

be proposed to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 169. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 170. Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 171. Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 100 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 172. Mr. ROBERTS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 173. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 112 submitted by Mr. SUNUNU to the amendment SA 100 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 174. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 175. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 111. Mr. SUNUNU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLANS FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Small Public Housing Authorities Paperwork Reduction Act”.

(b) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 5A(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c-1(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) **EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PHAS FROM FILING REQUIREMENT.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding paragraph (1) or any other provision of this Act—

“(i) the requirement under paragraph (1) shall not apply to any qualified public housing agency; and

“(ii) except as provided in subsection (e)(4)(B), any reference in this section or any other provision of law to a ‘public housing agency’ shall not be considered to refer to any qualified public housing agency, to the extent such reference applies to the requirement to submit an annual public housing agency plan under this subsection.

“(B) **CIVIL RIGHTS CERTIFICATION.**—Notwithstanding that qualified public housing agencies are exempt under subparagraph (A) from the requirement under this section to prepare and submit an annual public housing plan, each qualified public housing agency shall, on an annual basis, make the certification described in paragraph (16) of subsection (d), except that for purposes of such qualified public housing agencies, such paragraph shall be applied by substituting ‘the public housing program of the agency’ for ‘the public housing agency plan’.

“(C) **DEFINITION.**—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified public housing

agency’ means a public housing agency that—

“(i) administers—

“(I) 500 or fewer public housing dwelling units; or

“(II) any number of vouchers under section 8(o) of this Act; and

“(ii) is not designated under section 6(j)(2) as a troubled public housing agency.”.

(c) **RESIDENT PARTICIPATION.**—Section 5A of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c-1) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) **QUALIFIED PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), nothing in this section may be construed to exempt a qualified public housing agency from the requirement under paragraph (1) to establish 1 or more resident advisory boards. Notwithstanding that qualified public housing agencies are exempt under subsection (b)(3)(A) from the requirement under this section to prepare and submit an annual public housing plan, each qualified public housing agency shall consult with, and consider the recommendations of the resident advisory boards for the agency, at the annual public hearing required under subsection (f)(5), regarding any changes to the goals, objectives, and policies of that agency.

“(B) **APPLICABILITY OF WAIVER AUTHORITY.**—Paragraph (3) shall apply to qualified public housing agencies, except that for purposes of such qualified public housing agencies, subparagraph (B) of such paragraph shall be applied by substituting ‘the functions described in the second sentence of paragraph (4)(A)’ for ‘the functions described in paragraph (2)’.

“(f) **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**—”; and

(2) in subsection (f) (as so designated by the amendment made by paragraph (1)), by adding at the end the following:

“(5) **QUALIFIED PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.**—

“(A) **REQUIREMENT.**—Notwithstanding that qualified public housing agencies are exempt under subsection (b)(3)(A) from the requirement under this section to conduct a public hearing regarding the annual public housing plan of the agency, each qualified public housing agency shall annually conduct a public hearing—

“(i) to discuss any changes to the goals, objectives, and policies of the agency; and

“(ii) to invite public comment regarding such changes.

“(B) **AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION AND NOTICE.**—Not later than 45 days before the date of any hearing described in subparagraph (A), a qualified public housing agency shall—

“(i) make all information relevant to the hearing and any determinations of the agency regarding changes to the goals, objectives, and policies of the agency to be considered at the hearing available for inspection by the public at the principal office of the public housing agency during normal business hours; and

“(ii) publish a notice informing the public that—

“(I) the information is available as required under clause (i); and

“(II) a public hearing under subparagraph (A) will be conducted.”

SA 112. Mr. SUNUNU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 100 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . RENEWAL GRANTS FOR WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS.

Section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(m) **CONTINUED FUNDING FOR CENTERS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A nonprofit organization described in paragraph (2) shall be eligible to receive, subject to paragraph (3), a 3-year grant under this subsection.

“(2) **APPLICABILITY.**—A nonprofit organization described in this paragraph is a nonprofit organization that—

“(A) has received funding under subsections (b) and (1); and

“(B) is not eligible under the programs under such subsections for the first fiscal year after the end of the period of financial assistance under subsection (1).

“(3) **APPLICATION AND APPROVAL CRITERIA.**—

“(A) **CRITERIA.**—The Administrator shall develop and publish criteria for the consideration and approval of applications by nonprofit organizations under this subsection.

“(B) **NOTIFICATION.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of the deadline to submit applications for each fiscal year, the Administrator shall approve or deny any application under this subsection and notify the applicant for each such application.

“(4) **AWARD OF GRANTS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Administrator shall make a grant for the Federal share of the cost of activities described in the application to each applicant approved under this subsection.

“(B) **AMOUNT.**—A grant under this subsection shall be for not less than \$90,000 and not more than \$150,000, for each year of that grant.

“(C) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—The Federal share under this subsection shall be not more than 50 percent.

“(D) **PRIORITY.**—In allocating funds made available for grants under this section, the Administrator shall give applications under this subsection priority over first-time applications under subsection (b).

“(5) **RENEWAL.**—The Administrator may renew a grant under this subsection for additional 3-year periods, if the nonprofit organization submits an application for such renewal at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Administrator may establish.”.

SA 113. Mr. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PERMANENT EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EDUCATION-RELATED TAX INCENTIVES.

(a) **REPEAL OF SUNSET ON AFFORDABLE EDUCATION PROVISIONS.**—Title IX of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 (relating to sunset of provisions of such Act) shall not apply to title IV of such Act (relating to affordable education provisions).

(b) **PERMANENT EXTENSION OF ABOVE-THE-LINE DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.**—Subparagraph (D) of section 62(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “In the case of taxable years beginning during 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, or 2007, the deductions” and inserting “The deductions”.

SA 114. Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment