

ease these burdens, saving each company time and money.

"By creating specific qualifications for documentation, the Committee creates standards for documentation for small vessels which will ease the burden of the Committee from responding to each individual request for documentation and appropriately moves this documentation responsibility to the Department of Transportation while also giving them flexibility in approving documentation.

"Although C-PORT is in full agreement with the language, we are concerned about sections (b)(2) and (c)(B) pertaining to whether employment of the vessel adversely affects U.S. vessel builders or operators of ships. C-PORT is concerned that the criteria used in determining the adverse affects to shipbuilders and operators in the same trade would be arbitrary.

"Again, C-PORT is in full support of this administrative change to the Jones Act, however, at the same time, the association believes that the Committee should move cautiously when making any sort of revision to the Jones Act.

"Thank you for your time and your attention to the need to ease unfair burdens placed on small business."

C-PORT expects this legislation to easily pass the Senate and the House. We will keep you informed as this measure moves through Congress. If you have any questions contact Amy Taylor (800) 745-6094.

SHIPBUILDERS COUNCIL OF AMERICA,

Alexandria, VA, February 27, 1997.

Mr. JAMES SARTUCCI,
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation, Washington, DC.

DEAR JIM: Thank you for sending the most recent draft of Senator McCain's Jones Act waiver bill. SCA shares your basic objective of reducing the paperwork burden on Committee members and staff while in no way eroding or changing the U.S.-build requirement or any other provisions of the Jones Act.

SCA supports all of the suggested additions to Senator McCain's bill included in a letter of February 25 sent to you and Carl Bentzel by Rolf Marshall of the Maritime Cabotage Task Force (MCTF). Most importantly, these recommended changes will make it undeniably clear that by enacting this bill Congress in no way lessens or modifies the protections granted by cabotage statutes.

Therefore, SCA supports the February 19 draft of the Jones Act waiver bill along with the recommended changes described in the February 25 letter from the MCTF.

On behalf of the members of SCA I want to commend you for your diligence in crafting a new Jones Act waiver process that makes sense administratively while safeguarding the Jones Act.

Cordially,

PENNY L. EASTMAN,

President.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 127

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 127, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 261

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas

[Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a mechanism for taxpayers to designate \$1 of any overpayment of income tax, and to contribute other amounts, for use by the United States Olympic Committee.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] and the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] were added as cosponsors of S. 314, a bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 318

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 318, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required by a creditor as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for increased medicare reimbursement for nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists to increase the delivery of health services in health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes.

S. 371

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 371, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for increased medicare reimbursement for physician assistants, to increase the delivery of health services in health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes.

S. 388

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 388, a bill to amend the

Food Stamp Act of 1977 to assist States in implementing a program to prevent prisoners from receiving food stamps.

S. 493

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, a bill to amend section 1029 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to cellular telephone cloning paraphernalia.

S. 518

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 518, a bill to control crime by requiring mandatory victim restitution.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide access to health care insurance coverage for children.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the excise taxes on tobacco products for the purpose of offsetting the Federal budgetary costs associated with the Child Health Insurance and Lower Deficit Act.

S. 528

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 528, a bill to require the display of the POW/MIA flag on various occasions and in various locations.

S. 536

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 536, a bill to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to establish a program to support and encourage local communities that first demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse among youth, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG], and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers.

S. 544

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG], and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS] were added as cosponsors of S. 544, a bill to provide certain protections to volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in lawsuits based on the activities of volunteers.

S. 552

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 552, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve family-held forest lands, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 76

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 76, a resolution proclaiming a nationwide moment of remembrance, to be observed on Memorial Day, May 26, 1997, in order to appropriately honor American patriots lost in the pursuit of peace of liberty around the world.

SENATE RESOLUTION 79—TO COMMEMORATE THE 1997 NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. KEMPTHORNE (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. FORD, Mr. GLENN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. TORRICELLI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 79

Whereas, the well-being of all citizens of this country is preserved and enhanced as a direct result of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement personnel;

Whereas, more than 500,000 men and women, at great risk to their personal safety, presently serve their fellow citizens in their capacity as guardians of the peace;

Whereas, peace officers are the front line in preserving our children's right to receive an education in a crime-free environment that is all too often threatened by the insidious fear caused by violence in schools;

Whereas, 117 peace officers lost their lives in the performance of their duty in 1996, and a total of 13,692 men and women have now made that supreme sacrifice;

Whereas, every year 1 in 9 officers is assaulted, 1 in 25 is injured, and 1 in 4,000 is killed in the line of duty;

Whereas, on May 15, 1997, more than 15,000 peace officers are expected to gather in our nation's Capital to join with the families of their recently fallen comrades to honor them and all others before them: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 15, 1997, is hereby designated as "National Peace

Officers Memorial Day" for the purpose of recognizing all peace officers slain in the line of duty. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe this day with the appropriate ceremonies and respect.

Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a Senate resolution designating May 15, 1997, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

This is the fourth year in a row I have offered this resolution and I am proud to be joined this year by 55 of my colleagues in honoring the brave men and women who serve this country as peace officers.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 1997, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is equal opportunity in Federal construction. For further information, please call the committee, 202-224-5375.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE 82D ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 82d anniversary of the Armenian genocide. Each year we remember and honor the victims and pay respect to the survivors we are blessed to have in our midst.

Approximately 1.5 million Armenians were killed under the Turkish Ottoman Empire during a 28-year period which lasted from 1894 to 1921. April 24, 1915, serves as a marking point for the government orchestrated carnage that took place. On this date, over 5,000 Armenians were systematically hunted down and killed in Constantinople, including some 600 Armenian political and intellectual leaders.

History records that the world stood by, although it knew. Our Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry Morgenthau, telegraphed the following message to the American Secretary of State on June 16, 1915: "Deportation of and excesses against peaceful Armenians is increasing and from harrowing reports of eyewitnesses it appears that a campaign of race extermination is in progress under the pretext of reprisal against rebellion."

Not only did the world stand by while atrocities took place, but it also refused to learn the awful lessons that were taught during this period. One leader who did acknowledge the Armenian genocide was Winston Churchill, who wrote the following in 1929:

In 1915, the Turkish Government began and carried out the infamous general massacre

and deportation of Armenians in Asia Minor . . . the clearance of the race from Asia Minor was about as complete as such an act, on a scale so great, could be. There is no reasonable doubt that this crime was planned and executed for political reasons.

But, for the most part, nations did not learn from history. The world looked away and genocidal horrors revisited the planet.

Each year we vow that the incalculable horrors suffered by the Armenian people will not be in vain. That is surely the highest tribute we can pay to the Armenian victims and a way in which the horror and brutality of their deaths can be given redeeming meaning. I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the Armenian genocide. •

TRIBUTE TO THE GORHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE "WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION" PROGRAM

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to 21 students from Gorham High School in Gorham, NH, who were recently selected to compete in the national finals of the "We the People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution" program to be held April 26-28 in Washington, DC. These high school students competed on the State level on February 10 for the opportunity to represent New Hampshire at the national competition, and will be among more than 1,200 students from 49 States and the District of Columbia to participate.

The distinguished members of the team representing New Hampshire are: David Arseneault, Jan Bindas-Tenney, Melissa Borowski, Alyssa Breton, Mire Burrill, Kevin Carpenter, Todd Davis, Rebecca Evans, Brad Fillion, Cindy Gibson, Patrick Gilligan, Sean Griffith, Reid Hartman, Sarah King, Michelle Leveille, Monica McKenzie, Ashley Thompson, Michael Toth, Julie Washburn, Tuuli Winter, and Melanie Wolf.

All 21 New Hampshire students will be tested on the Constitution and Bill of Rights before simulated congressional committees to demonstrate their knowledge of constitutional principles and their relevance to contemporary issues. The competition in Washington will consist of 2 days of hearings; and the 10 finalists, with the highest scores, will compete for the title of national winner on Capitol Hill in a congressional hearing room.

Michael Brosnan, a teacher at Gorham High School, also deserves special recognition for helping these students prepare for the intense constitutional testing. Raymond Kneeland the district coordinator of the "We the People . . . the Citizen and the Constitution" program, Holly Belson, the State coordinator, and Howard Zibel, of the New Hampshire Bar Association, all contributed a significant amount of time and effort to help the students reach the national finals. As a former teacher myself, I applaud all of them on their