

the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965, and the Public Health Service Act to ensure that older women are protected from institutional, community, and domestic violence and sexual assault and to improve outreach efforts and other services available to older women victimized by such violence, and for other purposes.

S. 2128

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2128, a bill to clarify the authority of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the collection of fees to process certain identification records and name checks, and for other purposes.

S. 2130

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2130, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional retirement savings opportunities for small employers, including self-employed individuals.

S. 2157

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2157, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to increase the authorized funding level for women's business centers.

S. 2185

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2185, a bill to protect children from firearms violence.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend the authorizations of appropriations for that Act, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 50, a joint resolution to disapprove the rule submitted by the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services on June 1, 1998, relating to surety bond requirements for home health agencies under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

GRAMS AMENDMENT NO. 3215

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. GRAMS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill (H.R. 4112) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the appropriate place, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Government Shutdown Prevention Act."

SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 31.

(a) IN GENERAL: Chapter 13 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1310 the following new section:

1311. Continuing appropriations

(a)(1) If any regular appropriation bill for a fiscal year does not become law prior to the beginning of such fiscal year or a joint resolution making continuing appropriations is not in effect, there is appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, such sums as may be necessary to continue any project or activity for which funds were provided in the preceding fiscal year—

(A) in the corresponding regular appropriation Act for such preceding fiscal year; or

(B) if the corresponding regular appropriation bill for such preceding fiscal year did not become law, then in a joint resolution making continuing appropriations for such preceding fiscal year.

(2) Appropriations and funds made available, and authority granted, for a project or activity for any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be at a rate of operations not in excess of the lower of—

(A) the rate of operations provided for in the regular appropriation Act providing for such project or activity for the preceding fiscal year,

(B) in the absence of such an Act, the rate of operations provided for such project or activity pursuant to a joint resolution making continuing appropriations for such preceding fiscal year,

(C) the rate or operations provided for in the House or Senate passed appropriation bill for the fiscal year in question, except that the lower of these two versions shall be ignored for any project or activity for which there is a budget request if no funding is provided for that project or activity in either version.

(D) the rate provided in the budget submission of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for the fiscal year in question, or

(E) the annualized rate of operations provided for in the most recently enacted joint resolution making continuing appropriations for part of the fiscal year or any funding levels established under the provisions of this Act.

(3) Appropriations and funds made available, and authority granted, for any fiscal year pursuant to this section for a project or activity shall be available for the period beginning with the first day of a lapse in appropriations and ending with the earlier of—

(A) the date on which the applicable regular appropriation bill for such fiscal year becomes law (whether or not such law provides for such project or activity) or a continuing resolution making appropriations becomes law, as the case may be, or

(B) the last day of such fiscal year.

(d) An appropriation or funds made available, or authority granted, for a project or activity for any fiscal year pursuant to the section shall be subject to the terms and conditions imposed with respect to the appropriation made or funds made available for the preceding fiscal year, or authority granted for such project or activity under current law.

(c) Appropriations and funds made available, and authority granted, for any project or activity for any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall cover all obligations or expenditures incurred for such project or activity during the portion of such fiscal year for which this section applies to such project or activity.

(d) Expenditures made for a project or activity for any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a regular appropriation bill or a joint resolution making continuing appropriations until the end of a fiscal year providing for such project or activity for such period becomes law.

(c) This section shall not apply to a project or activity during a fiscal year if any other provision of law (other than an authorization of appropriations)—

(1) makes an appropriation, makes funds available, or grants authority for such project or activity to continue for such period, or

(2) specifically provides that no appropriation shall be made, no funds shall be made available, or no authority shall be granted for such project or activity to continue for such period.

(f) For purposes of this section, the term "regular appropriation bill" means any annual appropriation bill making appropriations, otherwise making funds available or granting authority, for any of the following categories of projects and activities:

(1) Agriculture, rural development, and related agencies programs.

(2) The Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies.

(3) The Department of Defense.

(4) The government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of the District.

(5) The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies.

(6) The Department of Housing and Urban Development, and sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices.

(7) Energy and water development

(8) Foreign assistance and related programs.

(9) The Department of the Interior and related agencies.

(10) Military construction.

(11) The Department of Transportation and related agencies.

(12) The Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies.

(13) The legislative branch.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis of chapter 13 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1310 the following new item:

1311. Continuing appropriations.

(c) PROTECTION OF OTHER OBLIGATIONS.—Nothing in the amendments made by this section shall be construed to effect Government obligations mandated by other law, including obligations with respect to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1999.

BROWNBACK (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 3216

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. SMITH

of New Hampshire) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 4112, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, add the following:

SEC. ____ COMBINED RETURN TO WHICH UNMARRIED RATES APPLY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart B of part II of subchapter A of chapter 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to income tax returns) is amended by inserting after section 6013 the following new section:

“SEC. 6013A. COMBINED RETURN WITH SEPARATE RATES.

“(a) GENERAL RULE.—A husband and wife may make a combined return of income taxes under subtitle A under which—

“(1) a separate taxable income is determined for each spouse by applying the rules provided in this section, and

“(2) the tax imposed by section 1 is the aggregate amount resulting from applying the separate rates set forth in section 1(c) to each such taxable income.

“(b) DETERMINATION OF TAXABLE INCOME.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection (a)(1), the taxable income for each spouse shall be one-half of the taxable income computed as if the spouses were filing a joint return.

“(2) NONITEMIZERS.—For purposes of paragraph (1), if an election is made not to itemize deductions for any taxable year, the basic standard deduction shall be equal to the amount which is twice the basic standard deduction under section 63(c)(2)(C) for the taxable year.

“(c) TREATMENT OF CREDITS.—Credits shall be determined (and applied against the joint liability of the couple for tax) as if the spouses had filed a joint return.

“(d) TREATMENT AS JOINT RETURN.—Except as otherwise provided in this section or in the regulations prescribed hereunder, for purposes of this title (other than sections 1 and 63(c)) a combined return under this section shall be treated as a joint return.

“(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this section.”

(b) UNMARRIED RATE MADE APPLICABLE.—So much of subsection (c) of section 1 of such Code as precedes the table is amended to read as follows:

“(c) SEPARATE OR UNMARRIED RETURN RATE.—There is hereby imposed on the taxable income of every individual (other than a married individual (as defined in section 7703) filing a joint return or a separate return, a surviving spouse as defined in section 2(a), or a head of household as defined in section 2(b)) a tax determined in accordance with the following table:”

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart B of part II of subchapter A of chapter 61 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 6013 the following:

“Sec. 6013A. Combined return with separate rates.”

(d) BUDGET DIRECTIVE.—The members of the conference on the congressional budget resolution for fiscal year 1999 shall provide in the conference report sufficient spending reductions to offset the reduced revenues received by the United States Treasury resulting from the amendments made by this section.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

MCCAIN (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 3217

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. KERREY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. ROBB) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 4112, *supra*; as follows:

In the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

SEC. 311. AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN CRS WEB SITE INFORMATION.

(a) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Congressional Research Service shall make available on the Internet, for purposes of access and retrieval by the public, all information that—

(A) is available through the Congressional Research Service web site;

(B) is described in paragraph (2); and

(C) is not confidential as determined by—

(i) the Director; or

(ii) the head of a Federal department or agency that provided the information to the Congressional Research Service.

(2) INFORMATION.—The information referred to in paragraph (1)(B) is as follows:

(A) All Congressional Research Service Issue Briefs.

(B) All Congressional Research Service Reports that are available to Members of Congress through the Congressional Research Service web site.

(C) All Congressional Research Service Authorization of Appropriations Products or Appropriations Products.

(3) REMOVAL OF INFORMATION; CHANGES AND UPDATES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Director of the Congressional Research Service may—

(A) remove from the information required to be made available on the Internet under this section the name of, phone number of, and information regarding, an employee of the Congressional Research Service;

(B) remove from the information required to be made available on the Internet under this section, any material the Director determines may infringe the copyright of a work protected under title 17, United States Code; and

(C) make any changes or updates in the information required to be made available on the Internet under this section that the Director determines are necessary to ensure that the information is accurate.

(b) TIME.—The information shall be so made available not earlier than 30 days after the first day the information is available to Members of Congress through the Congressional Research Service web site.

(c) REQUIREMENTS.—The Director of the Congressional Research Service shall make the information available in a manner that the Director determines—

(1) is practical and reasonable; and

(2) does not permit the submission of comments from the public.

(d) METHOD OF PUBLIC ACCESS.—The public shall have access to the web page containing Congressional Research Service information that is available to the public only through the Library of Congress' THOMAS web page (<http://thomas.loc.gov>). The Director of Congressional Research Service shall work with the Librarian of Congress to establish an appropriate Internet link to carry out this subsection. The Director of Congressional Research Service shall be responsible for maintaining and updating the web page containing Congressional Research Service products. The Director of Congressional Research Service shall have sole discretion to edit the

web page based on the criteria established by this Act. The Librarian of Congress shall have the responsibility of working with the Director of Congressional Research Service only to the extent necessary to establish the link from the THOMAS web page to the public access Congressional Research Service web page. Nothing in this Act may be construed to interfere with the Librarian's normal duties concerning THOMAS.

(e) FURTHER APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding the first proviso under the subheading “SALARIES AND EXPENSES” under the subheading “CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE” under the heading “LIBRARY OF CONGRESS” under title I of this Act (relating to prior approval of certain publications), the Director shall make information available in accordance with this section without the prior approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate or the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

HUTCHINSON (AND WELLSTONE)
AMENDMENT NO. 3128

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (S. 2132) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 99, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

TITLE IX

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

Subtitle A—Forced Abortions in China

SEC. 9001. This subtitle may be cited as the “Forced Abortion Condemnation Act”.

SEC. 9002. Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Forced abortion was rightly denounced as a crime against humanity by the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal.

(2) For over 15 years there have been frequent and credible reports of forced abortion and forced sterilization in connection with the population control policies of the People's Republic of China. These reports indicate the following:

(A) Although it is the stated position of the politburo of the Chinese Communist Party that forced abortion and forced sterilization have no role in the population control program, in fact the Communist Chinese Government encourages both forced abortion and forced sterilization through a combination of strictly enforced birth quotas and immunity for local population control officials who engage in coercion. Officials acknowledge that there have been instances of forced abortions and sterilization, and no evidence has been made available to suggest that the perpetrators have been punished.

(B) People's Republic of China population control officials, in cooperation with employers and works unit officials, routinely monitor women's menstrual cycles and subject women who conceive without government authorization to extreme psychological pressure, to harsh economic sanctions, including unpayable fines and loss of employment, and often to physical force.

(C) Official sanctions for giving birth to unauthorized children include fines in amounts several times larger than the per capita annual incomes of residents of the