

escape planning or protocols (as defined in local fire codes), rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking and open flames (such as candles), regular mandatory supervised fire drills, and planned and future improvement in fire safety.

"(2) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the Secretary to require particular policies, procedures, or practices by institutions of higher education with respect to fire safety.

"(3) **REPORTS.**—Each institution participating in any program under this title shall make periodic reports to the campus community on fires and false fire alarms that are reported to local fire departments in a manner that will aid in the prevention of similar occurrences.

"(4) **REPORTS TO SECRETARY.**—On an annual basis, each institution participating in any program under this title shall submit to the Secretary a copy of the statistics required to be made available under paragraph (1)(B). The Secretary shall—

"(A) review such statistics;

"(B) make copies of the statistics submitted to the Secretary available to the public; and

"(C) in coordination with representatives of institutions of higher education, identify exemplary fire safety policies, procedures, and practices and disseminate information concerning those policies, procedures, and practices that have proven effective in the reduction of campus fires.

"(5) **DEFINITION OF CAMPUS.**—In this subsection the term 'campus' has the meaning provided in subsection (f)(6)."

(c) **REPORT TO CONGRESS BY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall prepare and submit to the Congress a report containing—

(1) an analysis of the current status of fire safety systems in college and university facilities, including sprinkler systems;

(2) an analysis of the appropriate fire safety standards to apply to these facilities, which the Secretary shall prepare after consultation with such fire safety experts, representatives of institutions of higher education, and other Federal agencies as the Secretary, in the Secretary's discretion, considers appropriate;

(3) an estimate of the cost of bringing all nonconforming dormitories and other campus buildings up to current new building codes; and

(4) recommendations from the Secretary concerning the best means of meeting fire safety standards in all college and university facilities, including recommendations for methods to fund such cost.

BAUCUS (AND JEFFORDS) AMENDMENT NO. 3684

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 4577, supra; as follows:

On page 54, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING IMPACTS OF THE BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1997.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) Since its passage in 1997, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 has drastically cut payments under the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act in the areas of hospital, home health, and skilled nursing care, among others. While Congress intended to cut approximately \$100,000,000,000

from the medicare program over 5 years, recent estimates put the actual cut at over \$200,000,000,000.

(2) A recent study on home health care found that nearly 70 percent of hospital discharge planners surveyed reported a greater difficulty obtaining home health services for medicare beneficiaries as a result of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

(3) According to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, rural hospitals were disproportionately affected by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, dropping the inpatient margins of such hospitals over 4 percentage points in 1998.

(b) **SENSE OF SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that Congress and the President should act expeditiously to alleviate the adverse impacts of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 on beneficiaries under the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act and health care providers participating in such program.

BAUCUS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3685

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 4577, supra; as follows:

At the end of title III, insert the following:
SEC. ____ Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act—

(1) the total amount made available under this title to carry out section 8007 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 shall be \$50,000,000; and

(2) the amount of funds provided to each Federal agency that receives appropriations under this Act in an amount greater than \$20,000,000 shall be reduced by a uniform percentage necessary to achieve an aggregate reduction of \$25,000,000 in funds provided to all such agencies under this Act.

WELLSTONE (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3686

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 4577, supra; as follows:

On page 37, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

For making payments under title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, \$1,100,000,000, to be available for obligation in the period October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002.

BAUCUS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3687

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 4577, supra; as follows:

At the end of title III, insert the following:
SEC. ____ Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act—

(1) the total amount made available under this title to carry out section 8007 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 shall be \$50,000,000; and

(2) Amounts made available under this Act for the administrative and related expenses of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the

Department of Education shall be reduced on a pro rata basis by \$25,000,000.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a legislative hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 2195, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Truckee watershed reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water; S. 2350, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water rights to Duchesne City, Utah; and S. 2672, a bill to provide for the conveyance of various reclamation projects to local water authorities.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Water and Power, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please call Trici Heninger, Staff Assistant, or Colleen Deegan, Counsel, at (202) 224-8115.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., on airline customer service.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 28, for purposes of conducting a full committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

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