

amount the Office may agree to in compromise, may be deducted from any sum then or later owing by the United States to the party against whom the penalty or assessment has been levied."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—(A) Paragraphs (2) and (4) of section 8902a(c) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), shall apply only to the extent that the misconduct which is the basis for debarment thereunder occurs after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) Section 8902a(d)(1)(B) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), shall apply only with respect to charges which violate section 8904(b) of such title 5 for items and services furnished after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(C) Section 8902a(g)(3) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), shall apply only with respect to debarments based on convictions occurring after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 604. CONSISTENT COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN A HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL BANKING AGENCIES.

Section 5 of the FEGLI Living Benefits Act (Public Law 103-409; 108 Stat. 4232) is amended—

(1) by inserting "and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System" after "Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision" each place it appears;

(2) in subsection (a), by inserting "or under a health benefits plan not governed by chapter 89 of such title in which employees and retirees of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System participated before January 4, 1997," after "January 7, 1995,";

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting "(in the case of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision) or on January 4, 1997 (in the case of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System)" after "on January 7, 1995" each place it appears;

(B) by inserting " , or in which employees and retirees of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System participate," after "Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision" each place it appears; and

(C) by inserting "(in the case of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision) or after January 5, 1997 (in the case of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System)" after "January 8, 1995" each place it appears;

(4) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by striking "title;" and inserting "title or a retiree (as defined in subsection (e));" and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term 'retiree' shall mean an individual who is receiving benefits under the Retirement Plan for Employees of the Federal Reserve System."

SEC. 605. AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 104-134.

Paragraph (3) of section 3110(b) of the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-343) is amended to read as follows:

"(3) The Corporation shall pay to the Thrift Savings Fund such employee and agency contributions as are required by sections 8432 and 8351 of title 5, United States Code, for those employees who elect to retain their coverage under the Civil Service Retirement System or the Federal Employees' Retirement System pursuant to paragraph (1)."

SEC. 606. MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

(a) DEFINITION OF A CARRIER.—Paragraph (7) of section 8901 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking "organization;" and inserting "organization and the Government-wide service benefit plan sponsored by an association of organizations described in this paragraph;"

(b) SERVICE BENEFIT PLAN.—Paragraph (1) of section 8903 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking "plan," and inserting "plan, underwritten by participating affiliates licensed in any number of States,"

(c) PREEMPTION.—Section 8902(m) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking "(m)(1)" and all that follows through the end of paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(m)(1) The terms of any contract under this chapter which relate to the nature, provision, or extent of coverage or benefits (including payments with respect to benefits) shall supersede and preempt any State or local law, or any regulation issued thereunder, which relates to health insurance or plans."

SEC. 607. PAY FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS FORMERLY CLASSIFIED AT GS-18.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rate of basic pay for positions that were classified at GS-18 of the General Schedule on the date of the enactment of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 shall be set and maintained at the rate equal to the highest rate of basic pay for the Senior Executive Service under section 5382(b) of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 608. REPEAL OF SECTION 1307 OF TITLE 5 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1307 of title 5, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 13 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by repealing the item relating to section 1307.

SEC. 609. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PROCEDURAL AND APPEAL RIGHTS TO CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7511(b)(8) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking "the Federal Bureau of Investigation,"

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply with respect to any personnel action taking effect after the end of the 45-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶116.47 L. CLURE MORTON U.S. POST OFFICE COURTHOUSE

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure was discharged from further consideration of the bill of the Senate (S. 1931) to provide that the United States Post Office and Courthouse building located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the "L. Clure Morton United States Post Office Courthouse".

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶116.48 TED WEISS COURTHOUSE

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure was discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4042) to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Ted Weiss United States Courthouse".

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶116.49 COMMITTEE RESIGNATION—MINORITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. THORNBERRY, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 27, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign my seat on the House Intelligence Committee effective today.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the committee beyond my allotted time. Your efforts to accommodate my many international assignments have been most helpful.

I look forward to serving on the committee in the future.

Sincerely,

BILL RICHARDSON,
Chief Deputy Whip.

By unanimous consent, the resignation was accepted.

¶116.50 PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. THORNBERRY, by unanimous consent, announced that pursuant to the provisions of clause 1 of rule XLVIII, the Speaker appointed to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Ms. HARMAN, to fill the existing vacancy thereon and to rank after Ms. PELOSI.

¶116.51 AUGUSTUS BOOTLE COURTHOUSE

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure was discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4119) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.