

First, it would eliminate the filing of common carrier tariffs with the Federal Government. Instead of requiring Government approval, tariffs would become effective upon publication through private systems. My amendment also would increase tariff rate flexibility by easing restrictions on tariff rate changes and independent action by conference carriers.

Second, it would allow for greater flexibility in service contracting by shippers and ocean common carriers. The amendment would allow individual ocean common carriers and shippers to negotiate confidential service contracts. It also would allow shippers' associations and ocean freight forwarders to negotiate service contracts as shippers.

Third, responsibility for enforcing U.S. ocean shipping laws would be shifted to the Surface Transportation Board, which would be renamed the Intermodal Transportation Board. The Federal Maritime Commission would be terminated at the end of fiscal year 1997. A single independent agency would then administer domestic surface, rail, and water transportation and international ocean transportation regulations. The Government would catch up to the carriers and shippers, who are already thinking intermodally.

Finally, the Intermodal Transportation Board would be given new tools to address predatory pricing ocean common carriers while ensuring increased competition in the industry.

THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, WORK OPPORTUNITY, AND MED- ICAID RESTRUCTURING ACT OF 1996

FAIRCLOTH AMENDMENT NO. 4905

Mr. FAIRCLOTH proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

On page 399, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

Subchapter F—Other Provisions

SEC. 2241. PROHIBITION OF RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1631 (42 U.S.C. 1383) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“PROHIBITION OF RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES

“Nothing in this title shall be construed to authorize recruitment activities under this title, including with respect to any outreach programs or demonstration projects.”.

JEFFORDS AMENDMENT NO. 4906

Mr. ROTH (for Mr. JEFFORDS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 1-5, strike line 18 and all that follows through page. 1-7, line 12, and insert the following:

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(d)) is amended by striking paragraph (11) and inserting the following: “(11)(A) any payments or allowances made for the purpose of providing energy assistance under any Federal law, or

(B) a 1-time payment or allowance made under a Federal or State law for the costs of weatherization or emergency repair or replacement of an unsafe or inoperative furnace or other heating or cooling device.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 5(k) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2014(k)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “plan for aid to families with dependent children approved” and inserting “program funded”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “, not including energy or utility-cost assistance,”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) a payment or allowance described in subsection (d)(11);” and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) THIRD PARTY ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—

“(A) ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—For purposes of subsection (d)(1), a payment made under a State law to provide energy assistance to a household shall be considered money payable directly to the household.

“(B) ENERGY ASSISTANCE EXPENSES.—For purposes of subsection (e)(7), an expense paid on behalf of a household under a State law to provide energy assistance shall be considered an out-of-pocket expense incurred and paid by the household.”.

CRAIG AMENDMENT NO. 4907

Mr. ROTH (for Mr. CRAIG) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 467, line 22, strike all through page 469, line 18, and insert the following:

“(D) ACCESS TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN CERTAIN RECORDS.—To obtain access, subject to safeguards on privacy and information security, and subject to the nonliability of entities that afford such access under this subparagraph, to information contained in the following records (including automated access, in the case of records maintained in automated data bases):

“(i) Records of other State and local government agencies, including—

“(I) vital statistics (including records of marriage, birth, and divorce);

“(II) State and local tax and revenue records (including information on residence address, employer, income and assets);

“(III) records concerning real and titled personal property;

“(IV) records of occupational and professional licenses, and records concerning the ownership and control of corporations, partnerships, and other business entities;

“(V) employment security records;

“(VI) records of agencies administering public assistance programs;

“(VII) records of the motor vehicle department; and

“(VIII) corrections records.

“(ii) Certain records held by private entities with respect to individuals who owe or are owed support (or against or with respect to whom a support obligation is sought), consisting of—

“(I) the names and addresses of such individuals and the names and addresses of the employers of such individuals, as appearing in customer records of public utilities and cable television companies, pursuant to an administrative subpoena authorized by subparagraph (B); and

“(II) information (including information on assets and liabilities) on such individuals held by financial institutions.

MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 4908

Mr. ROTH (for Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1956, supra; as follows:

On page 411, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

“(4) FAMILIES UNDER CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.—In the case of a family receiving assistance from an Indian tribe, distribute the amount so collected pursuant to an agreement entered into pursuant to a State plan under section 454(33).

On page 411, line 3, strike “(3)” and insert “(4)”.

On page 554, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

SEC. 2375. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FOR INDIAN TRIBES.

(a) CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS.—Section 454 (42 U.S.C. 654), as amended by sections 2301(b), 2303(a), 2312(b), 2313(a), 2333, 2343(b), 2370(a)(2), and 2371(b) of this Act is amended—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (31);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (32) and inserting “; and”;

(3) by adding after paragraph (32) the following new paragraph:

“(33) provide that a State that receives funding pursuant to section 428 and that has within its borders Indian country (as defined in section 1151 of title 18, United States Code) may enter into cooperative agreements with an Indian tribe or tribal organization (as defined in subsections (e) and (l) of section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)), if the Indian tribe or tribal organization demonstrates that such tribe or organization has an established tribal court system or a Court of Indian Offenses with the authority to establish paternity, establish, modify, and enforce support orders, and to enter support orders in accordance with child support guidelines established by such tribe or organization, under which the State and tribe or organization shall provide for the cooperative delivery of child support enforcement services in Indian country and for the forwarding of all funding collected pursuant to the functions performed by the tribe or organization to the State agency, or conversely, by the State agency to the tribe or organization, which shall distribute such funding in accordance with such agreement; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Nothing in paragraph (33) shall void any provision of any cooperative agreement entered into before the date of the enactment of such paragraph, nor shall such paragraph deprive any State of jurisdiction over Indian country (as so defined) that is lawfully exercised under section 402 of the Act entitled ‘An Act to prescribe penalties for certain acts of violence or intimidation, and for other purposes’, approved April 11, 1968 (25 U.S.C. 1322).”.

(b) DIRECT FEDERAL FUNDING TO INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 455 (42 U.S.C. 655) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) The Secretary may, in appropriate cases, make direct payments under this part to an Indian tribe or tribal organization which has an approved child support enforcement plan under this title. In determining whether such payments are appropriate, the Secretary shall, at a minimum, consider whether services are being provided to eligible Indian recipients by the State agency through an agreement entered into pursuant to section 454(33).”.

(c) COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS.—Paragraph (7) of section 454 (42