

state. The Secretary shall allocate funds on an annual basis to each state based on a formula that takes into account the number of farmers and workers affected in that state and the severity of the economic impact. Monies from the Fund may be used for direct payments to tobacco farmers or workers, assisting farmers in converting to alternative crop and livestock production, infrastructure and business-related financing in impacted areas with significant numbers of tobacco-related jobs, job training, and other economic development projects that the state considers worthwhile upon approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Each year the states receiving monies from the Fund shall submit to the Secretary of Agriculture an annual report documenting the economic impact of the tax, an evaluation of their program activities, and their improvement plan for the coming year. Upon approval by the Secretary, the state's annual allocation from the Fund shall be transferred to the state.

Administrative costs for this program are limited to 5% of annual program expenditures and shall be offset by monies in the Tobacco Alternatives Trust Fund.

Sec. 303. Designation of Overpayments and Contributions for the National Health Trust Fund for Mothers and Children

Amends subchapter A of chapter 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

PART IX—DESIGNATION OF OVERPAYMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NATIONAL HEALTH TRUST FUND FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

Sec. 6097. Amounts for the National Health Trust Fund for Mothers and Children

Beginning with the first full tax year subsequent to the enactment of this Act, every individual (or couple in the case of joint returns) filing a tax return shall have the option of making a contribution to the Trust Fund through either electing to donate any portion (not less than \$1) of a tax overpayment for that year, or electing to make a cash contribution to be transferred to the Trust Fund. These mechanisms for contributions through tax returns shall not apply in the second year subsequent to any year where the total contributions designated from tax returns are less than \$5 million.

In addition, any individual, corporation, foundation, or private sector entity may elect to donate monies to the Trust Fund or to one of the state trust funds established under this Act at any time. Charitable donations to the state or national trust funds shall be considered tax deductible donations to the extent allowed by federal and state tax laws.

Mr. CHAFEE addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I want to commend the distinguished Senator from Illinois for the presentation he made, and for the effort he is making to cover pregnant women and children. I certainly will look at the legislation he has presented.

I think it is a great help in this ongoing debate that we are having that the Senator has stepped forward with this legislation, which seems to me to hold a lot of promise.

As he mentioned, always the funding part is difficult. But, nonetheless, I agree with the source of funding from the increased tax on cigarettes. I am not sure everybody else will enthusiastically embrace it. But I think the Senator mentioned Rhode Island and

what we are doing to fund this program. There may have to be, in fact, an increase in the price of cigarettes, which will hopefully keep them away from those who are price sensitive in connection with purchasing that kind of deleterious substance.

So, again, I think it is wonderful what the Senator has done. I take it that the Senator has not yet introduced that legislation.

Mr. SIMON. I just introduced it. I welcome any suggestions for a modification. I welcome having JOHN CHAFEE, as well as the distinguished junior Senator from Utah, as cosponsors, if at any point they feel comfortable doing that.

Mr. CHAFEE. I will certainly take a good look at it. I will get a copy either from the Senator's office or from the reprint here, and take a good look at it.

Mr. SIMON. I thank the Senator.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 256

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL], and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] were added as cosponsors 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. 308

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to increase access to, control the costs associated with, and improve the quality of health care in States through health insurance reform, State innovation, public health, medical research, and reduction of fraud and abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide clarification for the deductibility of expenses incurred by a taxpayer in connection with the business use of the home.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] 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 Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] 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. 448

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 448, a bill to amend section 118 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for certain exceptions from rules for determining contributions in aid of construction, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to make modifications to certain provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 555

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 555, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize health professions and minority and disadvantaged health education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 585

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS], and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] were added as cosponsors of S. 585, a bill to protect the rights of small entities subject to investigative or enforcement action by agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the name of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to reauthorize the Ryan White CARE Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 770

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 770, a bill to provide for the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and for other purposes.

S. 830

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 830, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud and false statements.

AMENDMENT NO. 1283

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1283 proposed to S. 652, an original bill to provide for a pro-competitive, de-regulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, and for other purposes.