

children they serve are eligible for a food nutrition subsidy. This change will ensure that proprietary centers will be able to continue to serve low-income children. It reduces pressure on proprietary centers to increase their rates for non-subsidized children to recover the costs of unreimbursed meals for subsidized children. It preserves the right of parents, including low-income parents, to choose the quality child care center that is most appropriate for their children. And most importantly, this change reinforces the original intent of the law: to ensure that eligible low-income children in proprietary child care centers have the benefit of a nutritious meal. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in cosponsoring this legislation and I look forward to working for its swift passage when Congress reconvenes in January.●

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1997. A bill to simplify Federal oil and gas revenue distributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MINERAL REVENUE PAYMENTS CLARIFICATION ACT OF 1999

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, today, I am introducing legislation which will end the practice of charging States for costs the Federal Government incurs in managing Federal mineral leases.

The Mineral Revenue Payments Clarification Act of 1999 will eliminate net receipts sharing, allowing Federal agencies to more rationally and fairly apportion to States their share of Federal mineral revenues.

Since enactment of the Mineral Leasing Act in 1920, Congress has determined that it was fair and appropriate to share with States a portion of the money received by the United States for Federal mineral leases located within the State. Under current law, for most mineral leases the State share is 50 percent, except for Alaska which receives 90 percent.

In 1993, a permanent provision was added to the Omnibus Appropriations Act that requires the Department of the Interior to deduct from a State's share 50 percent of the Federal Government's costs of administering Federal mineral leases within that State. This new requirement substantially lowers the amounts States receive, but was added without either explanation or justification as to why such a deduction is either fair or appropriate.

Furthermore, the statutory procedures for figuring these deductions are cumbersome to the point of being unworkable. The Federal agencies charged with administering these requirements have found them difficult, and sometimes impossible, to implement in any consistent fashion.

In November of 1997, the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior found that the Department had inaccurately calculated the costs involved in administering the Federal

onshore mineral leasing program, resulting in substantial overcharges to States. This issue has yet to be fully resolved by the Department of the Interior.

Needless to say, this complicated and unjustified provision has been controversial with the States and unpopular with the Federal agencies charged with administering it. It penalizes States while creating administrative nightmares for the Federal Government. It is time to do away with this unwieldy provision.

Therefore, I am introducing The Mineral Revenue Payments Clarification Act of 1999, which will eliminate this provision and provide that States' shares of payments under Federal mineral leases will not be reduced by administrative or other costs incurred by the United States. I believe that this will return a system that is both fair, and capable of being administered in a reasonable fashion.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 92

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 92, a bill to provide for biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for hospital care and medical services under chapter 17 of that title to veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart, and for other purposes.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 345, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to remove the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful.

S. 414

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 414, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 5-year extension of the credit for producing electricity from wind, and for other purposes.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. ROBB, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resources to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. KERREY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, supra.

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, supra.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, supra.

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, supra.

S. 655

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 655, a bill to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, non-repairable, and rebuilt vehicles.

S. 1008

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1008, a bill to modify the standards for responding to import surges under section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974, to establish mechanisms for import monitoring and the prevention of circumvention of United States trade laws, and to strengthen the enforcement of United States trade remedy laws.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes.

S. 1029

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1029, a bill to amend title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for digital education partnerships.

S. 1109

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1109, a bill to conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, bear viscera, and for other purposes.

S. 1131

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1131, a bill to promote research into, and the development of an ultimate cure for, the disease known as Fragile X.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act to cover birds of the order *Ratitae* that are raised for use as human food.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 1266

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1266, a bill to allow a State to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of all its students.

S. 1384

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1384, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national folic acid education program to prevent birth defects, and for other purposes.

S. 1446

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an additional advance refunding of bonds originally issued to finance governmental facilities used for essential governmental functions.

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, *supra*.

S. 1487

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1487, a bill to provide for excellence in economic education, and for other purposes.

S. 1528

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1528, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to clarify liability under that Act for certain recycling transactions.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1529, a bill to amend title XVIII to expand the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to 19 members and to include on such commission individuals with national recognition for their expertise in manufacturing and distributing finished medical goods.

S. 1580

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1580, a bill to amend the Federal

Crop Insurance Act to assist agricultural producers in managing risk, and for other purposes.

S. 1594

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1594, a bill to amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

S. 1741

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1741, a bill to amend United States trade laws to address more effectively import crises.

S. 1771

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1771, a bill to provide stability in the United States agriculture sector and to promote adequate availability of food and medicine for humanitarian assistance abroad by requiring congressional approval before the imposition of any unilateral agricultural medical sanction against a foreign country or foreign entity.

S. 1800

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1800, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve on-site inspections of State food stamp programs, to provide grants to develop community partnerships and innovative outreach strategies for food stamp and related programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1810

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB), and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1810, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify and improve veterans' claims and appellate procedures.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) were added as cosponsors of S. 1895, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to preserve and improve the medicare program.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to provide for the prepara-

tion of a Governmental report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgement of such injustices by the President.

S. 1910

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1910, a bill to amend the Act establishing Women's Rights National Historical Park to permit the Secretary of the Interior to acquire title in fee simple to the Hunt House located in Waterloo, New York.

S. 1915

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to enhance the services provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to small communities that are attempting to comply with national, State, and local environmental regulations.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to ensure personal privacy with respect to financial information, to provide customers notice and choice about how their financial institutions share or sell their personally identifiable sensitive financial information, to provide for strong enforcement of these rights, and to protect States' rights.

S. 1952

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1952, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a simplified method for determining a partner's share of items of a partnership which is a qualified investment club.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to provide for the payment of compensation to the families of the Federal employees who were killed in the crash of a United States Air Force CT-43A aircraft on April 3, 1996, near Dubrovnik, Croatia, carrying Secretary on Commerce Ronald H. Brown and 34 others.

SENATE RESOLUTION 87

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 87, a resolution commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the International Visitors Program

SENATE RESOLUTION 108

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 108, a resolution designating the

month of March each year as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month."

SENATE RESOLUTION 128

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 128, a resolution designating March 2000, as "Arts Education Month."

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 77—MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 3194

Ms. COLLINS (for Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE)) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 77

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Clerk of the House of Representatives, in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 3194), making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes, shall make the following correction:

At the appropriate place of the bill insert the following:

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

PRODUCER-OWNED MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS
FORGIVENESS

SEC. 1. The Secretary of Agriculture shall reduce the amount of any principal due on a loan made to marketing association incorporated in the State of North Carolina for the 1999 crop of an agricultural commodity by at least 75 percent if the marketing association suffered losses of the agricultural commodity in a county with respect to which—(1) a natural disaster was declared by the Secretary for losses due to Hurricane Dennis, Floyd, or Irene; or (2) a major disaster or emergency was declared by the President for losses due to Hurricane Dennis, Floyd, or Irene under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)

If the Secretary assigns a grade quality for the 1999 crop of an agricultural commodity marketed by an association described in this section that is below the base quality of the agricultural commodity, the Secretary shall compensate the association for losses incurred by the association as a result of the reduction in grade quality.

Up to \$81,000,000 of the resources of the Commodity Credit Corporation shall be used for the cost of this section: *Provided*, That the entire amount necessary to carry out this section shall be available only to the extent that an official budget request for the entire amount, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) and Section 252(e) of such Act.

SEC. 2. In administering \$50,000,000 in emergency supplemental funding for the Emergency Conservation Program, the Secretary shall give priority to the repair of structures essential to the operation of the farm.

SENATE RESOLUTION 234—RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTION OF OLDER PERSONS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AND COMMENDING THE WORK OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS ASSISTING OLDER PERSONS AND THAT PROMOTE THE GOALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF OLDER PERSONS

Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BURNS, Mr. REED, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. REID, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ROBB, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DODD, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 234

Whereas the United Nations has proclaimed that 1999 is the International Year of Older Persons;

Whereas the theme of the International Year of Older Persons, "towards a society for all ages", recognizes that—

- (1) longevity depends upon all stages of the life cycle; and
- (2) successful aging is a product of long-term, life-long decisions;

Whereas the principles promoted by the International Year of Older Persons assist in the development of a society for all ages, including independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment, and dignity;

Whereas the goals of the International Year of Older Persons are—

- (1) to increase awareness about aging within countries and across national boundaries; and
- (2) to formulate policies and programs that promote the well-being of older persons;

Whereas organizations and individuals in the United States have worked hard to address problems facing older adults and to promote the participation of older adults in all aspects of society;

Whereas these organizations have taken action independently and in concert with others to promote the goals of the International Year of Older Persons through programs that promote—

- (1) retirement preparation for baby boomers;
- (2) intergenerational activities;
- (3) new images of aging that recognize the increased productivity of older adults; and
- (4) planning for the future; and

Whereas the diversity of America's older population deserves to be recognized, including the most vulnerable and frail elderly in need of a range of services, as well as older persons who contribute to their communities by being employers, employees, and volunteers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the contribution of older persons to their communities; and

(2) commends the work of organizations that—

(A) participate in programs assisting older persons; and

(B) promote the goals of the International Year of Older Persons.

SENATE RESOLUTION 235—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRINTING OF A REVISED EDITION OF THE SENATE ELECTION LAW GUIDEBOOK

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 235

Resolved, That the Committee on Rules and Administration shall prepare a revised edition of the Senate Election Law Guidebook, Senate Document 105-12, and that such document shall be printed as a Senate document.

SEC. 2. There shall be printed, beyond the usual number, 600 additional copies of the document specified in the first section for the use of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SENATE RESOLUTION 236—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRINTING OF A REVISED EDITION OF THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MCCONNELL submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 236

Resolved, That the Committee on Rules and Administration shall prepare a revised edition of the document entitled Nomination and Election of the President and Vice President of the United States, Senate Document 102-14, and that such document shall be printed as a Senate document.

SEC. 2. There shall be printed, beyond the usual number, 600 additional copies of the document specified in the first section for the use of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SENATE RESOLUTION 237—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS SHOULD HOLD HEARINGS AND THE SENATE SHOULD ACT ON THE CONVENTION OF THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was ordered to lie over, under the rule:

S. RES. 237

Whereas the United States has shown leadership in promoting human rights, including the rights of women and girls, and was instrumental in the development of international human rights treaties and norms, including the International Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);

Whereas the Senate has already agreed to the ratification of several important human rights treaties, including the Genocide Convention, the Convention Against Torture, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

Whereas CEDAW establishes a worldwide commitment to combat discrimination against women and girls;

Whereas 165 countries of the world have ratified or acceded to CEDAW and the United