

most comprehensive and necessary reform that we could pass in the 106th Congress.

In the meantime, however, we must also strengthen the abilities of the agency charged with enforcing the laws on the books today—and that is the Federal Election Commission. For that reason, I am today introducing legislation to improve the enforcement capabilities of the Federal Election Commission.

Created in the wake of the Watergate scandal, the primary purpose of the Federal Election Commission is to ensure the integrity of federal elections by overseeing federal election disclosure requirements and enforcing the federal campaign finance laws.

Regardless of the views of my colleagues with regard to the need for campaign finance reform, it cannot be argued that Congress intended that this enforcement agency be nothing more than a paper tiger. And yet, that is precisely what many view it to be. The legislation I am introducing today is intended to put some teeth into this enforcement body.

As a long time supporter of comprehensive campaign finance reform, I am not suggesting that my proposal is in any way a substitute for the McCain-Feingold bill or any other comprehensive reform. But sadly, it is clear that a minority in this body will once again prevent a majority of both houses of Congress from enacting meaningful reform this year.

As has been the case for the last several congresses, the 106th Congress will likely come to a close without enacting comprehensive campaign finance reform. In light of that reality, it is all the more important that we ensure that the campaign finance laws that are currently on the books are vigorously enforced. And that requires an agency that is fully armed with all the enforcement tools we can give it.

The legislation I am proposing today would give the Federal Election Commission the tools it needs to ensure compliance with the law. Specifically, this legislation would give the Commission the authority to conduct random audits and investigations to ensure voluntary compliance with the act. The potential of a random audit is a well-recognized deterrent to potential violators and an authority given to many federal enforcement agencies.

Secondly, this legislation would grant the Commission the authority to seek injunctive relief in the event that certain statutory conditions are met, including:

that there is a substantial likelihood that a violation of the act is occurring or about to occur;

that the failure to act expeditiously will result in irreparable harm;

that expeditious action will not cause undue harm or prejudice; and

that the best interest of the public would be served by the issuance of an injunction.

Finally, this legislation would increase the penalties for knowing and willful violations of the act from \$10,000 to \$15,000 or an amount equal to 300 percent. In order to ensure that the Commission has sufficient resources to carry out its statutory responsibilities, my legislation provides for an authorization of appropriations for FY 2001 at the full amount requested by the Commission, or nearly \$41 million.

Enhanced enforcement authority is not a substitute for comprehensive reform. But passage of this legislation should be something every member of this body can support. Not to do so only confirms the critics' views that this agency is a toothless tiger.

I urge my colleagues to give serious consideration to this legislation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 573

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to provide individuals with access to health information of which they are a subject, ensure personal privacy with respect to health-care-related information, impose criminal and civil penalties for unauthorized use of protected health information, to provide for the strong enforcement of these rights, and to protect States' rights.

S. 1066

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to encourage the use of and research into agricultural best practices to improve the environment, and for other purposes.

S. 1142

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1142, a bill to protect the right of a member of a health maintenance organization to receive continuing care at a facility selected by that member, and for other purposes.

S. 1150

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to more accurately codify the depreciable life of semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors 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. 1322

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1322, a bill to prohibit health insurance and employment discrimination against individuals and their family members on the basis of predictive genetic information or genetic services.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect the right of a medicare beneficiary enrolled in a Medicare+Choice plan to receive services at a skilled nursing facility selected by that individual.

S. 1759

At the request of Mr. BREAU, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable credit for taxpayers owning certain commercial power takeoff vehicles.

S. 1805

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1805, a bill to restore food stamp benefits for aliens, to provide States with flexibility in administering the food stamp vehicle allowance, to index the excess shelter expense deduction to inflation, to authorize additional appropriations to purchase and make available additional commodities under the emergency food assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 2018

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the update factor used in making payments to PPS hospitals under the medicare program.

S. 2061

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2061, a bill to establish a crime prevention and computer education initiative.

S. 2062

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2062, a bill to amend chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for organ and tissue donation awareness through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

S. 2274

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2274, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families

and disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children.

S. 2379

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2379, a bill to provide for the protection of children from tobacco.

S. 2434

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2434, a bill to provide that amounts allotted to a State under section 2401 of the Social Security Act for each of fiscal years 1998 and 1999 shall remain available through fiscal year 2002.

S. 2463

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2463, a bill to institute a moratorium on the imposition of the death penalty at the Federal and State level until a National Commission on the Death Penalty studies its use and policies ensuring justice, fairness, and due process are implemented.

S. 2527

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2527, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grant programs to reduce substance abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 2583

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2583, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase disclosure for certain political organizations exempt from tax under section 527.

S. 2684

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2684, a bill to redesignate and reauthorize as anchorage certain portions of the project for navigation, Narraguagus River, Milbridge, Maine.

S. 2698

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2698, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to ensure that all Americans gain timely and equitable access to the Internet over current and future generations of broadband capability.

S. 2700

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2700, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and

Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2707

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2707, a bill to help ensure general aviation aircraft access to Federal land and the airspace over that land.

S. 2709

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2709, to establish a Beef Industry Compensation Trust Fund with the duties imposed on products of countries that fail to comply with certain WTO dispute resolution decisions.

S. 2735

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2735, a bill to promote access to health care services in rural areas.

S. 2739

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2739, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of a semipostal stamp in order to afford the public a convenient way to contribute to funding for the establishment of the World War II Memorial.

S. 2787

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2787, a bill to reauthorize the Federal programs to prevent violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2791

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2791, a bill instituting a Federal fuels tax suspension.

S. 2793

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2793, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen the limitation on holding and transfer of broadcast licenses to foreign persons, and to apply a similar limitation to holding and transfer of other telecommunications media by or to foreign governments.

S. 2799

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2799, a bill to allow a deduction for Federal, State, and local

taxes on gasoline, diesel fuel, or other motor fuel purchased by consumers between July 1, 2000, and December 31, 2000.

S. 2811

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2811, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to make communities with high levels of outmigration or population loss eligible for community facilities grants.

S. RES. 268

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 268, a resolution designating July 17 through July 23 as "National Fragile X Awareness Week."

S. RES. 294

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 294, a resolution designating the month of October 2000 as "Children's Internet Safety Month."

S. RES. 301

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 301, a resolution designating August 16, 2000, as "National Airborne Day."

S. RES. 304

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 304, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans' contributions to the country and the designation of the week that includes Veterans Day as "National Veterans Awareness Week" for the presentation of such educational programs.

AMENDMENT NO. 3648

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3648 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4577, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3654

At the request of Mr. KERREY, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3654 proposed to H.R. 4577, a bill making appropriations for

the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3657

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3657 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4577, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3681

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3681 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4577, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3682

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3682 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4577, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 330—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24, 2000, AS “NATIONAL AMPUTEE AWARENESS WEEK”

Mr. INHOFE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 330

Whereas current research indicates that more than 1.5 million Americans, of all ages and of both genders, have had amputations;

Whereas every year 156,000 individuals in the United States lose a limb;

Whereas each month 13,000 individuals lose a limb;

Whereas each week 2,996 individuals lose a limb;

Whereas each day 428 individuals lose a limb;

Whereas becoming an amputee is a lifetime condition, not just a temporary circumstance;

Whereas prosthetic care can range in cost from \$8,000 to more than \$70,000 depending on the level of care and function of the patient;

Whereas most insurance policies cover prosthetics with the stipulation of one prosthesis per patient for life;

Whereas the average prosthesis lasts between three and five years;

Whereas the general public is unaware of the plight of the amputee community;

Whereas an increased awareness to the issues faced by the amputee community will also bring about increased awareness for further research; and

Whereas establishing “National Amputee Awareness Week” will bring the cause of am-

putee awareness to the national front: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) proclaims the week of September 24, through September 30, 2000, as “National Amputee Awareness Week”; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States, interested groups, and affected persons to promote the awareness of the amputee community, and to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I am pleased to come to the Senate floor today to introduce a resolution to declare the week of September 24–30 “National Amputee Awareness Week.” When passed, this resolution will designate a specific time around which the Nation’s amputee community can rally. Too often, we lose sight of many of those who are right in front of our very eyes. By dedicating this week to their cause, we will make certain that we no longer forget both the accomplishments and problems of the large and diverse amputee community.

The loss of limb can strike anyone, at any time. Each year 156,000 people lose a limb. This equates to 13,000 amputations per month, 2,996 amputations per week, 428 amputations per day and 18 amputations per hour in the United States alone. People from all backgrounds have had to deal with the hardships associated with amputation. Over half of amputations in the United States occur among elderly citizens as a result of vascular deficiencies. From childhood to middle adulthood, the most common cause of limb loss is from traumatic injuries. Other major causes can include primary bone malignancies and congenital limb defects.

Although there have been great strides in prosthetic research, many people are still limited by the financial burdens associated with acquiring an artificial limb. A new prosthetic device can cost between \$8,000 and \$70,000. These limbs must often be replaced every few years, adding to the burden placed on an amputee. Even when insurance does cover the cost of these new prosthetic devices, it is often a one-time reimbursement. This leaves the amputee to deal with any further care or replacement devices that are necessary.

The prosthetic device is not the only cost incurred by the amputee. There are many secondary factors that must be considered. Over 25,000 people are readmitted to the hospital each year due to complications resulting from their amputation. Amputees must deal with both the physical and emotional consequences of limb loss. Physical therapy must be undertaken to learn how to perform the most basic tasks with a new, foreign limb. They must often also look for alternate occupations once limb loss has made their current occupation infeasible. As a result, amputees must often undergo counseling

to help them come to terms emotionally with their altered lifestyle.

According to the Amputee Coalition of America, amputees hope to one day see the elimination of barriers to their full participation in all aspects of life. In addition, they hope to see improvements in artificial limbs and prosthetic research. Finally they hope to see improved outcomes for amputees in the areas of chronic post-amputation pain and depression.

There are countless locally-based organizations in the United States who provide services to amputees with very little recognition. One of those such organizations is located in Oklahoma. The Limbs of Life Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization established in 1995 in Oklahoma City to meet the needs of the amputee community. They do this in part by providing limbs at a free or discounted rate to individuals who would not normally be able to afford such devices. To date they have provided over 4,700 amputees with a prosthetic limb.

However, Limb for Life’s efforts are not limited to limb provision. They also seek to raise awareness of the amputee cause. Each year this foundation holds a bike ride from Oklahoma City to Austin, Texas to raise funds for their efforts. This year’s “Project 50–2000” will provide funds to purchase limbs for those in need and will bring national attention to the amputee community. This is the type of effort that National Amputee Awareness Week is designed to spotlight.

Mr. President, declaring the week of September 24–30 “National Amputee Awareness Week” would serve many purposes. At this point in time amputees have only a fragmented network through which to address their concerns. This week would provide them with a point of cohesion during which all amputees can come together in response to and in recognition of their common cause. Not only will amputees benefit from this week, the general population would also have the opportunity to be informed of the unique needs and problems faced by the amputee community. The amputee community and the general population would both gain from increased interaction that this week would bring.

In closing, I hope all of my colleagues will join me in creating this important awareness and outreach opportunity for the amputee community.

SENATE RESOLUTION 331—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY, DOCUMENT PRODUCTION, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. ELLEN ROSE HART

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