

Lewis and Clark Expedition, and for other purposes.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia, and for other purposes.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a new prospective payment system for Federally-qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

S. 1315

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1315, a bill to permit the leasing of oil and gas rights on certain lands held in trust for the Navajo Nation or allotted to a member of the Navajo Nation, in any case in which there is consent from a specified percentage interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease.

S. 1384

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1384, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national folic acid education program to prevent birth defects, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to prevent abuse of recipients of long-term care services under the medicare and medicaid programs.

S. 1452

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1452, a bill to modernize the requirements under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards of 1974 and to establish a balanced consensus process for the development, revision, and interpretation of Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes.

S. 1488

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1488, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates

of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.

S. 1571

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1571, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for permanent eligibility of former members of the Selected Reserve for veterans housing loans.

S. 1573

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1573, a bill to provide a reliable source of funding for State, local, and Federal efforts to conserve land and water, preserve historic resources, improve environmental resources, protect fish and wildlife, and preserve open and green spaces.

S. 1590

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1590, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the authority of the Surface Transportation Board, and for other purposes.

S. 1608

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1608, a bill to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in Federal Lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes.

S. 1689

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1689, a bill to require a report on the current United States policy and strategy regarding counter-narcotics assistance for Colombia, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to require the United States to take action to provide bilateral debt relief, and improve the provision of multilateral debt relief, in order to give a fresh start to poor countries.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 34, a concurrent resolution relating to the observance of "In Memory" Day.

AMENDMENT NO. 1889

At the request of Mr. NICKLES the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1889 proposed to S. 1650, an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 197—REFERRING S. 1698 ENTITLED "A BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF D.W. JACOBSON, RONALD KARKALA, AND PAUL BJØRGEN OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA" TO THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A REPORT THEREON

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

S. RES. 197

Resolved,

SECTION 1. REFERRAL.

S. 1698 entitled "A bill for the relief of D. W. Jacobson, Ronald Karkala, and Paul Bjørgen of Grand Rapids, Minnesota" now pending in the Senate, together with all the accompanying papers, is referred to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

SEC. 2. PROCEEDING AND REPORT.

The chief judge shall—

(1) proceed according to the provisions of sections 1492 and 2509 of title 28, United States Code; and

(2) report back to the Senate, at the earliest practicable date, providing—

(A) such findings of fact and conclusions that are sufficient to inform the Congress of the nature, extent, and character of the claim for compensation referred to in such bill as a legal or equitable claim against the United States or a gratuity; and

(B) the amount, if any, legally or equitably due from the United States to D. W. Jacobson, Ronald Karkala, and Paul Bjørgen of Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2000

LAUTENBERG AMENDMENT NO. 2267

Mr. LAUTENBERG proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1851 proposed by Mr. NICKLES to the bill (S. 1650) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human

Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

SEC. _____. PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUSES.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate finds the following:

(1) The Congressional Budget Office has projected that Congress is headed toward using at least \$19,000,000,000 of the social security surplus in fiscal year 2000.

(2) Amendment number 1851 calls for across-the-board cuts, which could result in a broad-based reduction of 10 percent, taking into consideration approved appropriations bills and other costs likely to be incurred in the future, such as relief for hurricane victims, Kosovo, and health care providers.

(3) These across-the-board cuts would sharply reduce military readiness and long-term defense modernization programs, cut emergency aid to farmers and hurricane victims, reduce the number of children served by Head Start, cut back aid to schools to help reduce the class size, severely limit the number of veterans served in VA hospitals, reduce the number of FBI and Border Patrol agents, restrict funding for important transportation investments, and limit funding for environmental cleanup sites.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that instead of raiding social security surpluses or indiscriminately cutting defense, emergency relief, education, veterans' health care, law enforcement, transportation, environmental cleanup, and other discretionary appropriations across the board, Congress should fund fiscal year 2000 appropriations, without using budget scorekeeping gimmicks, by closing special-interest tax loopholes and using other appropriate offsets.

KENNEDY AMENDMENT NO. 2268

Mr. KENNEDY proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

In order to improve the quality of education funds available for education, including funds for Title 1, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Pell Grants shall be excluded from any across-the-board reduction.

**ABRAHAM (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2269**

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to amendment No. 1828 proposed by Mr. COVERDELL to the bill, S. 1650, *supra*; as follows:

Strike all after the first word and insert the following:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no funds appropriated under this Act shall be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug. This provision shall become effective one day after the date of enactment.

NOTICE OF HEARING

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREST AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Tuesday, October 19, 1999, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1608, a bill to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide a new mechanism for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a legislative hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1167, a bill to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for expanding the scope of the Independent Scientific Review Panel; S. 1694, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the reclamation and reuse of water and wastewater in the State of Hawaii; S. 1612, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation project property to certain irrigation and reclamation districts in the State of Nebraska; S. 1474, providing conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of Texas; S. 1697, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to refund certain collections received pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982; and S. 1178, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the Oahe Irrigation Project, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current pref-

erential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and for other purposes.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, October 20, 1999, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Water and Power, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please call Kristin Phillips, Staff Assistant or Colleen Deegan, Counsel.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 6, 1999. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the science of biotechnology and its potential applications to agriculture.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, in open session in SH-216 and in closed session in SH-219, to receive testimony on the national security implications of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a hearing Wednesday, October 6, 3 p.m., to receive testimony from Skila Harris, nominated by the President to be a member of the board of directors, Tennessee Valley Authority; Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., nominated by the President to be a member of the board of directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; and Gerald V. Poje, nominated by the President to be a member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the