

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 68

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 85, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to temporarily increase the Federal medical assistance percentage for the medicaid program.

S.J. RES. 4

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 4, A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S. CON. RES. 1

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 1, A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should continue to be parity between the adjustments in the compensation of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the compensation of civilian employees of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 33

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 33 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 39

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 39 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 59

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 59 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 89

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 89 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 108

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 108 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 108

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 108 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 126

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 126 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 127

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 127 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 131

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 131 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 135

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 135 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 136

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the

Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 136 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 137

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 137 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 137

At the request of Mr. LOTT, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 137 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 138

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 138 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 138

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 138 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 138

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 138 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 138

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 138 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 163

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 163 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 167

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 167 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 172

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 172 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 174

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as

a cosponsor of amendment No. 174 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 176

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 176 intended to be proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 178

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 178 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 178

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 178 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 178

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 178 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 178

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 178 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 178

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 178 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 187

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 187 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 188

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 188 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 192

At the request of Mr. KERRY, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 192 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 199

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 199 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 214

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 214 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 214

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 214 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 236

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 236 proposed to H.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 205. A bill to authorize the issuance of immigrant visas to, and the admission to the United States for permanent residence of, certain scientists, engineers, and technicians who have worked in Iraqi weapons of mass destruction programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, on October 7, 2002, the President of the United States said something very important about United Nations inspections in Iraq. He said: "Clearly, to actually work, any new inspections . . . will have to be very different. . . . To ensure that we learn the truth, the regime must allow witnesses to its illegal activities to be interviewed outside the country—and these witnesses must be free to bring their families with them so they are all beyond the reach of Saddam Hussein's terror and murder. And inspectors must have access to any site, at any time, without pre-clearance, without delay, without exceptions."

The President was right on the money about inspections. This is how to get the information the world needs on Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. Inspections are vital to stripping him of those banned weapons.

The United Nations responded properly to the President's challenge. On November 8, the Security Council adopted Resolution 1441, which provided: . . . that Iraq shall provide UNMOVIC and the IAEA immediate, unimpeded, unconditional, and unrestricted access to any and all, including underground areas, facilities, buildings, equipment, records, and means of transport which they wish to inspect, as well as immediate, unimpeded, unrestricted, and private access to all officials and other persons whom UNMOVIC or the IAEA wish to interview in the mode or location of UNMOVIC's or the IAEA's choice pursuant to any aspect of their mandates;

further decides that UNMOVIC and the IAEA may at their discretion conduct interviews inside or outside of Iraq, may facilitate the travel of those interviewed and family members outside of Iraq, and that, at the sole discretion of UNMOVIC and the IAEA, such interviews may occur without the presence of observers from the Iraqi government."

The inspectors are given unprecedented authority. But how are they to implement it? Where will those weapons scientists and their families go, once they've told the truth about Saddam's weapons programs? They can't go home again. And at least in the short run, there will be no safe haven in the region for people who reveal Saddam's most terrible secrets.

Maybe some can go to Europe, although both al Qaeda cells and Saddam's agents have operated there. Maybe some can go to Canada, or to South America.

If the United States wants the world to show resolve in dealing with Saddam Hussein, however, then we must take the lead in admitting those people who have the courage to betray Saddam's nuclear, chemical, biological or missile programs. We have a large country in which to absorb those people, and, for all our problems, we have the best law enforcement and security apparatus to guard them.

What we do not have is an immigration system that readily admits large numbers of persons who were involved with weapons of mass destruction, have aided a country in the so-called "axis of evil," and are bringing their families. I introduced legislation last October, therefore, to admit to our country those personnel, and their families, who give critical and reliable information on Saddam's programs to us, to the United Nations, or to the International Atomic Energy Agency. On November 20, the Senate passed an amended version of that bill, S. 3079, with the strong support of the Administration; but there was not enough time for the House of Representatives to act on the legislation.

Two months have passed since inspections were resumed in Iraq. The new inspectors are gaining experience, as well as actionable intelligence from the United States and other countries. They are beginning to find unreported weapons; and every weapon destroyed is a weapon that will never be used to cause mass destruction or to attack U.S. forces.

But inspectors have had a hard time getting truthful information from the Iraqis they interview. Saddam Hussein terrorizes his people, including his weapons scientists, so effectively that they are afraid to be interviewed in private, let alone outside the country. They know that even the appearance of cooperation could be a death sentence for themselves or their families.

To overcome this obstacle, and to discover and dismantle Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction,