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S. 1161. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for refugee and entrant assistance for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

S. 1193. An act to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the authorization of the aviation insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 1559. An act to provide for the design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a Center for Historically Black Heritage within Florida A&M University.

S. 1565. an act to make technical corrections to the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act.

S.J. Res. 39. Joint resolution to provide for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

On November 19, 1997:

S. 830. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and for other purposes.

S. 1026. An act to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

S. 1228. An act to provide for the 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, and for other purposes.

S. 1354. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the designation of common carriers not subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission as eligible telecommunications carriers.

S. 1378. An act to extend the authorization of use of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children, and for other purposes.

S. 1417. An act to provide for the design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a Center for Performing Arts within the complex known as the New Mexico Hispanic Cultural Center and for other purposes.

S. 1505. An act to make technical and conforming amendments to the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

S. S. 1507. An act to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 to make certain technical corrections.

S. 1519. An act to provide a 6-month extension of highway, highway safety, and transit programs pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

On November 21, 1997:

S. 1139. An act to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT OF 1997

• Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, on November 7, 1997, the Committee on Environment and Public Works filed a report (S. Rept. 105-142) to accompany S. 1287, a bill to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants. The bill is known as the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997. The bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

An identical companion bill, H.R. 1787, subsequently was passed by the Senate on November 8, 1997.

Under the Senate rules, a cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office must be submitted with the filed report. Because the cost estimate was not available when the report was filed I ask that the letter from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, received on November 21, 1997, be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
Washington, DC, November 21, 1997.

Hon. JOHN H. CHAFEE,  
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 1287, the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, Director.

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE  
S. 1287.—Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997

Summary: S. 1287 would establish a new fund to support the conservation of Asian elephants. The bill would direct the Secretary of the Interior to use amounts in the new fund to finance eligible conservation efforts, which may include specific projects such as research and education as well as ongoing activities such as law enforcement. For this purpose, S. 1287 would authorize appropriations to the fund of \$5 million for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2002. Also, the Secretary would be authorized to accept and use donated funds without further appropriation.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1287 would result in additional discretionary spending of about \$10 million over the 1998-2002 period (with the remainder of the authorized \$25 million estimated to be spent after 2002). The legislation would affect direct spending and receipts by allowing the Secretary to accept and spend donations; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. Any such transactions, however, would involve minor, offsetting amounts. S. 1287 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Cost to the Federal Government: For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the entire amounts authorized by S. 1287 will be appropriated for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2002. Outlay estimates are based on obligation patterns for similar programs, which indicate that the rate of spending over the first few years of the new program would be slow. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1287 is shown in the following table.

| SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION        |                  |      |      |      |      |
|--|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| [By fiscal year, in millions of dollars] |                  |      |      |      |      |
|  | 1998             | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| Authorization level .....                | 5                | 5    | 5    | 5    | 5    |
| Estimated outlays .....                  | (1) <sup>1</sup> | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    |

<sup>1</sup> Less than \$500,000.

The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). Spending for the conservation of Asian elephants would constitute a new program in the federal budget; that is, there

is no spending for this activity under current law.

Enacting S. 1287 also would affect both receipts and direct spending by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to accept and use donations. CBO estimates that this provision would increase federal receipts by less than \$500,000 annually once the conservation program has been established. Because these receipts would be offset by additional direct spending, the net impact of this provision on the federal budget would be negligible in each year.

Pay-as-You-Go Considerations: The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 specifies pay-as-you-go procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or receipts. Although enacting S. 1287 would affect both receipts and direct spending, CBO estimates that the amounts involved would be less than \$500,000 annually.

Intergovernmental and Private-Sector Impact: S. 1287 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would have no impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Previous CBO Estimate: On September 17, 1997, CBO prepared an estimate for H.R. 1787, a similar bill ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 10, 1997. The two estimates are identical.

Estimate Prepared by: Deborah Reis.

Estimate Approved by: James R. Horney for Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.●

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT MARY MCALEESE OF IRELAND

• Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, on November 11, Mary McAleese was inaugurated as President of Ireland.

President McAleese was elected by the largest majority ever in an Irish Presidential election, and she is also the first President of Ireland who is from Northern Ireland.

Having suffered personally from the troubles in Northern Ireland, President McAleese said in her inaugural address that the theme of her Presidency would be building bridges—between nationalists and unionists in Northern Ireland, and between the North and the South of Ireland.

President McAleese will find many friends in the United States who share her vision of cooperation. We look forward to working with her in the years to come. I believe that all Members of the Congress concerned about these issues will be interested in reading her eloquent inaugural address, and I ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

The address follows:

INAUGURATION SPEECH BY PRESIDENT MARY MCALEESE DUBLIN CASTLE, NOVEMBER 11TH, 1997, DUBLIN, IRELAND

This is a historic day in my life, in the life of my family and in the life of the country. It is a wonderful privilege for me to be chosen as Uachtarán na hEireann, to be a voice for Ireland at home and abroad.

I am honoured and humbled to be successor to seven exemplary Presidents. Their differing religious, political, geographical and social origins speak loudly of a Presidency which has always been wide open and all embracing. Among them were Presidents from Connaught, Leinster and Munster to say nothing of America and London. It is my special privilege and delight to be the first President from Ulster.