

spectrum, individually, or through community-based networks or cooperative agreements; and

(3) programs that help parents and other caregivers promote early learning with their young children.

(d) PERFORMANCE GOALS.—

(1) ASSESSMENTS.—Based on information and data received from Local Councils, and information and data available through State resources, the State shall biennially assess the needs and available resources related to the provision of early learning programs within the State.

(2) PERFORMANCE GOALS.—Based on the analysis of information described in paragraph (1), the State shall establish measurable performance goals to be achieved through activities assisted under this part.

(3) REQUIREMENT.—The State shall award grants to Local Councils only for purposes that are consistent with the performance goals established under paragraph (2).

(4) REPORT.—The State shall report to the Secretary annually regarding the State's progress toward achieving the performance goals established in paragraph (2) and any necessary modifications to those goals, including the rationale for the modifications.

SEC. 11412. LOCAL ALLOCATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Lead State Agency shall allocate to Local Councils in the State not less than 93 percent of the funds provided to the State under this part for a fiscal year.

(b) LIMITATION.—The Lead State Agency shall allocate funds provided under this part on the basis of the population of the locality served by the Local Council.

SEC. 11413. LOCAL APPLICATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive assistance under this part, the Local Council shall submit an application to the Lead State Agency at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Lead State Agency may require.

(b) CONTENTS.—Each application submitted pursuant to subsection (a) shall include a statement ensuring that the local government entity, Indian tribe, Regional Corporation, or Native Hawaiian entity has established or designated a Local Council under section 11414, and the Local Council has developed a local plan for carrying out early learning programs under this part that includes—

(1) a needs and resources assessment concerning early learning services and a statement describing how early learning programs will be funded consistent with the assessment;

(2) a statement of how the Local Council will ensure that early learning programs will meet the performance goals reported by the Lead State Agency under this part; and

(3) a description of how the Local Council will form collaboratives among local youth, social service, and educational providers to maximize resources and concentrate efforts on areas of greatest need.

SEC. 11414. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

(a) LOCAL COUNCIL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive funds under this part, a local government entity, Indian tribe, Regional Corporation, or Native Hawaiian entity, as appropriate, shall establish or designate a Local Council, which shall be composed of—

(A) representatives of local agencies directly affected by early learning programs assisted under this part;

(B) parents;

(C) other individuals concerned with early learning issues in the locality, such as representative entities providing elementary education, child care resource and referral services, early learning opportunities, child care, and health services; and

(D) other key community leaders.

(2) DESIGNATING EXISTING ENTITY.—If a local government entity, Indian tribe, Regional Corporation, or Native Hawaiian entity has, before the date of enactment of the Early Learning Opportunities Act, a Local Council or a regional entity that is comparable to the Local Council described in paragraph (1), the entity, tribe or corporation may designate the council or entity as a Local Council under this part, and shall be considered to have established a Local Council in compliance with this subsection.

(3) FUNCTIONS.—The Local Council shall be responsible for preparing and submitting the application described in section 11413.

(b) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 3 percent of the funds received by a Local Council under this part shall be used to pay for the administrative costs of the Local Council in carrying out this part.

(2) FISCAL AGENT.—A Local Council may designate any entity, with a demonstrated capacity for administering grants, that is affected by, or concerned with, early learning issues, including the State, to serve as fiscal agent for the administration of grant funds received by the Local Council under this part.

DOMENICI AMENDMENT NO. 3143

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DOMENICI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 2, supra; as follows:

On page 478, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 542. CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Section 5402 (as transferred and so redesignated by section 541) is amended by adding at the end the following

“(g) ELIGIBILITY OF CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this part, a charter school district—

“(A) in the case of a State that elects not to participate in the program under this part or does not have an application approved under section 5403, may be an eligible applicant under subsection (b); or

“(A) shall be eligible to receive a subgrant under section 5404(f)(1).

“(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term ‘charter school district’ means a school district that—

“(A) has been designated under a specific State statute as a charter school district; and

“(B) meets other requirements determined appropriate by the Secretary to further the purposes of this part.”.

DOMENICI (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3144

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CLELAND, and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 2, supra; as follows:

On page 490, strike lines 14 through 17 and insert the following:

“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) PARTNERSHIPS IN CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out programs described in section 5702 with funds provided under this section, \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.

“(2) OTHER PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out other programs,

projects, and activities described in this part (other than programs described in section 5702) with funds provided under this section, \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.

On page 501, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

“(h) AMOUNT OF GRANTS FOR STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall make grants under this section in amounts of not less than \$500,000 to State educational agencies in partnerships described in subsection (a)(2) that submit applications under subsection (b) that meet such requirements as the Secretary may establish under this section.

USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR BIKE RODEO

McCONNELL AMENDMENT NO. 3140

Mr. BROWNBACK (for Mr. McCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 314) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit; as follows:

On page 3, line 9, after “sales,” insert “advertisements.”.

USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

McCONNELL AMENDMENT NO. 3141

Mr. BROWNBACK (for Mr. McCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 277) authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, after “sales,” insert “advertisements.”.

CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REGULATORY INFORMATION ACT OF 1999

LEVIN AMENDMENT NO. 3142

Mr. BROWNBACK (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1198) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for a report by the General Accounting Office to Congress on agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 7, strike lines 15 through 19 and insert the following:

(1) REQUEST FOR REVIEW.—When an agency publishes an economically significant rule, a chairman or ranking member of a committee of jurisdiction of either House of Congress may request the Comptroller General of the United States to review the rule.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a meeting to mark up S. 1594, Community Development

and Venture Capital Act of 1999, and other pending matters. The markup will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2000, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Paul Cooksey at 224-5175.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled "IRS Restructuring: A New Era for Small Business." The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2000, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will be broadcast live over the Internet from our homepage address: <http://www.senate.gov/sbc>

For further information, please contact Mark Warren at 224-5175.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, in executive session, to mark up the FY 2001 Defense authorization bill.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, in executive session, to mark up the FY 2001 Defense authorization bill.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, to conduct a hearing on "The China-WTO Agreement and Financial Services."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in Dirksen 266.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, RESTRUCTURING AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing entitled "Perform-

ance Management in the District of Columbia: A Progress Report".

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dianne Lenz, a fellow of my staff, be granted floor privileges while S. 2 is pending.

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

EARTH FORCE YOUTH BIKE SUMMIT

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 314, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 314) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by Earth Force Youth Bike Summit.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

AMENDMENT NO. 3140

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, Senator MCCONNELL has a technical amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), for Mr. MCCONNELL, proposes an amendment numbered 3140.

On page 3, line 9, after "sales," insert "advertisements."

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 3140) was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 314), as amended, was agreed to.

GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 277, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 277) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

AMENDMENT NO. 3141

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, Senator MCCONNELL has a technical amendment at the desk. I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), for Mr. MCCONNELL, proposes an amendment numbered 3141.

On page 3, line 10, after "sales," insert "advertisements."

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 3141) was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 277), as amended, was agreed to.

TRUTH IN REGULATING ACT OF 1999

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar 424, S. 1198.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1198) to amend chapter 8 of Title 5, United States Code, to provide for a report by the General Accounting Office to Congress on agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Governmental Affairs with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Truth in Regulating Act of 1999".*

SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

*The purposes of this Act are to—*

- (1) increase the transparency of important regulatory decisions;
- (2) promote effective congressional oversight to ensure that agency rules fulfill statutory requirements in an efficient, effective, and fair manner; and
- (3) increase the accountability of Congress and the agencies to the people they serve.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

*In this Act, the term—*

- (1) "agency" has the meaning given such term under section 551(1) of title 5, United States Code;
- (2) "economically significant rule" means any proposed or final rule, including an interim or direct final rule, that may have an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities; and
- (3) "independent evaluation" means a substantive evaluation of the agency's data, methodology, and assumptions used in developing the economically significant rule, including—