

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1365. A bill to provide increased foreign assistance for Cambodia under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. CRAFO):

S. 1366. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to State and tribal governments to assist State and tribal efforts to manage and control the spread of chronic wasting disease in deer and elk herds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. 1367. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish programs to promote increased consumption of milk in schools and to improve the nutrition and health of children; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Res. 187. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the centenary of the Rhodes Scholarships in the United States and the establishment of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation.

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

S. Res. 188. A resolution honoring Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr. former Mayor of the City of Atlanta, and extending the condolences of the Senate on his death.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 189. A resolution electing Doctor Barry C. Black, of Baltimore, Maryland, as Chaplain of the United States Senate.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. REED, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 190. A resolution commending General Eric Shinseki of the United States Army for his outstanding service and commitment to excellence.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Con. Res. 56. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone, a great American hero; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. Con. Res. 57. A concurrent resolution honoring Dr. Norman Christopher Francis, president of Xavier University of Louisiana, for his longstanding dedication and service specific to Xavier University and to education as a whole; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 56

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 56, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 478

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 478, a bill to grant a Federal charter Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 491, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) 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. 611

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat gold, silver, and platinum, in either coin or bar form, in the same manner as stocks and bonds for purposes of the maximum capital gains rate for individuals.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 640

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 640, a bill to amend subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to include Federal prosecutors within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes.

S. 684

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs.

HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 684, a bill to create an office within the Department of Justice to undertake certain specific steps to ensure that all American citizens harmed by terrorism overseas receive equal treatment by the United States Government regardless of the terrorists' country of origin or residence, and to ensure that all terrorists involved in such attacks are pursued, prosecuted, and punished with equal vigor, regardless of the terrorists' country of origin or residence.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to amend the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve the delivery of payments under the program to local educational agencies.

S. 835

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 835, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide student loan borrowers with a choice of lender for loan consolidation, to provide notice regarding loan consolidation, and for other purposes.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 893

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 902

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to declare, under the authority of Congress under Article I, section 8, of the Constitution to "provide and maintain a Navy", a national policy for the naval force structure required in order to "provide for the common defense" of the United States throughout the 21st century.

S. 953

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

of S. 953, a bill to amend chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, to provide special pay for board certified Federal Employees who are employed in health science positions, and for other purposes.

S. 977

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 977, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage from treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 982

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, *supra*.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1001

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1001, a bill to make the protection of women and children who are affected by a complex humanitarian emergency a priority of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations.

S. 1115

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1115, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to re-

duce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products.

S. 1129

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 1137

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1137, a bill to establish a Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to direct the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to establish and carry out traffic safety law enforcement and compliance campaigns, and for other purposes.

S. 1196

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1196, a bill to eliminate the marriage penalty permanently in 2003.

S. 1245

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1245, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 1248

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1248, a bill to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1293

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1293, a bill to criminalize the sending of predatory and abusive e-mail.

S. 1299

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide trade readjustment and development enhancement for America's communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1315

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1315, a bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide owners of non-Federal lands with a reliable method of receiving compensation for damages resulting from the spread of wildfire from nearby forested National Forest System lands or Bureau of Land Manage-

ment lands, when those forested Federal lands are not maintained in the forest health status known as condition class 1.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to amend the American Servicemember's Protection Act of 2002 to provide clarification with respect to the eligibility of certain countries for United States military assistance.

S. 1321

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1321, a bill to authorize resources to foster a safe learning environment that supports academic achievement for all students by improving the quality of interim alternative educational settings, providing more behavioral supports in schools, and supporting whole school interventions.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1323, a bill to extend the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted by 6 months.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish procedures for identifying countries that deny market access for agricultural products of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1325

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1325, a bill to amend the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 to modify the applicability of requirements concerning hours of service to operators of commercial motor vehicles transporting agricultural commodities and farm supplies.

S. 1331

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1331, a bill to clarify the treatment of tax attributes under section 108 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for taxpayers which file consolidated returns.

S. 1331

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1331, *supra*.

S. CON. RES. 25

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 25, a concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on

the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 40

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 40, a concurrent resolution designating August 7, 2003, as "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

S. RES. 62

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 62, a resolution calling upon the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Union, and human rights activists throughout the world to take certain actions in regard to the human rights situation in Cuba.

S. RES. 153

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 153, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that changes to athletics policies issued under title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 would contradict the spirit of athletic equality and the intent to prohibit sex discrimination in education programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance.

S. RES. 169

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 169, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should issue a postage stamp commemorating Anne Frank.

S. RES. 170

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 170, a resolution designating the years 2004 and 2005 as "Years of Foreign Language Study".

S. RES. 184

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 184, a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 975

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 975 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 975

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of

amendment No. 975 proposed to S. 1, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 979

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 979 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 980

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 980 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 989

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 989 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1004

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1004 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1017

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1017 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1031

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1031 intended to be proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1033

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were

added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1033 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1040

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1040 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1060

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1060 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1060

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1060 proposed to S. 1, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 1063

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1063 intended to be proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1065

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1065 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1073

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1073 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1086

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of

amendment No. 1086 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1338. A bill to decrease the matching funds requirement and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the Keweenaw National Historical Park bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 1338

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

#### SECTION 1. FUNDING FOR KEWEENAW NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

(a) MATCHING FUNDS.—Section 8(b) of Public Law 102-543 (16 U.S.C. 410yy-7(b)) is amended by striking “\$4” and inserting “\$1”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 10(a) of Public Law 102-543 (16 U.S.C. 410yy-9(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “\$25,000,000” and inserting “\$50,000,000”; and

(2) by striking “\$3,000,000” and inserting “\$25,000,000”.

Mr. GRAHAM of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that will authorize additional judgeships in the Middle and Southern Federal Judicial Districts of Florida.

Additional judgeships are needed in these two districts in order to deal with a large volume of filings, heavy pending caseloads, the considerable number of senior judges, and a rapidly growing population. It is vital that we add two additional permanent and one temporary judgeship in the Middle District and four additional permanent judgeships in the Southern District of Florida.

Florida’s Middle District is one of the busiest Federal district courts in the Nation. In 2001 it was ranked fifth in the Nation for the number of criminal defendants charged with fraud and drug related offenses among all district courts. It handles cases filed in three of the four largest cities in the State of Florida, Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa, which comprise 60 percent of the State’s population.

In 1999 four judges were added to the Middle District of Florida. The numbers of weighted filings and pending caseload both decreased in 2000. However, numbers quickly rose again in 2001. A biennial judgeship survey conducted in 2003 showed that in 2001 there were 553 weighted filings in this district versus the national average of 490. In addition, the United States Depart-

ment of Justice has identified Central Florida as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Enforcement Area.

The Southern and Middle Districts are parallel in some of the challenges that they face. Despite the additional judgeships that were created in the Southern District in 2001, the amount of weighted filings continues to rise. Since 1994, civil and criminal filings per judgeship have stayed above the national average, with civil filings rising by 67 percent and criminal filings increasing by 58 percent. Many of these increases in criminal filings are linked to the increase in fraud, drugs, firearms and immigration prosecutions.

The administration of justice will continue to be a challenge in Florida’s Federal courts unless adequate resources are committed. It is projected that by 2015 Florida may surpass third-ranked New York in population. As the population increases, so do the number of people seeking justice from the Federal courts in our State. I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting this important legislation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1342. A bill to amend the Graton Rancheria Restoration Act to give the Secretary of the Interior discretion regarding taking land into trust; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to amend the Graton Rancheria Restoration Act to give the State of California and the local communities of Sonoma, Napa, and Marin counties the opportunity for input and review of the tribe’s plan for a major casino in the Bay Area.

I am offering this legislation because the Boards of Supervisors of the local communities impacted by this planned casino have asked me to amend the Graton Rancheria Restoration Act. The Boards of Supervisors of Sonoma, Marin, and Napa counties have each unanimously passed resolutions seeking a change in Federal law to restore the Secretary of Interior’s discretion in approving land into trust and allowing the State and local government to have a voice in the process.

Prior to today’s introduction I have met with the Presidents of the Sonoma and Marin Boards of Supervisors, the Graton tribe, and Senators CAMPBELL and INOUE the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Indian Affairs Committee.

This week I had a very spirited and frank conversation with Graton Tribal Chairman Greg Sarris and representatives from the casino investors. During the meeting Chairman Sarris committed to work with the local Boards of Supervisors and he committed to look at alternative sites for the casino. Chairman Sarris also said the Tribe and the casino investors would conduct an environmental review based on the criteria laid out in the National Environmental Policy Act, NEPA, before a site is selected. These are positive

signs and I have told both the Boards of Supervisors and the Tribe that I would like to see them continue to work together.

This legislation guarantees that the local and State officials have a voice in the process. Without this change to the Graton Rancheria Restoration Act they do not have that voice.

In 2000, Congress passed the Graton Rancheria Restoration Act to restore Federal recognition to the 355 members of the Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria.

The Graton Tribe’s original Rancheria was in the northern Sonoma County town of Graton on land purchased by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, BIA, in 1920 for the “village home” of otherwise homeless Miwok and Pomo Indians. The Rancheria was terminated in 1958 when the BIA approved a plan to distribute the assets to resident Indians and remove the Rancheria from Federal trust.

The original version of the Graton restoration bill, H.R. 946, sponsored by Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY in the 106th Congress, passed the House of Representatives with a gaming restriction, to which the Tribe agreed.

In testimony before the House Resources Committee in May 2000, and in other public comments, Graton Chairman Greg Sarris stated that the Tribe had no intention of conducting gaming.

In fact, before the House Resources Committee, Chairman Sarris stated, “Many may think our motives for restoration have been influenced by the opportunity gaming affords some other recognized tribes. Because our local political constituency, both democratic and republican has opposed any sort of development for environmental reasons, we agreed with these local political forces to not develop a gaming complex. So, as proof, we voted as a tribe to include a non-gaming clause in our bill, stipulating that we will not be a gaming tribe.”

Furthermore, in an article in the Marin Independent Journal on September 21, 2000, Chairman Sarris said, “All we want is to be formally recognized as Indians and have the same rights that other Indians do for education and health care. We are not interested in gambling.” I ask unanimous consent to print a copy of this article in the RECORD.

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

[From the Marin Independent Journal, Sept. 21, 2000]

#### GAMBLING DISPUTE THREATENS MIWOK BILL (By Gannet News Service)

WASHINGTON.—Legislation to formally reestablish the identity and standing of Marin’s band of Coast Miwok Indians appears all but dead in the face of a House-Senate dispute over how tight guarantees must be that the tribe will never allow casino gambling.

“This is insane, this is frustrating, and I just can’t see why we can’t find a way out of this,” said Greg Sarris, the tribe’s chief who is an English professor at UCLA.