

the conduct of the study, and review of the results of the study, by the Advisory Committee on Energy-Related Epidemiologic Research of the Department of Health and Human Services and by such other entities engaged in the review of governmental studies relating to nuclear weapons activities as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(b) REPORTS.—

(1) PRELIMINARY PLAN.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report setting forth the Secretary's plan for the conduct of the study under this section. The report shall set forth an estimate of the annual costs of the study.

(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than one year after the date of the submittal of the report under paragraph (1), and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the results of the study during the one-year period preceding the date of the report.

(c) FUNDING.—The Secretary of Energy shall transfer to the Secretary of Health and Human Services each fiscal year, from amounts appropriated for the Department of Energy for such fiscal year for weapons activities, such amounts as the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Health and Human Services jointly determine appropriate to permit the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities relating to the study under this section during such fiscal year.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 1525. A bill to provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1998

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I seek recognition today to join Senator BIDEN in introducing the Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance Act of 1998. The purpose of this bill is to build on legislation we passed last Congress and provide education benefits to the families of slain or disabled State and local public safety officers.

Last year, Congress passed the Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance Act. This law provides for the education of the spouse and dependent children of Federal law enforcement officers who die or are totally disabled in the line of duty.

I was moved to introduce last year's legislation after meeting with the widow of Mr. Bill Degan, the U.S. marshal who was killed in the tragic incident at Ruby Ridge. Mrs. Karen Degan, his widow, brought to my attention the fact that the families of slain Federal law enforcement officers were not eligible to receive the educational benefits which the Government gives to the families of slain soldiers in our armed services. My legislation eliminated this disparity.

The program we created last year, however, is only available to the children of Federal law enforcement officers. Yet the idea behind the law applies equally to all public safety offi-

cers, Federal, State, or local. When someone gives his or her life protecting the safety and well-being of the general public, it is the very least we can do to ensure that the officer's children and/or spouse can continue on the educational path they would have followed had their parent or spouse not been killed in the line of duty.

Today we seek to remedy this disparity between Federal and non-Federal officers by introducing the Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance Act of 1998. This legislation will extend these same educational benefits to the dependents of all public safety officers—Federal, State, county and local law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and fire and rescue personnel—who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Under this bill, the Attorney General will administer a program which will provide up to \$4,485 per child, per year to attend a 4-year college. This is the same amount of educational assistance the Federal Government provides to the dependents of slain or disabled veterans and Federal law enforcement officers. I would note that this program is subject to appropriations and does not constitute an entitlement.

I would prefer that we did not have to worry about death and disabling injuries for public safety officials, but it is a fact of life that every year there are tragic losses. We are obligated to remember the families of those officers who have paid the ultimate price to keep our streets and homes safe.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, last year the Senate passed the Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance Act. A law which provides for the education of the spouse and dependent children of Federal law enforcement officers who die or are totally disabled in the line of duty.

The purpose of the legislation was to remove a significant financial burden from the families of these deceased officers and to allow them to continue on the educational path they would have followed had their parent or spouse not been killed in the line of duty.

This fall, several young men and women were able to go to college under this program. Unfortunately, this program is only available to the children of Federal law enforcement officers.

Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Public Safety Officers Educational Assistance Act of 1998. This legislation will extend these same educational benefits to the dependents of all public safety officers—Federal, State, county, and local law enforcement officers, correctional officers, and fire and rescue personnel—who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Under my bill, the Attorney General will administer a program which will provide up to \$4,485 per child, per year to attend a 4-year college. This is the same amount of educational assistance the Federal Government provides to veterans.

It is critical that we remember the families of those officers who have

made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our streets and homes safe. This bill is intended to allow the dependents of public safety officers to continue with their education as they would have been able to do had their parent not been killed or totally disabled in the line of duty.

I have long been concerned about the plight of families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty—this summer, I introduced an amendment to the Budget Reconciliation Act which provides for the favorable tax treatment of survivor death benefits paid to the families of fallen officers. In that vein, this legislation offers assurance to those in the public safety profession—and even to those considering service as public safety officers—that their loved ones will be able to attain their educational goals in their absence.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 71

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 71, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 263

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 263, a bill to prohibit the import, export, sale, purchase, possession, transportation, acquisition, and receipt of bear viscera or products that contain or claim to contain bear viscera, and for other purposes.

S. 567

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] were added as cosponsors of S. 567, a bill to permit revocation by members of the clergy of their exemption from Social Security coverage.

S. 834

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 834, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure adequate research and education regarding the drug DES.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB] was added as a cosponsor of S. 852, a bill to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, non-repairable, and rebuilt vehicles.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to provide for analysis of major rules.

S. 1029

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1029, a bill to provide loan forgiveness for individuals who earn a degree in early childhood education, and enter and remain employed in the early child care profession, to provide loan cancellation for certain child care providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to take into account newly developed renewable energy-based fuels and to equalize alternative fuel vehicle acquisition incentives to increase the flexibility of controlled fleet owners and operators, and for other purposes.

S. 1283

At the request of Mr. BUMPERS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Ms. LANDRIEU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1283, a bill to award Congressional gold medals to Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred collectively as the "Little Rock Nine" on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the integration of the Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

S. 1287

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1287, a bill to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants.

S. 1320

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD], and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 1320, a bill to provide a scientific basis for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assess the nature of the association between illnesses and exposure to toxic agents and environmental or other wartime hazards as a result of service in the Persian Gulf during the Persian Gulf war for purposes of determining a service connection relating to such illnesses, and for other purposes.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a demonstration project to evaluate the feasibility of using the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program to ensure the availability of adequate health care for

Medicare-eligible beneficiaries under the military health care system.

S. 1367

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1367, a bill to amend the act that authorized the Canadian River reclamation project, Texas to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow use of the project distribution system to transport water from sources other than the project.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to adjust the immigration status of certain Haitian nationals who were provided refuge in the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 52

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE], and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 52, a concurrent resolution relating to maintaining the current standard behind the "Made in USA" label, in order to protect consumers and jobs in the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 55

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 55, a concurrent resolution declaring the annual memorial service sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service Board of Directors to honor emergency medical services personnel to be the "National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service."

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 59

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 59, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the human rights situation in the Republic of Turkey in light of that country's desire to host the next summit meeting of the heads of state or government of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [OSCE].

AMENDMENT NO. 1543

At the request of Mr. KERRY his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1543 proposed to S. 1139, an original bill to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 12, 1997, at 2

p.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on judicial nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 12, 1997, at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on the Copyright Office report on compulsory licensing of broadcast signals.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 1997, in open session, to receive testimony on military training and readiness impact of the protocols to the framework convention on climate change.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO J. FRED CARBINE

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to J. Fred Carbine. Fred died this summer at the age of 59. I had the honor of knowing Fred both as a partner and a friend. He will be remembered as much for his professional accomplishments as for his humor.

Fred began his memorable career after passing the bar in 1962. He served as a Rutland County grand juror and was the first assistant clerk for the Vermont House of Representatives from 1963 until 1968. Fred then filled a seat on the board of aldermen until 1978, during which time he served as board president for 7 years. After his tenure as an alderman, he opened a law practice, at which I had the great pleasure of having him as a partner.

Among his many interests, Fred was a member and governor of the Rutland Moose Lodge, for which he was awarded the order's highest degree in 1985. True to his nature, Fred gave a great deal back to his community. He worked with the Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, and the Masonic Temple, among many others.

Fred had a marvelous wit and a wonderful sense of humor. He loved to tell stories and always thought the best of everyone.

Fred Carbine had many friends, and I consider myself lucky to be one of them. He was a brilliant lawyer and a wonderful man. I would like to extend my condolences to the family and friends of Fred Carbine.●

THE CHILDREN'S INN

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Children's Inn of Sioux Falls, SD, and to pay tribute to two women, Connie Kolbrek and Marlene Weires, whose dedicated service