of minerals or materials of the types specified in subsection (a) as suitable for opening to the operation of one or more of the laws specified in subsection (a) shall automatically be open to the operation of such laws without the necessity for further action by the Secretary of the Interior.

(d) REGULATIONS.—(1) The Secretary of the Interior, with the advice and concurrence of the Secretary of the military department concerned, shall prescribe such regulations to implement this section as may be necessary, safe, unimpeded, and unimpeded use of the lands described in section 2902 for military purposes.

(e) CLOSURE OF MINING LANDS.—In the event of the occurrence of a national emergency or for purposes of national defense or security, the Secretary of the Interior, at the request of the Secretary of the military department concerned, shall close any lands that have been opened to mining or to mineral or geothermal leasing pursuant to this section.

(f) LAWS GOVERNING MINING ON WITHDRAWN LANDS.—(1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, such mining claim located pursuant to this title shall be subject to the provisions of the mining laws. In the event of a conflict between those laws and this title, this title shall prevail.

(g) PATENTS.—(1) Patents issued pursuant to this title for locatable minerals shall convey title to locatable minerals only, together with the right to use the surface as may be necessary for purposes incident to mining under the guidelines for such use established by the Secretary of the Interior by regulation.

(h) All such patents shall contain a reservation to the United States of the surface of all lands patented and of all nonlocatable minerals contained in such lands.

(i) For the purposes of this subsection, all minerals subject to location under the Mining Law of 1872 shall be treated as locatable minerals.

SEC. 13. IMMUNITY OF UNITED STATES. The United States and all departments or agencies thereof shall be held harmless and shall not be liable for any injuries or damages to persons or property suffered in the course of any mining or mineral or geothermal leasing activity conducted on lands described in section 2902.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I wish to announce for the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, will hold a hearing entitled “Home Health Care: Will the New Payment System & Regulatory Overkill Hurt Our Seniors?” This Subcommittee hearing will focus on how the new Medicare Interim Payment System and new regulatory requirements from the Health Care Financing Administration may limit the access of beneficiaries most in need of home health services.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, June 10, 1999, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Lee Blalack of the Subcommittee at (202) 224-6291.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a full committee oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Thursday, June 24, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

For further information, please contact Mike Menge (202) 224–6170.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forestry and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 29, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on fire preparedness on Federal lands. Specifically, what actions the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service are taking to prepare for the fire season; whether the agencies are informing the public about these plans; and ongoing research related to wildfire and fire suppression activities.

Those who wish to submit written testimony should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please contact Mike Menge (202) 224–6170.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. 20510. Presentation of oral testimony is by Committee invitation only. For further information, please contact Jo House or Brian Malnak at (202) 224–6730.

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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in open session, to consider the nominations of General Eric K. Shinseki, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Army; and Lieutenant General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, to be general and for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps.

RESOLVING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized