

**W. JOE TROGDON POST OFFICE BUILDING**

The bill (H.R. 821) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 1030 South Church Street in Asheboro, North Carolina, as the "W. Joe Trogdon Post Office Building" was read the third time and passed.

**G. ELLIOT HAGAN POST OFFICE BUILDING**

The bill (H.R. 1183) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 113 South Main Street in Sylva, Georgia, as the "G. Elliot Hagan Post Office Building" was read the third time and passed.

**M. CALDWELL BUTLER POST OFFICE BUILDING**

The bill (H.R. 1753) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 419 Rutherford Avenue, N.E., in Roanoke, Virginia, as the "M. Caldwell Butler Post Office Building" was read the third time and passed.

**ELWOOD HAYNES "BUD" HILLIS POST OFFICE BUILDING**

The bill (H.R. 2043) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 2719 South Webster Street in Kokomo, Indiana, as the "Elwood Haynes 'Bud' Hillis Post Office Building" was read the third time and passed.

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 129, S. 1144.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1144) to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 et seq.) to reauthorize the Federal Emergency Management Food and Shelter Program, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1144) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1144

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

Section 322 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11352) is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 322. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

"There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, \$160,000,000 for fiscal year 2003, and \$170,000,000 for fiscal year 2004."

**SEC. 2. NAME CHANGE TO NOMINATING ORGANIZATION.**

Section 301(b) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

"(5) United Jewish Communities."

**SEC. 3. PARTICIPATION OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ON LOCAL BOARDS.**

Section 316(a) of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11346(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

"(6) guidelines requiring each local board to include in their membership not less than 1 homeless individual, former homeless individual, homeless advocate, or recipient of food or shelter services, except that such guidelines may waive such requirement for any board unable to meet such requirement if the board otherwise consults with homeless individuals, former homeless individuals, homeless advocates, or recipients of food or shelter services."

**FRANCHISE FUND PILOT PROGRAMS**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 137, S. 1198.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1198) to reauthorize Franchise Fund pilot programs.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1198) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1198

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF FRANCHISE FUND PILOT PROGRAMS.**

Section 403(f) of the Federal Financial Management Act of 1994 (31 U.S.C. 501 note) is amended by striking "October 1, 2001" and inserting "October 1, 2002".

**FEDERAL FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT AGE FAIRNESS ACT**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 132, H.R. 93.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 93) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the mandatory separation age for Federal firefighters be made the same as the age that applies with respect to Federal law enforcement officers.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 93) was read the third time and passed.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today, I applaud my colleagues for passing the Federal Firefighters Retirement Age Fairness Act. This legislation raises the mandatory retirement age for Federal firefighters from 55 to 57.

Federal firefighters are first on the scene to many types of disasters in addition to fires. They respond to hazardous materials threats and terrorist incidents such as the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993.

Due to an oversight, however, Federal firefighters are currently the only Federal law enforcement employees required to retire at 55 years.

Because many Federal firefighters wish to continue providing their services to the American people after the age of 55, they are frequently hired back by the Federal Government as "consultants." Private consultants charge a higher fee than Federal firefighters' salaries. As a result, the Federal Government pays more money for the same individuals' services, simply because they are over the age of 55.

This bill does not change the minimum age to retire with full benefits. If an individual wishes to retire at 55, he or she may do so without penalty. The legislation gives firefighters the option of working until the age of 57 if they wish.

The bill enjoys broad bipartisan support and the endorsement of key labor organizations such as the American Federation of Government Employees, the National Association of Government Employees, and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, this legislation will save taxpayers more than \$4 million over the next four years. Federal firefighting capabilities are being sorely tested; we need to make it possible for agencies to retain experienced, qualified firefighters.

"The Federal Firefighters Retirement Age Fairness Act" was the first bill the House of Representatives passed unanimously this year. I am