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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

June 24, 2004

Mrs. Clinton (for herself, Mr. Levin, Mr. Dodd, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Schumer, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Lieberman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Specter, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Stabenow, Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. Hutchison, Ms. Mikulski, Ms. Collins, Mr. Corzine, and Mr. Pryor) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. FINDINGS.
- 4 Congress finds the following:
- 5 (1) Sojourner Truth was a towering figure
- 6 among the founders of the movement for women's

- suffrage in the United States, and any monument that accurately represents this important development in our Nation's history should include her.
- 4 (2) The statue known as the Portrait Monu-5 ment, originally presented to Congress in 1920 in 6 honor of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment 7 guaranteeing women the right to vote and presently 8 exhibited in the rotunda of the Capitol, portrays sev-9 eral early suffragists who were Sojourner Truth's 10 contemporaries, but not Sojourner Truth herself, the 11 only African American among the group.

12 SEC. 2. REVISION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE STATUE.

Not later than the final day on which the One Hundred Ninth Congress is in session, the Architect of the Capitol shall enter into a contract to revise the statue commemorating women's suffrage located in the rotunda of the United States Capitol (commonly known as the "Portrait Monument") to include a likeness of Sojourner Truth.

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