

Add at the end of section 124 the following new subsection:

(c) ENCOURAGING ACCESSIBILITY TO REGISTRY AND OUT OF PRINT RECORDINGS.—The Board shall encourage the owners of recordings and collections of recordings included in the National Recording Registry and the owners of out of print recordings to permit digital access to such recordings through the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center at Culpeper, Virginia, in order to reduce the portion of the Nation's recorded cultural legacy which is inaccessible to students, educators, and others, and may suggest such other measures as it considers reasonable and appropriate to increase public accessibility to such recordings.

Insert after section 125 the following new section:

SEC. 126. ESTABLISHMENT OF BYLAWS BY LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian may establish such bylaws (consistent with this subtitle) as the Librarian considers appropriate to govern the organization and operation of the Board, including bylaws relating to appointments and removals of members or organizations described in section 122(a)(2) which may be required as a result of changes in the title, membership, or nature of such organizations occurring after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Redesignate section 133 as section 134 and insert after section 132 the following new section:

SEC. 133. ENCOURAGING ACTIVITIES TO FOCUS ON RARE AND ENDANGERED RECORDINGS.

Congress encourages the Librarian and the Board, in carrying out their duties under this Act, to undertake activities designed to preserve and bring attention to sound recordings which are rare and sound recordings and collections of recordings which are in danger of becoming lost due to deterioration.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read for the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and the title amendment be agreed to, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The amendment (No. 4341) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 4846), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

The title amendment (No. 4342) was agreed to, as follows:

Amend the title to read as follows: "A Bill to establish the National Recording Registry in the Library of Congress to maintain and preserve sound recordings and collections of sound recordings that are culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant, and for other purposes."

DISCRETIONARY SPENDING CAPS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I wish to make a statement about the discretionary spending caps that will be coming before the Senate on the foreign assistance appropriations bill. There is a provision on that bill which is required to adjust the spending caps because of the limitations in the 1997 Budget Act.

Subsection (a) of the amendment that will be before the Senate increases

the discretionary cap for budget authority under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 from \$541.1 billion to \$637 billion, and increases the discretionary cap for general purpose outlays under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 from \$547.3 billion to \$612.7 billion.

When discretionary highway and mass transit outlays of \$32.3 billion—separate cap categories—are added to this amount, we will have allowable discretionary spending of \$645 billion under this raised cap.

Subsection (b)(1) includes emergency spending already committed during this session under the new cap limits. Emergency spending is usually excluded from cap limits. In this instance, we have included such spending within the cap limits in order to be assured we will not invade the Social Security surplus.

We have another subsection, (b)(2), that provides for adjustments under these caps to continue, as permitted by current law, for continuing disability reviews, CDRs: \$450 million in budget authority; the earned-income tax compliance initiative, EITC, that is \$145 million in budget authority, and adoption assistance of \$20 million in budget authority; and for an outlay adjustment of 0.5 percent.

Subsection (c) provides for a 0.5-percent adjustment for budget authority to cover the differences between CBO and OMB scoring methods. A similar adjustment was provided last year.

These caps assure us that we will have the funds available to deal with the remaining two bills that are very contentious; the State-Justice-Commerce bill and the Labor-Health and Human Services bill. For each of those bills, we allocated portions of the 302(b) authority that was given to our Appropriations Committee under the budget resolution for the year 2001. However, after those bills had passed and gone to conference, we recovered portions of the 302(b) allocation and allocated that to Housing and Urban Development and the energy and water bill. The result is that these two bills that are in conference now do not have the full funding that would be required to bring them back across the floor to the Senate.

This adjustment to the 2001 discretionary spending caps, as contained in the foreign assistance bill that will be before the Senate, I hope this afternoon, are necessary in order that those two bills can be reallocated funding sufficient to assure that they will be able to be considered and passed by the Senate.

It has been a very difficult year for the Appropriations Committee because of the circumstances, because of the differences between the President's budget and the congressional budget resolution. There is a substantial gap between those two documents, and we have done our best to work with them.

This action that we have taken now to lift the spending caps will give us the opportunity to work out the differences with the administration. I do believe that should and can be completed today. It is my firm hope we will complete action on the other two bills today so the House may commence consideration of them tomorrow and that the Senate will consider them Friday. That, of course, is going to take a lot of understanding and cooperation from all Members of the Senate, and I for one urge that take place.

I have not been home since the first week of August. We, on the Appropriations Committee, have been working around the clock on this process since the second week of August. It is time this come to an end. The disputes and conflicts between the bills, and between the administration and the Congress, between the House and Senate, and between Members of each body and within each body, are the most intensive I have ever seen. But it is time we realize that at the end of this week we will be 1 week away from the elections. I do not think Congress ought to be in session in the week before the elections, and I am going to do my utmost to see that we finish these bills by Friday.

If that is not possible, the leader will have to decide what we do. I, for one, intend to go home Saturday.

I yield the floor. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, are we in morning business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We are in morning business. Senators are to be recognized for up to 5 minutes each.

Mrs. BOXER. I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized for 10 minutes.

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

POLITICS AND ELECTIONS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, there is so much happening in the world of politics and elections, it is almost hard to know what topic to talk about. Education is certainly No. 1 on the agenda of the American people, and we are now in the final stages, I hope, of agreeing—I am hopeful—on an education bill for our country. We have made some good progress. I am very glad; it appears President Clinton's budget priority for afterschool programs is winning out. I am hoping that is the case.

Many of us have worked long and hard to make the point that afterschool care is crucial, that it is the