

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] and the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to establish a bipartisan national commission to address the year 2000 computer problem.

S. 63

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. LEAHY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 63, a bill to amend certain Federal civil rights statutes to prevent the involuntary application of arbitration to claims that arise from unlawful employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, and for other purposes.

S. 102

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 102, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve Medicare treatment and education for beneficiaries with diabetes by providing coverage of diabetes outpatient self-management training services and uniform coverage of blood-testing strips for individuals with diabetes.

S. 208

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CLELAND], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMBERS], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. KEMPTHORNE], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS], and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 208, a bill to provide Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns located in historically underutilized business zones, and for other purposes.

S. 222

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 222, a bill to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies.

S. 224

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. ASHCROFT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 224, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit covered beneficiaries under the military health care system who are also entitled to medicare to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program, and for other purposes.

S. 412

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. WELLSTONE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 412, a bill to provide for

a national standard to prohibit the operation of motor vehicles by intoxicated individuals.

S. 422

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to define the circumstances under which DNA samples may be collected, stored, and analyzed, and genetic information may be collected, stored, analyzed, and disclosed, to define the rights of individuals and persons with respect to genetic information, to define the responsibilities of persons with respect to genetic information, to protect individuals and families from genetic discrimination, to establish uniform rules that protect individual genetic privacy, and to establish effective mechanisms to enforce the rights and responsibilities established under this Act.

S. 509

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 509, a bill to provide for the return of certain program and activity funds rejected by States to the Treasury to reduce the Federal deficit, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 686

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD], and the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 686, a bill to establish the National Military Museum Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM], and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH] were added as cosponsors of S. 852, a bill to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 916, a bill to designate the U.S. Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, MS, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building".

S. 927

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], and the Senator from

New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI] were added as cosponsors of S. 927, a bill to reauthorize the Sea Grant Program.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to provide for equal protection of the law and to prohibit discrimination and preferential treatment on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in Federal actions, and for other purposes.

S. 952

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 952, a bill to establish a Federal cause of action for discrimination and preferential treatment in Federal actions on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 420

At the request of Mr. THURMOND the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 420 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 422

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 422 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 424

At the request of Mr. GORTON the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 424 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 645

At the request of Mr. GORTON the names of the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], and the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 645 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities

of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 648

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 648 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 712

At the request of Mr. CLELAND the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 712 proposed to S. 936, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 36—COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF TUNISIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS

Mr. BREAUX submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. CON. RES. 36

Whereas August 28, 1997, will mark the 200th anniversary of the first Tunisian-American Treaty and the opening of diplomatic relations between Tunisia and the United States;

Whereas Tunisia guaranteed to the young American Republic freedom of navigation in Tunisia's territorial waters and freedom of trade with Tunisian citizens;

Whereas Tunisia supported the Allies politically and militarily during World War II and has become the final resting place of thousands of American soldiers fallen in battle;

Whereas the United States was the first great power to recognize Tunisia's independence from France in 1956;

Whereas Tunisia was a steady and reliable ally of the United States during the darkest days of the Cold War, providing naval facilities to the United States Sixth Fleet and supporting the United States at the United Nations and other international bodies;

Whereas Tunisia after independence received more aid from the United States than from any other donor country in the form of governmental loans and technical assistance;

Whereas Tunisia efficiently utilized American assistance and its own resources to drastically improve social conditions, further economic development, and establish an open market economy and a tolerant society based on the principles of democracy, social peace, and justice;

Whereas Tunisia has consistently supported a peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and United States efforts to bring peace to the Middle East; and

Whereas Tunisia and the United States have always shared mutual interests in regional security and have built a close partnership in that regard; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress hereby acknowledges with gratitude and appreciation the bicentennial of the Tunisian-American Treaty of 1797 and expresses to the people of Tunisia its hopes and wishes for continued friendship and amity between our two great nations.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution to the President with the request that he further transmit a copy to the Government of Tunisia.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

CONRAD (AND DORGAN) AMENDMENT NO. 730

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. DORGAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 936, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 313, line 20, strike out "(e)" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(e) RETENTION OF B-52H AIRCRAFT ON ACTIVE STATUS.—(1) The Secretary of the Air Force shall maintain in active status (including the performance of standard maintenance and upgrades) the current fleet of B-52H bomber aircraft. For the purposes of subsection (a), the number specified for B-52H bomber aircraft in paragraph (1) of such subsection shall be deemed to be 94. The applicability of the limitation under that subsection to the 94 B-52H bomber aircraft may not be waived under subsection (b).

"(2) For purposes of carrying out upgrades of B-52H bomber aircraft during fiscal year 1998, the Secretary shall treat the entire current fleet of such aircraft as aircraft expected to be maintained in active status during the six-year period beginning on October 1, 1997.

"(f) ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED REDUCTION OF B-52H BOMBER AIRCRAFT FLEET.—(1) Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Defense Panel established under section 924 of Public Law 104-201 (110 Stat. 2626), shall—

"(A) thoroughly assess the proposed retirement of B-52H bomber aircraft to reduce the fleet of B-52H bomber aircraft to 71 such aircraft; and

"(B) submit the assessment to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives.

"(2) The assessment under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

"(A) A discussion of the following matters:

"(i) The operational advantages, arms control implications, and budgetary impact of employing an additional combat-coded

squadron of B-52H bomber aircraft above the level provided for in the future-years defense program submitted to Congress in fiscal year 1997, reconstituted out of the B-52H aircraft attrition reserve.

"(ii) The implications of designating and using such an additional squadron as an associate reserve squadron.

"(iii) The operational impact of an engine modernization program involving replacement of the engines on B-52H bomber aircraft with commercial, off-the-shelf engines, as assessed in accordance with the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1997 (title I through VIII section 101(b) of Public Law 104-208).

"(iv) The operational, arms control, and budgetary implications of modifying capabilities of aircraft comprising a portion of the fleet of B-52H bomber aircraft so that the modified aircraft have the capability to deliver only conventional munitions.

"(v) The number of B-52H aircraft that, together with other combat aircraft within the force structure, would be necessary, in a major theater war initiated with minimum advance warning, to disrupt the flow of enemy forces to the extent necessary for the United States (and any allies) to defeat advancing enemy forces in detail with the United States (or allied) forces in place as the advancing enemy forces arrive in locations to engage the United States (or allied) forces.

"(B) The views of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the Secretary's assessment.

"(C) The views of the National Defense Panel on the Secretary's assessment.

"(3) If the Secretary submits the Secretary's annual report to Congress under section 113(c) of title 10, United States Code, within 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary may include in that report the assessment required under paragraph (1).

"(g)".

COVERDELL AMENDMENT NO. 731

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. COVERDELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 936, supra; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

() LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES OF PERU AND COLOMBIA.—(1) The Secretary of Defense may exercise the authority provided in section 1022(a) only with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

(2)(A) The Secretary may not obligate or expend funds to provide a government with support under section 1022 until the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the heads of other Federal agencies involved in international counter-drug activities, has developed a riverine counter-drug plan and submitted the plan to the committees referred to in subsection (f)(2) of such section. The plan shall set forth a riverine counter-drug program that can be sustained by the supported governments within five years, a schedule for establishing the program, and a detailed discussion of how the riverine counter-drug program supports national drug control strategy of the United States.

(B) The limitation in subparagraph (A) is in addition to the limitation in section 1022(f)(1).

THURMOND AMENDMENTS NOS. 732-733

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. THURMOND submitted two amendments intended to be proposed