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S. 498

To amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to deny SSI benefits for individuals whose disability is based on alcoholism or drug addiction, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 6, 1995

Mrs. Hutchison introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. DENIAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME
- 4 BENEFITS BY REASON OF DISABILITY BASED
- 5 ON ADDICTION TO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.
- 6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(a)(3) of the Social
- 7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3)) is amended by add-
- 8 ing at the end the following new subparagraph:

- 1 "(I) An individual shall not be considered to be dis-
- 2 abled for purposes of this title if (but for this subpara-
- 3 graph) alcoholism or drug addiction would be a contribut-
- 4 ing factor material to the Commissioner's determination
- 5 that the individual is disabled.".
- 6 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 1611(e) of
- 7 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(e)) is amended by striking
- 8 paragraph (3).
- 9 (c) Authorization of Appropriations Relating
- 10 To Savings Realized.—From the amount which would
- 11 otherwise have been expended for fiscal years 1997, 1998,
- 12 1999, and 2000, but for the amendments made by this
- 13 section, there are authorized to be appropriated for each
- 14 such fiscal year—
- (1) \$95,000,000 for substance abuse treatment
- services grants through the Federal Capacity Expan-
- sion Program under section 1971 of the Public
- Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300y); and
- 19 (2) \$5,000,000 for the medication development
- 20 project of the National Institute on Drug Abuse to
- improve drug abuse and drug treatment research.
- 22 (d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 23 this section shall apply to determinations made after the
- 24 date of the enactment of this Act.