

S. 782. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for inflation adjustments to the mandatory jurisdiction thresholds of the National Labor Relations Board; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MILLER (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 783. A bill to expedite the granting of posthumous citizenship to members of the United States Armed Forces; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 784. A bill to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 785. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the payment of dividends on the stock of cooperatives without reducing patronage dividends; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BREAU):

S. 786. A bill to amend the temporary assistance to needy families program under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide grants for transitional jobs programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 787. A bill to provide for the fair treatment of the Federal judiciary relating to compensation and benefits, and to instill greater public confidence in the Federal courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. INOUE, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 788. A bill to enable the United States to maintain its leadership in aeronautics and aviation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 789. A bill to change the requirements for naturalization through service in the Armed Forces of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 790. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 791. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DAYTON (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 104. A resolution commending the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs for

winning the 2002-2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 6

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 6, a bill to enhance homeland security and for other purposes.

S. 237

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the exemption from the minimum wage and overtime compensation requirements of that Act for certain construction engineering and design professionals.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of S. 269, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

S. 387

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 387, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the eligibility periods for geriatric graduate medical education, to permit the expansion of medical residency training programs in geriatric medicine, to provide for reimbursement of care coordination and assessment services provided under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide pay protection for members of the Reserve and the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 460

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 through 2010 to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

S. 461

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 461, a bill to establish a program to promote hydrogen fuel cells, and for other purposes.

S. 473

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 473, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 518, a bill to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy.

S. 560

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 560, a bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates.

S. 580

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 580, a bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Russia.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financings to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the investment of foreign earnings within the United States for productive business investments and job creation.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide

improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 636

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 636, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a permanent increase in medicare payments for home health services that are furnished in rural areas.

S. 645

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 645, a bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to provide assistance to communities for the redevelopment of brownfield sites.

S. 646

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 646, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and improve coverage of mental health services under the medicare program.

S. 648

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 648, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health professions programs regarding the practice of pharmacy.

S. 709

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 709, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 731, a bill to prohibit fraud and related activity in connection with authentication features, and for other purposes.

S. 750

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 750, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to increase the level of earnings under which no individual who is blind is determined to have demonstrated an ability to engage in substantial gainful activity for purposes of determining disability.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a uniform definition of child, and for other purposes.

S. 760

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 760, a bill to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, and for other purposes.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases through Children Advocacy Centers.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to reauthorize funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 1

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

S. CON. RES. 26

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 31

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 31, a concurrent resolution expressing the outrage of Congress at the treatment of certain American prisoners of war by the Government of Iraq.

S. CON. RES. 32

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 32, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the protection of religious sites and the freedom of access and worship.

S. RES. 74

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 74, a resolution to amend rule XLII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to prohibit employment discrimination in the Senate based on sexual orientation.

S. RES. 97

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from

North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 97, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the arrests of Cuban democracy activists by the Cuban Government.

AMENDMENT NO. 436

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 436 proposed to S. 762, an original bill making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 439

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 439 intended to be proposed to S. 762, an original bill making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 439

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 439 intended to be proposed to S. 762, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 440

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 440 proposed to S. 762, an original bill making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 441

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 441 intended to be proposed to S. 762, an original bill making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 449

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 449 intended to be proposed to S. 762, an original bill making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 451

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 451 proposed to S. 762, an original bill making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 455

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 455 proposed to S. 762, an original bill making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 459

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 459 proposed to S. 762, an original bill making supplemental appropriations to support Department of Defense operations in Iraq, Department of Homeland Security, and Related Efforts for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 459

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 459 proposed to S. 762, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 459

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 459 proposed to S. 762, supra.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 774. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the use of completed contract method of accounting in the case of certain long-term naval vessel construction contracts; to the Committee on Finance.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to once again introduce legislation to simplify and restore fairness to the tax accounting rules under which our six major U.S. naval shipyards determine their tax liability on the naval ship contracts they are awarded by the Navy.

Quite simply, this legislation would permit naval shipyards to use a method of accounting under which shipbuilders would pay income taxes upon delivery of a ship rather than during construction. Under current law, profits must be estimated during the construction phases of the shipbuilding process and taxes must be paid on those estimated profits, a process known as the "Percent of Completion Method" of accounting.

The major shortcoming of this method is that shipbuilders must report progress payments as "revenue" rather than as a source of financing, which had been recognized and permitted for the 64 years between 1918 and 1982. Additionally, it creates a "legal fiction" of an "interim profit," when in reality a profit or loss is not reasonably known until after a ship is completed. This places a financial burden on shipbuilders during the critical construction phase; reduces the resources available to invest in facilities and processes to reduce construction costs; places a burden on the cash flow management of the shipbuilder; and weakens the financial health of the defense shipbuilding industrial base.

The legislation being proposed would simply allow naval shipbuilders and their team members to use a modified "Completed Contract Method" of accounting, under which the shipbuilder would pay taxes when the ship is actually delivered to the Navy. In other words, the delivery of each ship would be treated as the completion of the contract for "Completed Contract" purposes, regardless of how many ships are built under a contract.

Prior to 1982, Federal law permitted shipbuilders to use this method but the law was changed due to abuses by Federal contractors in another sector, having absolutely nothing to do with shipbuilding. Moreover, non-government shipbuilding contracts are already allowed to use this method of accounting, and this legislation contains provisions designed to prevent the types of abuses witnessed in the past. Specifically, the bill would restrict shipyards from deferring tax payments for a period beyond the time it takes to build a single ship.

This bill would not reduce the amount of taxes ultimately paid by the shipbuilder. It simply would defer payment until the profit is actually known upon delivery of the ship. I believe that this is the most fair and most sensible accounting method. It is the method that naval shipbuilders employed in the past. It is the method which commercial builders are permitted to use to this day. This legislation has the strong support of the major shipyards that build for the Navy. As such, I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in a strong show of support for this effort.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 775. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-

gency Assistance Act to make private, nonprofit medical facilities that serve industry-specific clients eligible for hazard mitigation and disaster assistance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill that would allow private, non-profit medical facilities which service industry-specific clients to be eligible for hazard mitigation and disaster assistance. Under the current law, institutions such as these are limited in their ability to receive the Federal funds needed for both preparedness and response in the case of emergencies.

In particular, I speak today of the Motion Picture & Television, MPTF, Hospital, located in the earthquake-prone San Fernando Valley. Set up more than 80 years ago to provide members of the entertainment industry with vital medical care and social services, the MPTF Hospital is the only institution of its kind in the United States.

With an acute care hospital, six outpatient facilities staffed with primary care physicians, a children's center, retirement facilities, and programs for the elderly, the MPTF Hospital provides comprehensive care for a significant sector of the population of the greater Los Angeles community. It is the only non-profit institution providing industry-specific health and human services to the entertainment industry and to the general public.

This legislation is important because in the aftermath of the Northridge Earthquake of 1994, considered one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, the MPTF Hospital was unable to receive federal assistance to repair structural and equipment damages suffered from the earthquake. Furthermore, that same year, the California Senate enacted legislation requiring all hospitals to be seismically retrofitted by 2010. The costs of both the reparations and structural upgrades are enormous, and the MPTF Hospital cannot receive federal funds because as an institution serving an industry-specific clientele, it does not qualify under the current definition of a "private, nonprofit facility" within the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, Stafford Act.

To address this problem, this legislation broadens that definition to include tax-exempt facilities that provide medical services to specific occupational or industry segments of the general public.

Under this change, facilities such as the MPTF Hospital would have the opportunity to apply for federal assistance under the Stafford Act, alongside other private, nonprofit institutions.

There is no up-front cost stemming from this amendment to the Stafford Act. This bill simply puts the MPTF Hospital on equal footing with other critical care facilities when applying for Federal disaster assistance.