

(5) furnish producer quality-assurance programs with up-to-date data on approved drugs;

(6) maintain a comprehensive and up-to-date, residue avoidance database;

(7) provide professional advice for determining the withdrawal times necessary for food safety in the use of drugs in food animals; and

(8) engage in other activities designed to promote food safety.

(c) **CONTRACTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall offer to enter into contracts with appropriate colleges and universities to operate the FARAD program.

(2) **TERM.**—The term of a contract under subsection (a) shall be 3 years, with options to extend the term of the contract triennially.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$1,000,000 for each fiscal year.

SEC. 240. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN RURAL AREAS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may provide financial assistance to a nationally recognized organization to promote educational opportunities at the primary and secondary levels in rural areas with a historic incidence of poverty and low academic achievement, including the Lower Mississippi River Delta.

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section up to \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year.

On page 79, line 15, before the period, insert “, including the viability and competitiveness of small and medium sized dairy, livestock, crop, and other commodity operations”.

On page 84, after line 24, insert the following:

(3) in section 1676(e) (7 U.S.C. 5929(e)), by striking “fiscal year 1997” and inserting “each of fiscal years 1997 through 2002”;

On page 85, line 1, strike “(3)” and insert “(4)”.

On page 85, line 3, strike “(4)” and insert “(5)”.

On page 86, strike lines 16 through 20.

On page 87, line 5, strike “1670, 1675, and 1676” and insert “1670 and 1675”.

On page 87, line 7, strike “, 5929”.

Beginning on page 89, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 91, line 16, and insert the following:

(a) **FOOD STAMPS.**—Section 16 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2025) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by striking “The Secretary” and inserting “Subject to subsection (k), the Secretary”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(k) **REDUCTIONS IN PAYMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**—

“(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection:

“(A) **AFDC PROGRAM.**—The term ‘AFDC program’ means the program of aid to families with dependent children established under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq. (as in effect, with respect to a State, during the base period for that State)).

“(B) **BASE PERIOD.**—The term ‘base period’ means the period used to determine the amount of the State family assistance grant for a State under section 403 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603).

“(C) **MEDICAID PROGRAM.**—The term ‘medicaid program’ means the program of medical assistance under a State plan or under a waiver of the plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

“(2) **DETERMINATIONS OF AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO BENEFITTING PROGRAMS.**—The Sec-

retary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and the States, shall, with respect to the base period for each State, determine—

“(A) the annualized amount the State received under section 403(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(3) (as in effect during the base period)) for administrative costs common to determining the eligibility of individuals, families, and households eligible or applying for the AFDC program and the food stamp program, the AFDC program and the medicaid program, and the AFDC program, the food stamp program, and the medicaid program that were allocated to the AFDC program; and

“(B) the annualized amount the State would have received under section 403(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(3) (as so in effect)), section 1903(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(a)(7) (as so in effect)), and subsection (a) of this section (as so in effect), for administrative costs common to determining the eligibility of individuals, families, and households eligible or applying for the AFDC program and the food stamp program, the AFDC program and the medicaid program, and the AFDC program, the food stamp program, and the medicaid program, if those costs had been allocated equally among such programs for which the individual, family, or household was eligible or applied for.

“(3) **REDUCTION IN PAYMENT.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, effective for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2002, the Secretary shall reduce, for each fiscal year, the amount paid under subsection (a) to each State by an amount equal to the amount determined for the food stamp program under paragraph (2)(B).

“(4) **DETERMINATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW.**—The determinations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services under paragraph (2) shall be final and not subject to administrative or judicial review.

“(5) **ALLOCATION OF COMMON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**—In allocating administrative costs common to determining the eligibility of individuals, families, and households eligible or applying for 2 or more State-administered public benefit programs, the head of a Federal agency may require States to allocate the costs among the programs.”

On page 98, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

(d) **FOOD STAMP ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN INDIANS.**—

(1) **EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN INDIANS.**—Section 402(a)(2)(G) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612(a)(2)(G)) is amended—

(A) in the subparagraph heading, by striking “SSI EXCEPTION” and inserting “EXCEPTION”; and

(B) by striking “program defined in paragraph (3)(A) (relating to the supplemental security income program)” and inserting “specified Federal programs described in paragraph (3)”.

(2) **BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN INDIANS.**—Section 403(d) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1613(d)) is amended—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “SSI AND MEDICAID”; and

(B) by striking “(a)(3)(A)” and inserting “(a)(3)”.

Beginning on page 99, strike line 1 and all that follows through page 101, line 4.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 2 p.m. on Death on the High Seas Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a business meeting Wednesday, October 29, 9:30 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to hold hearings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Caucus on International Narcotics Control be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a joint hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee special investigation to meet on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 10 a.m., for a hearing on campaign financing issues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Building to conduct a hearing on S. 1077, a bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate

on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on judicial nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 2 p.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on judicial nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, BUSINESS RIGHTS, AND COMPETITION

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen Building, on antitrust implications of the tobacco settlement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, for the purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 638, a bill to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 act that established the monument, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS AND FISHERIES

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Oceans and Fisheries Subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. on future of the NOAA Corps.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Securities of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, to conduct an oversight hearing on securities litigation abuses.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING MINNESOTA'S SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the attention of the Senate the dedication and hard work of many individuals in my home State of Minnesota.

During this past years CRP sign-up, at least 275 employees from Minnesota's 91 Soil and Water Conservation Districts donated over 6,000 hours assisting U.S. Department of Agriculture employees, ensuring the signups success. Without their efforts, there is little doubt the work would not have been done on time and in such an efficient manner. Their work, along with the work of USDA employees, should not go unnoticed.

Mr. President, the Conservation Reserve Program is a vital program for the people of my State. It provides incalculable benefits to farmers, sportsmen, conservationists, the wildlife, and, therefore, all American citizens. I have been, and will continue to be, a vocal supporter of a strong and balanced Conservation Reserve Program. It is simply good for Minnesota and good for our Nation.

In closing, Mr. President, with the combined efforts of Congress, the USDA, farmers and people like those at Minnesota's Soil and Water Conservation Districts, we can ensure the continued success and viability of the Conservation Reserve Program well into the 21st Century.●

JAMES A. MICHENER

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to take this moment to remember an extraordinary and talented individual. I join the multitude of people who noted the passing of James A. Michener with much sadness. I recall my meetings with Mr. Michener during his brief residency in Hawaii, during which time, he did much of his research on his monumental opus, "Hawaii."

Though some may have criticized his book, it was generally received by the people of Hawaii with great enthusiasm and commendation. He captured the spirit of early Hawaii, and reminded us of the sad plight of the indigenous people of Hawaii—the proud and noble Polynesians. We shall always be indebted to James Michener for introducing to the world the Hawaiian Islands that now constitute the 50th State of our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DOROTHY COMSTOCK RILEY

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to one of Michigan's most outstanding citizens, the Honorable Dorothy Comstock Riley. After a long and highly successful career, in which she reached the highest level in the Michigan judicial system, she has decided to retire.

For Dorothy, success came early. Always a bright and industrious student, while at Wayne State University, she was recognized as the top graduating woman. Following her law degree from Wayne State, she entered private practice. In 1956, Dorothy left her practice to serve the community as an assistant Wayne County Friend of the Court. She excelled in this capacity and helped ensure the needs of families and children were well represented. Although she returned to private practice in 1968, where she helped found the firm of Riley and Roumell, her commitment to public service was only beginning.

A few years later, Dorothy's outstanding abilities and dedication to the legal profession were again recognized. In 1972 she was appointed to the Wayne County Circuit Court. Four years later she received an appointment to the Michigan Court of Appeals, and was re-elected to a 6-year term on the Court. Soon after, the integrity and fairness she had shown throughout her career were recognized once more when she was appointed to the Michigan State Supreme Court. Dorothy's commitment to her profession was rewarded in 1987 when she was elected Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

During her long, distinguished career, Dorothy has belonged to many organizations and received numerous accolades. From honorary doctorates to the presidency of professional associations, each award and membership reflected Dorothy's commitment to integrity, honesty, and leadership. And while Monday evening's event represents one award among many, I am thankful for this opportunity to express how grateful I am for Dorothy's service. Throughout her career, Dorothy personified what is best in our legal system: a fair-minded justice with a passion for truth. Because of her long commitment to the State of Michigan, Dorothy's presence will be greatly missed.

As she enters this new phase in her life, I want to express how great an impact she has had on both her profession and those individuals fortunate enough to know her. I wish her all the best.●

FISCAL YEAR 1998 TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT

• Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss my vote on the fiscal year 1998 Treasury, and Postal Service, general government appropriations conference report.

When the Treasury, Postal Service, general government appropriations bill passed the Senate, we included a provision to prohibit a cost-of-living allowance for Members of Congress. I voted for that prohibition because I thought it was the right thing to do.

The U.S. House, meanwhile, passed its own version of this bill—a version