have, in the past, had little, if no, choice as to where they could live and receive the long-term care they needed. Fortunately, there are more options today, including receiving care in one's own home. A long-term illness is no longer synonymous with institutionalization. If medical, health-related, and social services are available, it can make the difference between a veteran being able to live his or her last years in the comfort of his own home, or having to be placed in an institution. Among other goals, the Veterans Community-Based Care Act of 1995 will help make this possible for the men and women who have worn the country's uniform.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 725

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Veterans Community-Based Care Act of 1995''.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES RELATING TO COMMUNITY-BASED CARE.

(a) ALCOHOL OR DRUG DEPENDENCE AND ABUSE.—Section 1720A(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out ''December 31, 1995'' and inserting in lieu thereof ''December 31, 2000''.

(b) NONINSTITUTIONAL ALTERNATIVES TO NURSING HOME CARE.—Section 1720C(a) of such title is amended by striking out ''September 30, 1995,'' and inserting in lieu thereof ''December 31, 2000,''.

(c) COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR HOMELESS CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL VETERANS AND OTHER VETERANS.—Section 115(d) of the Veterans' Benefits and Services Act of 1988 (38 U.S.C. 1712 note) is amended by striking out ''September 30, 1995'' and inserting in lieu thereof ''December 31, 2000''.

(d) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM OF COMPENSATED WORK THERAPY.—Section 7(a) of Public Law 102–54 (38 U.S.C. 1718 note) is amended by striking out ''fiscal years 1991 through 1995'' and inserting in lieu thereof ''the period beginning on October 1, 1990, and ending on December 31, 2000''.

SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ENHANCED-USE LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY.

Section 8169 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out ''December 31, 1995'' and inserting in lieu thereof ''December 31, 2000''.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 256

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish procedures for determining the status of certain missing members of the Armed Forces and certain civilians, and for other purposes.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, and for other purposes.

S. 457

At the request of Mr. SIMON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 457, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to update references in the classification of children for purposes of United States immigration laws.

S. 495

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 495, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to stabilize the student loan programs, improve congressional oversight, and for other purposes.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to clarify the liability of certain recycling transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BRADLEY], and the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK] were added as cosponsors of S. 615, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish outpatient medical services for any disability of a former prisoner of war.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, the name of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to establish a waterways restoration program, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 641, a bill to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 650

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. HOLLINGS] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] were added as cosponsors of S. 650, a bill to increase the amount of credit available to fuel local, regional, and national economic growth by reducing the regulatory burden imposed upon financial institutions, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 31, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to grant Congress and the States the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. SIMON, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 3, a concurrent resolution relative to Taiwan and the United Nations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 110

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. HOLLINGS], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. BRADLEY], and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 110, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the bombing in Oklahoma City.

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 110, supra.

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 110, supra.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

COMMONSENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY FAIRNESS ACT

ABRAHAM (AND MCCONNELL) AMENDMENT NO. 597

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 596 proposed by Mr. GORTON to the bill (H.R. 956) to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the pending amendment add the following new title:

TITLE III—EQUITY IN LEGAL FEES

SEC. 301. EQUITY IN LEGAL FEES.

(a) DISCLOSURE OF ATTORNEY'S FEES INFORMATION.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

(A) the term ''attorney'' means any natural person, professional law association, corporation, or partnership authorized under applicable State law to practice law;

(B) the term ''attorney's services'' means the professional advice or counseling of or representation by an attorney, but such term shall not include other assistance incurred, directly or indirectly, in connection with an

attorney's services, such as administrative or secretarial assistance, overhead, travel expenses, witness fees, or preparation by a person other than the attorney of any study, analysis, report, or test;

(C) the term ''claimant'' means any natural person who files a civil action arising under any Federal law or in any diversity action in Federal court and—

(i) if such a claim is filed on behalf of the claimant's estate, the term shall include the claimant's personal representative; or

(ii) if such a claim is brought on behalf of a minor or incompetent, the term shall include the claimant's parent, guardian, or personal representative;

(D) the term ''contingent fee'' means the cost or price of an attorney's services determined by applying a specified percentage, which may be a firm fixed percentage, a graduated or sliding percentage, or any combination thereof, to the amount of the settlement or judgment obtained;

(E) the term ''hourly fee'' means the cost or price per hour of an attorney's services;

(F) the term ''initial meeting'' means the first conference or discussion between the claimant and the attorney, whether by telephone or in person, concerning the details, facts, or basis of the claim;

(G) the term ''natural person'' means any individual, and does not include an artificial organization or legal entity, such as a firm, corporation, association, company, partnership, society, joint venture, or governmental body; and

(H) the term ''retain'' means the act of a claimant in engaging an attorney's services, whether by express or implied agreement, by seeking and obtaining the attorney's services.

(2) DISCLOSURE AT INITIAL MEETING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—An attorney retained by a claimant shall, at the initial meeting, disclose to the claimant the claimant's right to receive a written statement of the information described under paragraph (3).

(B) WAIVER AND EXTENSION.—The claimant, in writing, may—

(i) waive the right to receive the statement required under subparagraph (A); or

(ii) extend the 30-day period referred to under paragraph (3).

(3) INFORMATION AFTER INITIAL MEETING.—Subject to paragraph (2)(B), within 30 days after the initial meeting, an attorney retained by a claimant shall provide a written statement to the claimant containing—

(A) the estimated number of hours of the attorney's services that will be spent—

(i) settling or attempting to settle the claim or action; and

(ii) handling the claim through trial;

(B) the basis of the attorney's fee for services (such as a contingent, hourly, or flat fee basis) and any conditions, limitations, restrictions, or other qualifications on the fee the attorney determines are appropriate; and

(C) the contingent fee, hourly fee, or flat fee the attorney will charge the client.

(4) INFORMATION AFTER SETTLEMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—An attorney retained by a claimant shall, within a reasonable time not later than 30 days after the date on which the claim or action is finally settled or adjudicated, provide a written statement to the claimant containing—

(i) the actual number of hours of the attorney's services in connection with the claim;

(ii) the total amount of the fee for the attorney's services in connection with the claim; and

(iii) the actual fee per hour of the attorney's services in connection with the claim, determined by dividing the total amount of the fee by the actual number of hours of attorney's services.

(B) WAIVER AND EXTENSION.—A client, in writing, may—

(i) waive the right to receive the statement required under subparagraph (A); or

(ii) extend the 30-day period referred to under subparagraph (A).

(5) FAILURE TO DISCLOSE.—Except with regard to a claimant who provides a waiver under paragraph (2)(B) or (4)(B), a claimant to whom an attorney fails to disclose information required by this section may withhold 10 percent of the fee and file a civil action for damages resulting from the failure to disclose in the court in which the claim or action was filed or could have been filed.

(6) OTHER REMEDIES.—This subsection shall supplement and not supplant any other available remedies or penalties.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This title shall take effect and apply to claims or actions filed on and after the date occurring 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

HOLLINGS AMENDMENT NO. 598

Mr. HOLLINGS proposed an amendment to amendment No. 597 proposed by Mr. ABRAHAM to the bill (H.R. 956) to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the matter proposed to be inserted, add the following:

SEC. 302. LIMITATIONS ON FEES.

If an attorney at law brings a civil action or is engaged to defend against any civil action, the attorney may not be compensated for the legal services provided in connection with that action at a rate in excess of $50 an hour.

BROWN AMENDMENT NO. 599

Mr. GORTON (for Mr. BROWN) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 596 proposed by Mr. GORTON the bill H.R. 956, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . REPRESENTATIONS AND SANCTIONS UNDER RULE 11 FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(3) by striking out ''or, if specifically so identified, are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery'' and inserting in lieu thereof ''or are well grounded in fact''; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the first sentence by striking out ''may, subject to the conditions stated below,'' and inserting in lieu thereof ''shall'';

(B) in paragraph (2) by striking out the first and second sentences and inserting in lieu thereof the following: ''A sanction imposed for violation of this rule may consist of reasonable attorneys' fees and other expenses incurred as a result of the violation, directives of a nonmonetary nature, or an order to pay penalty into court or to a party.''; and

(C) in paragraph (2)(A) by inserting before the period '', although such sanctions may be awarded against a party's attorneys''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of this section shall take effect 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the hearing scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Thursday, April 27, in room SD–366 to consider S. 537 and H.R. 402, bills to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, will begin at 9:45 a.m. instead of 9:30 a.m., as previously scheduled.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for an executive session, during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 25, 1995, at 9:30 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 25, 1995 at 2 p.m. in open session to receive testimony on the Department of Energy's Environmental Management Program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 1996 and the future years defense program; Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board reauthorization.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

MORRIS K. UDALL PARKINSON'S RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ASSISTANCE ACT

● Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, since the introduction of the Morris K. Udall Parkinson's Research, Education, and Assistance Act, S. 684, on April 6, 1995, I have received subsequent letters of support from many groups and individuals around the country.

I ask that a list of these groups and individuals be printed in the RECORD following a letter of support from the chairman of the National Parkinson Foundation, Inc.

The material follows:

NATIONAL PARKINSON FOUNDATION, INC.,
Miami, FL, March 27, 1995.

Hon. MARK HATFIELD,
U.S. Senator,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR HATFIELD: The National Parkinson Foundation was founded with a dual purpose. Firstly, to find the cause and cure of Parkinson's Disease and secondly, to improve the quality of care for Parkinson patients and their caregivers.

Our fifty thousand square foot headquarters building, located in Miami, Florida, comprises clinical offices, research facilities, therapeutic departments and a Parkinson day care center.

In addition, our dedication has caused us to create and to support twenty additional