

"(4) The percentage of the readjustment allowance or stipend (as the case may be) payable under paragraph (1), with respect to any period of volunteer service performed during—

"(A) January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996, shall be 3.25 percent;

"(B) January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, shall be 3.4 percent; and

"(C) January 1, 1998, through December 31, 2002, shall be 3.5 percent."

(2) NO REDUCTION IN AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—Agency contributions under section 8423 (a) and (b) of title 5, United States Code, shall not be reduced as a result of the amendments made under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 1996.

SEC. 8003. FEDERAL RETIREMENT PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.

(a) RELATING TO THE YEARS OF SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEES FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING AN ANNUITY.—

(1) CSRS.—Section 8339 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subsection (a) by inserting "or Member" after "employee"; and

(B) by striking out subsections (b) and (c).

(2) FERS.—Section 8415 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking out subsections (b) and (c);

(B) in subsections (a) and (g) by inserting "or Member" after "employee" each place it appears; and

(C) in subsection (g)(2) by striking out "Congressional employee".

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Office of Personnel Management, may prescribe regulations to carry out the provisions of this section and the amendments made by this section for applicable employees and Members of Congress.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) YEARS OF SERVICE; ANNUITY COMPUTATION.—(A) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply only with respect to the computation of an annuity relating to—

(i) the service of a Member of Congress as a Member or as a Congressional employee performed on or after January 1, 1996; and

(ii) the service of a Congressional employee as a Congressional employee performed on or after January 1, 1996.

(B) An annuity shall be computed as though the amendments made under subsection (a) had not been enacted with respect to—

(i) the service of a Member of Congress as a Member or a Congressional employee or military service performed before January 1, 1996; and

(ii) the service of a Congressional employee as a Congressional employee or military service performed before January 1, 1996.

(2) REGULATIONS.—The provisions of subsection (b) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

NOTICE OF HEARING

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Special Committee on Aging will hold a hearing on Thursday, November 2, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The hearing will discuss Medicare and Medicaid fraud.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ABRAHAM. 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 Thursday, October 26, 1995 to conduct a mark-up of S. 1260, the Public Housing Reform and Empowerment Act of 1995. In addition, the committee will conduct a mark-up of pending nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, October 26, 1995 at 9:30 a.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Building to conduct a hearing on S. 1327, the Saddleback Mountain-Arizona Settlement Act of 1995, a bill to transfer certain lands to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the City of Scottsdale, AZ.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, October 26, 1995 at 9:30 a.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Building to conduct a hearing on S. 1341, the Saddleback Mountain-Arizona Settlement Act of 1995, a bill to transfer certain lands to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the City of Scottsdale, AZ.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 26, 1995.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 26, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing to discuss quality of care in nursing homes.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 26, 1995, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony from academicians and State and local offi-

cials on alternatives to Federal forest land management. Testimony will also be sought comparing land management cost and benefits on Federal and State lands.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE APPROPRIATIONS

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I would like to take this time to explain my votes on various amendments to the Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill which passed on September 29.

The Specter amendment sought to strike the language from this bill that prohibited the use of Federal funds for abortions for women in Federal prison except where the life of the mother would be in danger if the fetus were carried to term or in the case of rape.

The House and the Senate have repeatedly upheld the position that when taxpayer funds are used for abortions, the abortions should be restricted to those pregnancies which are the result of rape or incest or which pose a risk to the life of the mother. I do not think these restrictions should be expanded for women in prison and, therefore, I voted to table the Specter amendment.

Senator KERREY offered an amendment to provide \$19.8 million for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's information infrastructure grants by cutting a like amount from the Justice Department's travel account. I opposed this amendment for several reasons. First, many of the NTIA's duties are duplicative of those carried out by the Federal Communications Commission. The underlying bill moves us toward a unified telecommunications entity, and I believe it is the correct path to take. Second, the infrastructure grants are an unauthorized program that have little relation to the job of regulating the telecommunications industry. Legislation I have sponsored to terminate the Department of Commerce would also eliminate the advisory and grant making functions and transfer the management duties to the FCC.

I also opposed a Domenici amendment to eliminate provisions in the bill which would, in my opinion, vastly improve the Legal Services Corporation.

The Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill in the Senate eliminated the Federal Corporation and block-granted to the States-Federal funds for the provision of legal services to the poor. The Domenici amendment to this bill would have restored the Federal Corporation and provides additional Federal funding for the Corporation.

I support eliminating the Federal Corporation and block-granting funds