

The bill is meant to elevate the importance of all trade issues and specifically address some of the pending cattle trade issues between the United States and Canada.

The United States-Canada Commission on Cattle and Beef is a measure designed to provide immediate, short-term solutions to some of the serious trade problems facing the cattle industry. Specific cattle issues that could be resolved with further discussion include animal health requirements and the availability of feed grains. The bill creates a commission composed of three people from each country along with a number of other nonvoting advisors. Within 30 days of passage, the Commission must be in place and within 6 months must issue a preliminary report on how to resolve the existing differences between United States and Canadian trade.

I know that a number of my colleagues have legislation pending in regards to the cattle market. I would comment that I see this bill as a starting point, not an ending point for cattle industry issues and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of my bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 716

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JOINT UNITED STATES-CANADA COMMISSION ON CATTLE AND BEEF.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Joint United States-Canada Commission on Cattle and Beef to identify, and recommend means of resolving, national, regional, and provincial trade-distorting differences between the United States and Canada with respect to the production, processing, and sale of cattle and beef, with particular emphasis on—

- (1) animal health requirements;
- (2) transportation differences;
- (3) the availability of feed grains; and
- (4) Other market-distorting direct and indirect subsidies.

(b) COMPOSITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be composed of—

(A) 3 members representing the United States, including—

- (i) 1 member appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;
- (ii) 1 member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- (iii) 1 member appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture;

(B) 3 members representing Canada, appointed by the Government of Canada; and

(C) nonvoting members appointed by the Commission to serve as advisers to the Commission, including university faculty, State veterinarians, trade experts, and other members.

(2) APPOINTMENT.—Members of the Commission shall be appointed not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the first meeting of the Commission, the Commission shall submit a report to Congress and the Government of Canada that identifies, and recommends means of resolving, differences between the United States

and Canada with respect to the production, processing, and sale of cattle and beef.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. DODD, Mr. GREGG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. REED):

S. 717. A bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1997

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, today along with 16 of my colleagues, I am introducing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997. This legislation is the product of 4 months of intensive discussion among members of the committee, the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, and officials from the U.S. Department of Education.

The process followed in developing this legislation was unprecedented and demonstrates the high priority all involved place on the importance of the education of children with disabilities, their parents, and their educators.

Many people and organizations have helped us to develop this legislation. I would like to name just a few.

First and foremost, I wish to thank the Majority Leader TRENT LOTT for his unwavering support, and, in particular for the assistance of his Chief of Staff, Dave Hoppe. It is my firm belief that without their commitment to the process that we could not have produced this bill.

I would also like to thank my colleagues Senators KENNEDY, COATS, HARKIN, and GREGG, and especially, Chairman GOODLING, Mr. CLAY and our other colleagues in the House, and Secretary Riley, and Assistant Secretary Heumann.

I also wish to especially thank Senator FRIST, who set the direction and standard that led us in our efforts to reauthorize IDEA in the last Congress.

I introduce this bill in a much different climate than the one in which Congress first addressed the issue. In 1975, responding to numerous Federal court cases, Congress passed Public Law 94-142 which guaranteed all children with disabilities a "free and appropriate public education," and promised that the Federal Government would contribute 40 percent of the costs of special education. It is 22 years later and today we are on the threshold of honoring that commitment.

Our efforts in drafting this legislation are driven by a common belief that education is our No. 1 national priority, and that meeting the needs of our children includes meeting the needs of our 5.1 million children with disabilities. In this bill we address several important issues: How to increase the

flow of Federal dollars to local school districts; how to expand opportunities for children with disabilities to participate and succeed in the classroom along with their nondisabled peers; and how to ensure the appropriate participation of children with disabilities in State and district-wide assessments of student progress.

I hope all of my colleagues will support this legislation when it is considered. Its importance has been demonstrated by the collaborative process in which it was developed, and the valuable group of Americans it is intended to serve.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for American families, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, supra.

S. 4

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] were added as cosponsors of S. 4, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and for other purposes.

S. 124

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 124, a bill to invest in the future of the United States by doubling the amount authorized for basic science and medical research.

S. 143

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 143, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node dissections performed for the treatment of breast cancer.

S. 231

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to partially restore compensation levels to their past equivalent in terms of real income and establish the procedure for adjusting future compensation of justices and judges of the United States.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide estate tax relief, and for other purposes.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. MCCONNELL], and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL] were added as cosponsors of S. 535, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a program for research and training with respect to Parkinson's disease.

S. 536

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE], and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors 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. 609

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 609, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for reconstructive breast surgery if they provide coverage for mastectomies.

S. 685

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 685, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity tax credit for an additional fiscal year.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON], and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 21, a concurrent resolution congratulating the residents of Jerusalem and the people of Israel on the thirtieth anniversary of the reunification of that historic city, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 58

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr.

COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 58, a resolution to state the sense of the Senate that the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan is essential for furthering the security interests of the United States, Japan, and the countries of the Asia-Pacific region, and that the people of Okinawa deserve recognition for their contributions toward ensuring the Treaty's implementation.

AMENDMENT NO. 59

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 59 proposed to S. 672, an original bill making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 76

At the request of Mr. SPECTER the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], and the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 76 proposed to S. 672, an original bill making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 100

At the request of Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 100 intended to be proposed to S. 672, an original bill making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 131

At the request of Mr. SPECTER his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 131 proposed to S. 672, an original bill making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 145

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO the names of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], and the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 145 proposed to S. 672, an original bill making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. REED his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 145 proposed to S. 672, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 166

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO the names of the Senator from California

[Mrs. FEINSTEIN], the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 166 proposed to S. 672, an original bill making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 169

At the request of Mr. BOND the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. SARBANES], the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 169 proposed to S. 672, an original bill making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 85—
RELATIVE TO BREAST CANCER

Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources:

S. RES. 85

Whereas individuals with breast cancer need a support system in their time of need;

Whereas breast cancer is a disease of epidemic proportions, with 43,900 individuals in the United States expected to die from breast cancer in 1997, and 1 out of every 8 women in the United States expected to develop breast cancer in her lifetime;

Whereas the millions of family members, including spouses, children, parents, siblings, and other loved ones of person's with breast cancer can offer strong emotional support to each other in addition to the support they offer to patients and survivors dealing with their challenges;

Whereas it is important that the United States as a whole support the family members and other loved ones of individuals with breast cancer in addition to supporting the individual with breast cancer; and

Whereas 1997 brings the 25th anniversary of the National Cancer Program providing research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cancer, rehabilitation from cancer, and the continuing care of cancer patients and their families: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that an environment be encouraged where—

(1) the family members and loved ones of individuals with breast cancer can support each other in addition to the individual with breast cancer; and

(2) everything possible should be done to support both the individuals with breast cancer as well as the family and loved ones of individuals with breast cancer through public awareness and education.

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to submit, for myself and Senator SMITH of New Hampshire, a Senate resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that individuals afflicted with breast cancer should not be alone in their fight against the terrifying disease. With Mother's Day coming up this Sunday, May 11, it seems especially appropriate that we recognize the extent to which our society is affected by this disease, as well as the