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To amend title 1 of the United States Code to clarify the effect and application of legislation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1997

Mr. THURMOND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend title 1 of the United States Code to clarify the effect and application of legislation.

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. CLARIFICATION OF THE EFFECT AND APPLICA-**
4 **TION OF LEGISLATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 1 of the United
6 States Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the
7 following:

8 **“§ 7. Rules for application and effect of legislation**

9 “Any Act of Congress enacted after the effective date
10 of this section—

1 “(1) shall be prospective in application only;

2 “(2) shall not create a private claim or cause of
3 action; and

4 “(3) shall be presumed not to preempt the law
5 of any State,

6 unless a provision of the Act expressly specifies other-
7 wise.”.

8 (b) CHAPTER ANALYSIS.—The chapter analysis for
9 chapter 1 of title 1, United States Code, is amended by
10 adding at the end thereof the following:

“7. Rules for application and effect of legislation.”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of enact-
13 ment of this Act.

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