

VERMONT-NEW HAMPSHIRE INTERSTATE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY COMPACT LEGISLATION

• Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce a joint resolution with Senators JEFFORDS, GREGG and SMITH to allow the States of Vermont and New Hampshire to implement an interstate public water supply compact. Both States have enacted this compact through their State legislature, and the affected towns are currently awaiting congressional approval so that they can move forward in their partnership.

Most members are familiar with compacts since they have become common tools to address local problems. Like all compacts, this one is a binding agreement between States established for the purpose of addressing problems shared by those States. This particular compact allows Vermont and New Hampshire to construct and maintain joint public drinking water systems.

According to the compact in this Senate joint resolution, Vermont and New Hampshire municipalities are granted the authority to apply jointly for federal financing and raise appropriate revenue for the creation of drinking water facilities. The agreement also allows for joint management and maintenance to help cut costs while still meeting minimum health standards for drinking water. While public water projects will be carried out according to eight common guidelines stipulated in the joint resolution, this joint resolution does not create a new governmental authority and does not supersede any existing laws or agreements of member states. Finally, the States of Vermont and New Hampshire initiated and drafted this compact cooperatively and enactment was pursued voluntarily by each legislature.

This compact carries on a tradition of cooperative efforts to meet interstate objectives between Vermont and New Hampshire. These two States currently implement the New Hampshire-Vermont interstate sewage and waste disposal facilities compact. In addition, both States are members of the broader New England interstate water pollution control compact and the Connecticut River Valley Flood control compact. On a national level, literally dozens of compacts have been considered and approved by Congress to address water issues. The Vermont-New Hampshire Public Water Supply compact reflects the principles of previous compacts which have effectively addressed interstate concerns.

We are introducing this bill today in order to satisfy article 1, section 10 of the U.S. Constitution. Article 1, section 10 mandates that "No state shall without the consent of Congress enter into agreement or compact with another state or with a foreign power." The courts have established two reasons for Congressional consent. One is to prevent undue injury to the interest of noncompacting states, the other is to protect the Constitutional interests

of the federal government against interference from the states. I believe that this compact serves the interests of the two member states well, does not affect other states, and protects the constitutional interests of the federal government. It is in this spirit that I introduce this joint resolution for the consideration and approval by the U.S. Senate.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 490

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] and the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM] were added as cosponsors of S. 490, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to exempt agriculture-related facilities from certain permitting requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency not to act under section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act to prohibit the manufacturing, processing, or distribution of certain fish-ing sinkers or lures.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB] and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. PACKWOOD] were added as cosponsors of S. 678, a bill to provide for the coordination and implementation of a national aquaculture policy for the private sector by the Secretary of Agriculture, to establish an aquaculture development and research program, and for other purposes.

S. 690

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 690, a bill to amend the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 and the Terminal Inspection Act to improve the exclusion, eradication, and control of noxious weeds and plants, plant products, plant pests, animals, and other organisms within and into the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 729

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 729, a bill to provide off-budget treatment for the Highway Trust Fund, the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 743

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 743, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for investment necessary to revitalize communities within the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 758

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for S corporation reform, and for other purposes.

S. 830

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 830, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud and false statements.

S. 949

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK] and the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 949, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. BRADLEY, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. BRYAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 969, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for a mother and child following the birth of the child, and for other purposes.

S. 978

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 978, a bill to facilitate contributions to charitable organizations by codifying certain exemptions from the Federal securities laws, to clarify the inapplicability of antitrust laws to charitable gift annuities, and for other purposes.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], and the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. JOHNSTON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1000, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the depreciation rules which apply for regular tax purposes shall also apply for alternative minimum tax purposes, to allow a portion of the tentative minimum tax to be offset by the minimum tax credit, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HELMS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, *supra*.

S. 1028

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to provide increased access to health care benefits, to provide increased portability of health care benefits, to provide increased security of health care benefits, to increase the purchasing power of individuals and small employers, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to provide for enhanced penalties for health care fraud, and for other purposes.

S. 1228

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1228, a bill to impose sanctions on foreign persons exporting petroleum products, natural gas, or related technology to Iran.

S. 1250

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] were added as cosponsors of S. 1250, a bill to amend titles 5 and 37, United States Code, to provide for the continuance of pay and the authority to make certain expenditures and obligations during lapses in appropriations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

At the request of Mr. JOHNSTON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 146, A resolution designating the week beginning November 19, 1995, and the week beginning on November 24, 1996, as "National Family Week," and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2815

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. CHAFEE] were added as cosponsors of Amendment No. 2815 proposed to H.R. 2076, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2817

At the request of Mr. KERREY, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE], and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2817 proposed to H.R. 2076, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. ROBB his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2817 proposed to H.R. 2076, supra.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 28—RELATIVE TO THE D.C. STANDDOWN 1995

Mr. JEFFORDS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. CON. RES. 28

Whereas grassroots community StandDowns help homeless veterans' life on

the streets and have provided thousands of homeless veterans with life's necessities including food, clothing, medical attention, legal counseling, mental health treatments and job counseling and referrals;

Whereas the growth of StandDowns has displayed both its popularity and effectiveness as a means of addressing the unique needs of homeless veterans; and

Whereas StandDowns have offered a familiar and comforting atmosphere to as many as 25,000 homeless veterans in the past: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE D.C. STANDDOWN '95.

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans shall be permitted to host a public event on the Upper Senate Park Portion of the Capitol Grounds during the period beginning on October 23, 1995, and ending on October 30, 1995.

SEC. 2. CONDITIONS.

The event to be carried out under this resolution shall be arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress, under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Hill Police Board, except that the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.

For the purposes of this resolution, the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans is authorized to erect upon the Capitol grounds, subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment as may be required for the event to be carried out under this resolution.

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Hill Police Board are authorized to make such additional arrangements as may be required to carry out the event under this resolution.

SEC. 5. LIMITATION ON REPRESENTATIONS.

The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans shall not represent, either directly or indirectly, that this resolution or any activity carried out under this resolution in any way constitutes approval or endorsement by the Federal Government of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans or any services offered by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I submit a resolution to authorize the use of the Capitol Grounds for D.C. StandDown '95. D.C. StandDown '95 will involve over 500 staffers and volunteers from public and private sector organizations, including the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the United States Naval Medical Center, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. D.C. StandDown '95 will provide hundreds of homeless veterans with food, clothing, medical attention, legal counseling, mental health treatment and job counseling. Because the District of Columbia has the highest number of homeless veterans per capita in the Nation, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for D.C. StandDown '95 is essential.

Veterans' standdowns have proven to be the best way to address the unique needs of veterans and to reach veterans who rarely take advantage of the serv-

ices they are entitled to. Standdowns have grown in popularity around the country. Over 25,000 homeless veterans have been served in previous standdowns, and I am pleased that passage of my resolution will aid another 350 homeless veterans who seek physical, mental, and employment counseling assistance.

My resolution will permit the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans to host the event on the Upper Senate Park portion of the Capitol Grounds between October 23, 1995, and October 30, 1995. The coalition will be responsible for all expenses and liabilities related to the event. Any effort to erect a stage, sound system or any other structure would need to be approved by the Architect of the Capitol. Finally, the coalition can not characterize passage of this resolution as constituting an endorsement by the Federal Government.

I am pleased that Representative JOSEPH KENNEDY feels as strong as I do about the effectiveness and necessary of veterans' standdowns, as he has agreed to introduce a companion resolution in the House of Representatives. We as a Nation must continue to provide assistance to homeless veterans and foster their eventual return to healthy, self-sufficient and productive lives. I believe that D.C. StandDown '95 will contribute to this return.●

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 29—RELATIVE TO JERUSALEM

Mr. DOLE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 29

Whereas the Senate wishes to mark the 3000th anniversary of King David's establishment of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel; and

Where as Jerusalem, the City of David, has been the focal point of Jewish life; and

Where as Jerusalem, the City of Peace, has held a unique place and exerted a unique influence on the moral development of Western Civilization; and

Where as no other city on Earth is today the capital of the same country, inhabited by the same people, speaking the same language, and worshipping the same God as it was 3000 years ago;

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), The architect is directed to make the necessary arrangements for a date in October to be mutually agreed upon by the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, after consultation with the Minority Leaders of the two houses, for the use of the Rotunda for a celebration of the founding of the city of Jerusalem.

SENATE RESOLUTION 177—TO DESIGNATE NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY

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

S. RES. 177

Whereas according to the American Cancer Society, one hundred eighty-two thousand