

MODIFICATION OF AMENDMENT #4
(MR. KIRK OF ILLINOIS)

The amendment as modified is as follows:

At the end of title VI of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 607. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO FULL FUND-**
2 **ING OF THE IMPACT AID PROGRAM.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) More than 90 percent of resources for
5 school districts in the United States are raised from
6 State and local property taxes.

7 (2) School districts that are affected by the
8 presence of the Federal government, such as Federal
9 property that is not subject to taxation, must still
10 provide educational services to children who are fed-
11 erally connected by such activities of the Federal
12 government.

13 (3) To mitigate this loss of funding, Congress
14 has made “impact aid” payments to local edu-
15 cational agencies to reimburse the agencies for the
16 costs of educating federally connected children.

17 (4) From 1950 to 1969, Congress provided full
18 funding for the impact aid program to help defray
19 the costs of educating federally connected children.

1 (5) For fiscal year 2000, Congress provided
2 only 46 percent of the costs of educating federally
3 connected children.

4 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) the House of Representatives, Senate, and
7 Administration should work together to provide full
8 funding for the impact aid program in future fiscal
9 years in order to meet the needs of school districts
10 affected by a Federal presence; and

11 (2) the full funding of the impact aid program
12 will ensure that federally connected children will con-
13 tinue to receive a quality education.