On page 214, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

''(5) BONUS TO REWARD DECREASE IN ILLEGITIMACY.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make a grant pursuant to this paragraph to each State determined eligible under paragraph (2)(B) for each bonus year for which the State demonstrates a net decrease in out-of-wedlock births.

''(B) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to this subparagraph, the Secretary shall determine the amount of the grant payable under this paragraph to a low illegitimacy State for a bonus year.

''(ii) TOP FIVE STATES.—With respect to States determined eligible under paragraph (2)(B) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall determine which five of such States demonstrated the greatest decrease in out-of-wedlock births under such paragraph for the period involved. Each of such five States shall receive a grant of equal amount under this paragraph for such fiscal year but such amount shall not exceed $20,000,000 for any single State.

''(iii) LESS THAN FIVE STATES.—With respect to a fiscal year, if the Secretary determines that there are less than five States eligible under paragraph (2)(B) for a fiscal year, the grants under this paragraph shall be awarded to each such State in an equal amount but such amount shall not exceed $25,000,000 for any single State.

''(C) BONUS YEAR.—The term 'bonus year' means fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

''(D) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated for fiscal years 1999 through 2003, such sums as are necessary for grants under this paragraph.

THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1996

COATS AMENDMENT NO. 4926

Mr. ROTH (for Mr. COATS) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 919) to modify and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and for other purposes; as follows:

Beginning on page 83, strike line 6 and all that follows through line 10 on page 86, and insert the following:

''(b) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In order for a State to qualify for a grant under subsection (a), such State shall provide an assurance or certification, signed by the chief executive officer of the State, that the State—

''(A) has in effect and operation a State law or Statewide program relating to child abuse and neglect which ensures—

''(i) provisions or procedures for the reporting of known and suspected instances of child abuse and neglect;

''(ii) procedures for the immediate screening, safety assessment, and prompt investigation of such reports;

''(iii) procedures for immediate steps to be taken to ensure and protect the safety of the abused or neglected child and of any other child under the same care who may also be in danger of abuse or neglect;

''(iv) provisions for immunity from prosecution under State and local laws and regulations for individuals making good faith reports of suspected or known instances of child abuse or neglect;

''(v) methods to preserve the confidentiality of all records in order to protect the rights of the child and of the child's parents or guardians, including requirements ensuring that reports and records made and maintained pursuant to the purposes of this Act shall only be made available to—

''(I) individuals who are the subject of the report;

''(II) Federal, State, or local government entities, or any agent of such entities, having a need for such information in order to carry out its responsibilities under law to protect children from abuse and neglect;

''(III) child abuse citizen review panels;

''(IV) child fatality review panels;

''(V) a grant jury or court, upon a finding that information in the record is necessary for the determination of an issue before the court or grant jury; and

''(VI) other entities or classes of individuals statutorily authorized by the State to receive such information pursuant to a legitimate State purpose;

''(vi) provisions which allow for public disclosure of the findings or information about the case of child abuse or neglect which has resulted in a child fatality or near fatality;

''(vii) the cooperation of State law enforcement officials, court of competent jurisdiction, and appropriate State agencies providing human services;

''(viii) provisions requiring, and procedures in place that facilitate the prompt expungement of any records that are accessible to the general public or are used for purposes of employment or other background checks in cases determined to be unsubstantiated or false, except that nothing in this section shall prevent State child protective service agencies from keeping information on unsubstantiated reports in their casework files to assist in future risk and safety assessment; and

''(ix) provisions and procedures requiring that in every case involving an abused or neglected child which results in a judicial proceeding, a guardian ad litem shall be appointed to represent the child in such proceedings; and

''(B) has in place procedures for responding to the reporting of medical neglect (including instances of withholding of medically indicated treatment from disabled infants with life-threatening conditions), procedures or programs, or both (within the State child protective services system), to provide for—

''(i) coordination and consultation with individuals designated by and within appropriate health-care facilities;

''(ii) prompt notification by individuals designated by and within appropriate health-care facilities of cases of suspected medical neglect (including instances of withholding of medically indicated treatment from disabled infants with life-threatening conditions); and

''(iii) authority, under State law, for the State child protective service system to pursue any legal remedies, including the authority to initiate legal proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction, as may be necessary to prevent the withholding of medically indicated treatment from disabled infants with life threatening conditions.

''(2) LIMITATION.—With regard to clauses (v) and (vi) of paragraph (1)(A), nothing in this section shall be construed as restricting the ability of a State to refuse to disclose identifying information concerning the individual initiating a report or complaint alleging suspected instances of child abuse or neglect, except that the State may not refuse such a disclosure where a court orders such disclosure after such court has reviewed, in camera, the record of the State related to the report or complaint and has found it has reason to believe that the reporter knowingly made a false report.

''(3) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'near fatality' means an act that, as certified by a physician, places the child in serious or critical condition.

On page 91, strike lines 1 and 2, and insert the following: '', serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation, or an act of failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm;'.''.

On page 91, strike lines 9 through 11, and insert the following: ''$100,000,000 for fiscal year 1997, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1998 through 2001.''.

On page 92, line 23, strike ''Case'' and insert ''Except with respect to the withholding of medically indicated treatments from disabled infants with life threatening conditions, case''.

On page 114, lines 19 and 20, strike ''1996 through 2000'' and insert ''1997 through 2001''.

On page 120, line 10, strike''2000'' and insert ''2001''.

On page 120, line 22, strike ''and 1996'' and insert ''through 1997''.

On page 120, line 23, strike ''1997 through 2000'' and insert ''1998 through 2001''.

On page 121, lines 8 and 9, strike ''1996, and 1997'' and insert ''1996, and 1997 through 2001''.

On page 121, line 23, strike ''2000'' and insert ''2001''.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, 1996 beginning at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a markup and hearing on the following: Committee markup of S. 199, the Trading with Indian Act, Repeal; H.R. 3068, to revoke the Charter of the Prairie Island Indian Community; S. 1962, the Indian Child Welfare Act Amendments of 1996, H.R. 2464, Utah Schools and Land Improvement Act, Amendment, and S. 1893, the Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Claims Settlement Act; S. 1970, the National Museum of the American Indian Act Amendments of 1996; S. 1973, the Navajo/Hopi Land Dispute Settlement Act of 1996; and S. 1972, the Older American Indian Technical Amendments Act. The markup will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 224–2251.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that S. 1737, a bill to protect Yellowstone National Park, the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone National Wild and Scenic River and the Absaroka-Beartooth National Wilderness Area, has been re-referred to the Full Committee and will not be considered at the hearing scheduled before the Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation on July 25, 1996 at 9:30 a.m.

For further information, please call Jim O'Toole at 202–224–5161.