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 Herbert L. Mitchell,  
*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*  
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#### [Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2923]

#### Nevada; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on January 3, 1997, I find that Douglas, Lyon, Storey and Washoe Counties, and the Independent City of Carson City in the State of Nevada constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding, and mud and land slides beginning on December 20, 1996 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on March 4, 1997, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on October 3, 1997 at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P. O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795, or other locally announced locations. In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Churchill, Humboldt, Mineral, and Pershing Counties in Nevada, and Harney and Lake Counties in Oregon. Any counties contiguous to the above-named counties and not listed herein have been covered under a separate declaration for the same occurrence.

Interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere .....	8.000
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Businesses with credit available elsewhere .....	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere .....	7.250
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere .....	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 292311. For economic injury the numbers are 933000 for Nevada and 933100 for Oregon.

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Request

The Social Security Administration publishes a list of information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with P.L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection(s) listed below requires extension of the current OMB approval(s):

*0960-0030—Statement of Employer.*  
 The information collected on form SSA-7011 is used by the Social Security Administration to substantiate allegations of wages paid to workers when those wages do not appear in SSA's records of earnings and the worker does not have proof that they were paid. This information is used to process claims for social security benefits and to resolve discrepancies in earnings records. The respondents are certain employers who can verify allegations of wages made by the wage earner.

*Number of Respondents:* 925,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Average Burden:* 308,333.

To receive a copy of the form(s) or clearance packages (s), call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to her at the address listed below. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Judith T. Hasche, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Social Security Administration publishes a list of information collection packages that have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with P.L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection(s) listed below, which were published in the Federal Register on November 1 and November 20, 1996, have been submitted to OMB.

1. *Statement of Funds You Provided to Another; Statement of Funds You Received—0960-0481.* The information collected on forms SSA-2854 and SSA-2855 is used by the Social Security Administration to determine if money borrowed on an informal basis from a noncommercial lender (friend or relative) is income to the borrower/claimant. The information is needed to insure that an individual is properly eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. The respondents are applicants for and recipients of SSI payments.

*Number of Respondents:* 40,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 6,667 hours.

2. *Employer Classification Update—0960-0262.* The information on form SSA-L378 is needed by the Social Security Administration in situations where an employer submits an SS-4, Employer Identification Form, with incomplete or missing information. The data from the SSA-L378 is used, in conjunction with tax return data, for program planning, revenue estimates and employment studies. The respondents are employers with 11 or more employees.

*Number of Respondents:* 75,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 3 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,750 hours.

3. *Certificate of Election for Reduced Spouse's Benefits—0960-0398.* A qualified spouse, age 62 to 64, can elect to receive a reduced Social Security benefit by completing a form SSA-25. The information collected on the form is used by the Social Security Administration to pay a reduced Social Security benefit. The respondents are qualified spouses of Social Security beneficiaries who are entitled to reduced Social Security benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 30,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,000 hours.

**4. Reporting Events—SSI; 0960-0128.** The information collected on form SSA-8150-EV by the Social Security Administration is used to determine eligibility and correct payment amounts for SSI payments. The respondents are SSI applicants and recipients.

*Number of Respondents:* 43,600.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,633 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 30 days of the date of this publication. Comments may be directed to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB)

Office of Management and Budget,  
OIRA, Attn: Laura Oliven, New  
Executive Office Building, Room  
10230, 725 17th St., NW.,  
Washington, D.C. 20503

(SSA)

Social Security Administration,  
DCFAM, Attn: Judith T. Hasche, 6401  
Security Blvd, 1-A-21 Operations  
Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

Dated: January 14, 1997.

Judith T. Hasche,

*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security  
Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2505]

### Advisory Committee on Private International Law; Meeting of Study Group on Electronic Commerce

The Study Group on Electronic Commerce of the Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) will hold its next meeting from 9:30 to 4:30 on Monday, February 10 in Washington, DC. The meeting will review legal issues involved in new or proposed commercial and governmental "digital signature" services, laws or regulations enacted or proposed covering such services, as well as the relationship of domestic initiatives on digital signatures to international activities in this field.

The meeting will also focus on documents prepared by the Secretariat

of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), which will be discussed at an upcoming UNCITRAL Working Group meeting at the UN in late February 1997. The Working Group will consider whether the Commission should undertake work on international legal standards for digital signatures, which can take the form of a United Nations study of legal issues, model national laws, multilateral treaty, or other types of international legal work. Recommendations will be sought on the views the United States should set forth at the Working Group meeting.

Topics to be discussed at the February 10th Advisory Committee meeting will include the legal aspects and functions of digital signatures, including various forms of electronic and computer-based means of identifying and/or indicating authorizing sources for computer messages; public key-private key and other infrastructure methods to support digital signatures; verification methods and their legal import; attribution, revocation, liability, etc. The meeting will also focus on concepts of "certifying authorities" and other third-party service providers, and the legal role of possible certifications of signatures in digital form. Current developments in several States of the United States, as well as foreign jurisdictions, will be considered. Other issues will be considered as time permits.

The principal UN documents may be requested from the Office of the Legal Adviser as indicated below, which include a report by the Secretariat on "Planning Future Work on Electronic Commerce: Digital signatures, Certification authorities and related legal issues", UN Doc. A/CN.9/WP.71, Dec. 31, 1996, and the recently completed UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce, UN Doc. A/51/Supp.17, Annex I, Sept. 1996. The Model Law covers the legal effect and validity of computer messages in commercial transactions, attribution of messages, time and place where communications are deemed to have taken place and other general matters, as well as special rules on electronic bills of lading.

The meeting of the Advisory Committee Study Group is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. Members of the public who cannot attend are welcome to comment on the referenced documents, including any recommendations for possible U.S. positions on these matters. The meeting will take place at the International Law Institute (ILI), 1615 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Persons

who expect to attend should advise either the Office of the Legal Adviser (L/PIL) at Suite 357 South Building, 2430 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037-2800, fax (202) 776-8482, or Stuart Kerr at ILI, (202) 483-3036, fax 483-3029. Documents can be requested from the Office of the Legal Adviser indicated above or from the UN. For further information please contact Harold S. Burman, Advisory Committee Executive Director, at (202) 776-8421.

Peter H. Pfund,

*Advisory Committee Vice-Chair.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

### Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on August 28, 1996 [FR 61, page 44385].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before (30 days from date of publication).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Peter C. Chandler, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202) 366-5763, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

*Title:* Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers of Passengers.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*OMB Control Number:* 2125-0518.

*Form Number:* MCS-90B, MCS-82B.

*Affected Public:* Insurance and surety companies of motor carriers of property.