

Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4113(c)(3)) is amended by inserting "not" before "prohibited".

(g) **APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS OF CIVIL RIGHTS.**—Section 201(b)(5) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4131(b)(5)) is amended—

(1) by striking "Indian tribes" and inserting "federally recognized tribes and the tribally designated housing entities of those tribes"; and

(2) by striking "under this subsection" and inserting "under this Act".

(h) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 205(a)(1) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4135(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "and" at the end; and

(2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

"(B) in the case of a contract to purchase existing housing, is made available for purchase only by a family that is a low-income family at the time of purchase;

"(C) in the case of a lease-purchase agreement for existing housing or for housing to be constructed, is made available for lease-purchase only by a family that is a low-income family at the time the agreement is entered into; and

"(D) in the case of a contract to purchase housing to be constructed, is made available for purchase only by a family that is a low-income family at the time the contract is entered into; and".

(i) **TENANT SELECTION.**—Section 207(b)(3)(B) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4137(b)(3)(B)) is amended by striking "of any rejected applicant of the grounds for any rejection" and inserting "to any rejected applicant of that rejection and the grounds for that rejection".

(j) **AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS.**—Section 208 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4138) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "paragraph (2)" and inserting "subsection (b)"; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "paragraph (1)" and inserting "subsection (a)".

(k) **IHP REQUIREMENT.**—Section 184(b)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a(b)(2)) is amended by striking "that is under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe" and all that follows before the period at the end.

(l) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section 184(i)(5)(C) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a(i)(5)(C)) is amended by striking "note" and inserting "not".

(m) **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM.**—Section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (k) as subsection (l); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (j) the following:

"(k) **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.**—For purposes of environmental, review, decision-making, and action under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and any other law that furthers the purposes of that Act, a loan guarantee under this section shall—

"(1) be treated as a grant under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.); and

"(2) be subject to the regulations promulgated by the Secretary to carry out section 105 of the Native American Housing Assis-

tance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4115)."

(n) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.**—(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Title IV of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4161 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"**SEC. 408. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.**

"Each recipient shall make any housing plan, policy, or annual report prepared by the recipient available to the general public."

(2) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—Section 1(b) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 note) is amended in the table of contents by inserting after the item relating to section 407 the following:

"Sec. 408. Public availability of information."

(o) **NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.**—Section 520(j)(5)(B) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 11903a(j)(5)(B)) is amended by striking "and Indian housing authorities" and inserting "and units of general local government".

(p) **INELIGIBILITY OF INDIAN TRIBES.**—Section 460 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12899h-1) is amended by striking "fiscal year 1997" and inserting "fiscal year 1998".

(q) **INDIAN HOUSING EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**—

(1) **REPEAL.**—Section 518 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1701z-11 note) is repealed.

(2) **TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 501(d)(1) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 4042), and the amendment made by that section, is repealed.

(B) **APPLICABILITY.**—Section 519 of Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 1437a-1) shall be applied and administered as if section 501(d)(1) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (104 Stat. 4042) had not been enacted.

(3) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This subsection and the amendments made by this subsection shall be construed to have taken effect on October 26, 1996.

(r) **TRIBAL ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE DRUG ELIMINATION PROGRAM.**—The Public and Assisted Housing Elimination Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 11901 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 5123, by inserting "Indian tribes," after "tribally designated housing entities,";

(2) in section 5124(a)(7), by inserting ", Indian tribe," after "agency";

(3) in section 5125(a), by inserting "Indian tribe," after "entity,"; and

(4) in section 5126, by adding at the end the following:

"(6) **INDIAN TRIBE.**—The term 'Indian tribe' has the meaning given that term in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)."

(s) **REFERENCE IN THE PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING DRUG ELIMINATION ACT OF 1990.**—Section 5126(4)(D) of the Public and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 11905(4)(D)) is amended by inserting "of 1996" before the period.

THE 50 STATES COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM ACT

D'AMATO (AND SARBANES) AMENDMENT NO. 1631

Mr. SESSIONS (for Mr. D'AMATO, for himself and Mr. SARBANES) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1228) to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 14, strike lines 4 through 10.

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall be construed to evidence any intention to eliminate or to limit the printing or circulation of United States currency in the \$1 denomination.

COATS AMENDMENT NO. 1632

Mr. SESSIONS (for Mr. COATS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1228, supra; as follows:

On page 8, line 11, strike "clad".

THE FAA RESEARCH, ENGINEERING, AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

MCCAIN (AND HOLLINGS) AMENDMENT NO. 1633

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SESSIONS (for Mr. MCCAIN, for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (H.R. 1271) to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and developing programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 12, line 10, strike "\$229,673,00," and insert "\$226,800,000,".

On page 12, line 25, strike "\$56,045,00," and insert "\$53,759,000,".

On page 13, line 1, strike "\$27,137,00," and insert "\$26,550,000,".

On page 13, line 6, strike "activities.,"; and insert "activities; and"

On page 13, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

"(5) for fiscal year 1999, \$229,673,000."

On page 13, line 17, strike "leges" and insert "leges, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions,".

On page 15, line 18, strike "**NOTICE OF REPROGRAMMING.**" and insert "**NOTICES.**".

On page 15, line 19, insert "(a) REPROGRAMMING.—" before "If".

On page 16, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(b) **NOTICE OF REORGANIZATION.**—The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall provide notice to the Committees on Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Appropriations of the Senate, not later than 30 days before any major reorganization (as determined by the Administrator) of any program of the Federal Aviation Administration for which funds are authorized by this Act.

Amend the title so as to read "A Bill to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes."

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

VETERANS DAY PRESENTATION OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL TO ALBERT SPONHEIMER, JR.

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, on Veterans' Day, I will be participating in a very special ceremony for a very special individual. The occasion is the presentation of a Silver Star Medal 53 years after the event to a World War II veteran named Albert Sponheimer. It gives me great pleasure to submit, for the RECORD, the text of my remarks:

The remarks follow:

SILVER STAR MEDAL PRESENTATION TO ALBERT SPONHEIMER, JR.

I am so proud to be here today to honor Al Sponheimer in front of his family and friends and, of course, all of you in the audience—students who are fortunate enough to witness this historic event.

This is the part of my job I love the most—the fact that we are all here today, 53 years, 5 months and 5 days after the event to witness the presentation of a Silver Star Medal for heroism. Al Sponheimer, a veteran of the Second World War, is a testament to the saying that perseverance pays off.

Al Sponheimer first contacted my office back in December 1994. In a characteristically modest manner, he asked for information about how he might get his Silver Star, in the absence of official documentation, 50 years after the fact. I could see that Al was not comfortable pursuing this, but was probably goaded into it by the four gentlemen sitting next to him today.

Anyway, back to the story. Soon after, we received a letter from Captain Heitz outlining Mr. Sponheimer's heroic actions on June 6, 1944. He wrote:

"PFC Sponheimer was one of two aides men assigned to my battery. In fact, I was his first battlefield patient. He was seen giving first aid to anyone who needed it, not necessarily Battery A personnel. He roamed almost the full length of Omaha Beach, helping where he could while many around him were wounded by flying shrapnel or ricocheting bullets fired from the Germans on the bluff of Omaha Beach"

Once the Army read this letter, I thought for sure they would send Mr. Sponheimer's medal by return mail. This was not the case. The time for consideration of WWII medal requests had expired. We had to apply to the Board for Correction of Military Records where the average length of time for consideration of these requests is about 2 years. The application was sent in on February 7, 1996. 18 months later the Board made a favorable decision—Al would finally receive his Silver Star.

And that is what brings us here today—appropriately on Armistice Day—to correct a 53-year-old record and honor a person who, under enemy fire, performed heroically.

Mr. President, thank you again for this opportunity to submit my remarks for the RECORD. I hope Mr. Sponheimer's story will inspire other veterans to pursue their entitlement to military medals or awards, even if the lapse in time seems insurmountable.

I also want to extend my condolences to the Sponheimer family at the recent

and untimely passing of Al's wife, Audrey. I know her absence will be deeply felt by Al, their children and grandchildren on this special day. •

THE WALT DISNEY CO.: 1997 CORPORATION OF THE YEAR

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Walt Disney Co. for being honored as the 1997 Corporation of the Year by the Minority Business Enterprise Input Committee of the Southern California Regional Purchasing Councils [SCRPC], a group of 225 large-scale purchasers located in a 13-county area of southern California.

Formed in 1975, SCRPC seeks to stimulate economic growth and help develop enterprises that can provide useful goods and services at competitive prices, increase employment for underemployed groups, and help bring disadvantaged enterprises into America's market economy.

The Walt Disney Co. earned this prestigious award through its leadership in working with minority-owned businesses. Disney has operated a Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program for more than 15 years, and now does business with more than 900 minority-owned and 600 female-owned businesses.

This special recognition by the SCRPC reflects the high regard suppliers have for Disney's outreach and diversity policies.

It is a great pleasure to honor and recognize the initiative and leadership that has led to this outstanding honor for the Walt Disney Co. •

TRIBUTE TO ALBERT W. MOORE

• Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to Albert W. Moore for his leadership in a critical American industry. Mr. Moore is retiring after serving 8 years as president of the Association for Manufacturing Technology [AMT], a trade group which represents 374 American builders of machine tools and related equipment. His distinguished career in the industry has spanned 43 years.

The machine tool industry is vital to our country, making possible the production of almost every product which our society today enjoys. More important, these powerful and precise machines are a vital key to the Nation's defense.

During his tenure as president, and earlier as the elected chairman of the association. Mr. Moore has worked to ensure that the U.S. industry was technologically equal to any in the world, and that its companies are strong and well run.

Mr. Moore's efforts have greatly enhanced the position of our machine tool industry, and I congratulate him for a job well done. •

WELCOME HOME 452D ARMY RESERVE ORDNANCE COMPANY

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to

welcome home the men and women of the 452d Ordnance Company, an Army Reserve Unit based in Aberdeen, SD, and congratulate them on successfully completing their recent mission to Hungary in support of Bosnian peacekeeping efforts.

The 452d is one of only six direct support ordnance units in the entire U.S. Army. The 452d is also a tier 2A high priority unit, which means that the members of this unit are well-trained, have adequate manpower, and have a high level of readiness. The men and women of the 452d pride themselves on their ability to quickly and effectively mobilize when their country calls upon them.

The 452d has an impressive history of serving the Nation. The 452d Ordnance Company was the first unit in the 6th Army to be deployed during Operation Desert Storm. The members performed extremely well during this mobilization and received the Meritorious Unit Commendation from the Secretary of the Army for their outstanding service. As you know, Mr. President, this is an extremely prestigious award with only a handful of National Guard and Reserve units having ever received it. Furthermore, the 452d was recently inspected and found to be performing at such an outstanding level that the unit is being recommended for the Meritorious Unit Commendation once again. Most units would be honored to simply be nominated for this award, and it is truly a sign of the 452d's excellence that it may receive the award twice.

In addition to helping lead coalition forces to victory in the Middle East, the 452d brought relief to many in their hometown of Aberdeen, SD, by aiding emergency management efforts in recent winter storms and flooding. The 452d is a shining example of how reserve units across the country are being called upon more frequently to serve their country both at home and abroad.

The men and women of the 452d began their most recent, and perhaps most demanding, mission in March of this year when 83 members of the unit were mobilized for duty in Europe. For the past 8 months, these individuals were stationed at Tazsar Air Base, Hungary, supporting peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia. Unit members were rotated into Bosnia from time to time, venturing inside one of the most politically volatile areas in the world.

Of course, the soldiers who were mobilized were not the only ones who sacrificed in service to their country. The families of these servicemembers also exhibited extreme courage in facing new challenges and additional responsibilities in the absence of their loved ones. To help with that transition, the 452d Family Support Group provided guidance, assistance, and support. In fact, during the Persian Gulf conflict, the 452d Family Support Group received the Best Small Unit Family Outreach Program Award from the 96th Army Reserve Command. The 452d