

Senator LEVIN, this bill eases Section 201's overly strict injury standard. No longer will American industry have to comply with a standard higher than that of our international trading partners. They will simply have to prove an increase in imports over a short period of time which cause or threaten to cause serious injury to the domestic market.

The Act also speeds up the process for addressing import surges. Recently, I hosted a town hall meeting in Kalispell, Montana. Many agriculture leaders expressed their concern that the process of responding to surges is just too long. The same message came through loud and clear last week when a record number of us in the Congress testified before the International Trade Commission regarding imported Canadian cattle. Relief that is too late can mean the devastation of an industry—and the devastation of Rural America.

My bill would cut the time in half for this process and give the ITC Commissioners the ability to make decisions on an expedited basis.

It will also bring credibility to the final decision-making process. As we learned in the lamb case, the President has the ultimate decision-making authority. This means he can accept, change or reject recommendations from the International Trade Commission based on information above and beyond the evidence presented during the laborious hearings.

My bill requires that the President, in deciding whether to take action, focus more than he has in the past on the beneficial impact of a remedy, rather than on the negative impact on other industries. And in doing so, he must make provisional relief available on an urgent basis.

Second, the Act establishes an Agricultural Products Import Monitoring and Enforcement Program. The program shall: Promote and defend US policy with respect to import safeguards and countervailing or anti-dumping duty actions if challenged in the World Trade Organization, identify foreign trade-distorting measures, and develop policies and responsive actions to address such measures.

Finally, the bill provides an early warning system. We simply cannot wait until we see that an American industry is devastated. We must be able to project ahead, understand the threats facing an industry, and then consider quickly what type of action to take, if any.

My bill requires the Secretary of Commerce to monitor imports and report its findings on a quarterly basis until 2005. This is absolutely critical to take rapid action.

Finally, with the next round of the World Trade Organization talks approaching, the expiration of the Farm Bill, and uncertainties in global financial markets, anything can happen. U.S. industry, and our farm communities, however, should not bear the brunt.

The Agricultural Import Surge Relief Act will begin to bring stability and predictability back to the system. I urge my colleagues to support this proposal.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 178

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Center for Social Work Research.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to allow certain individuals who provided service to the Armed Forces of the United States in the Philippines during World War II to receive a reduced SSI benefit after moving back to the Philippines.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 777, a bill to require the Department of Agriculture to establish an electronic filing and retrieval system to enable the public to file all required paperwork electronically with the Department and to have access to public information on farm programs, quarterly trade, economic, and production reports, and other similar information.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 805, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to provide for the establishment and operation of asthma treatment services for children, and for other purposes.

S. 1133

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1133, a bill to amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act to cover birds of the order Ratitae that are raised for use as human food.

S. 1187

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1187, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in

commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and for other purposes.

S. 1327

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1327, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 1448

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1448, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize the annual enrollment of land in the wetlands reserve program, to extend the program through 2005, and for other purposes.

S. 1478

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1478, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas.

S. 1483

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1483, a bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 with respect to export controls on high performance computers.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1500, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an additional payment for services provided to certain high-cost individuals under the prospective payment system for skilled nursing facility services, and for other purposes.

S. 1515

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1515, a bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1563

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S.

1563, a bill to establish the Immigration Affairs Agency within the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1592, a bill to amend the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act to provide to certain nationals of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Haiti an opportunity to apply for adjustment of status under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1609

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1609, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the update factor used in making payments to PPS hospitals under the Medicare Program.

S. 1619

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1619, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide for periodic revision of retaliation lists or other remedial action implemented under section 306 of such Act.

S. 1626

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1626, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the process by which the Secretary of Health and Human Services makes coverage determinations for items and services furnished under the Medicare Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1644

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1644, a bill to provide additional measures for the prevention and punishment of alien smuggling, and for other purposes.

S. 1652

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNSBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1652, a bill to designate the Old Executive Office Building located at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in Washington, District of Columbia, as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 118, a resolution designating December 12, 1999, as "National Children's Memorial Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 190

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MACK) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 190, a resolution des-

ignating the week of October 10, 1999, through October 16, 1999, as the "National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week".

SENATE RESOLUTION 202—RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF JOHN E. COOK OF WILLIAMS, ARIZONA

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 202

Whereas John E. Cook has recently retired from the National Park Service after 43 years of distinguished service to the United States and the people of the western region of the Nation;

Whereas John E. Cook most recently served 87 park units in 8 western States, stretching from the Canadian border to Mexico, as Director of the Intermountain Region of the National Park Service;

Whereas John E. Cook is in the third of 4 generations from the Cook family who have served the National Park Service with enthusiasm and dedication;

Whereas John E. Cook's father, John O. Cook, and his grandfather, John E. Cook, served the National Park Service in the southwestern region, and his daughter Kayci Cook, currently serves as superintendent of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore;

Whereas John E. Cook began his National Park Service career as a mule skinner at what is now Saguaro National Park;

Whereas John E. Cook, who is of Cherokee descent, speaks Navajo, and has worked diligently to promote Native American understanding;

Whereas John E. Cook has held 4 regional directorships, 1 deputy regional directorship, and 5 superintendencies within the National Park Service, and has proven to be a strong manager of people and parks, linking cultural and natural resource management; and

Whereas the citizens of the United States and the National Park Service owe John E. Cook a debt of gratitude and wish to congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates John E. Cook for 43 years of service to the National Park Service;

(2) acknowledges the admiration and affection that John E. Cook's friends share for him; and

(3) recognizes the pride and high standard of workmanship exhibited by John E. Cook for 43 years.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF 1999

THOMPSON AMENDMENT NO. 2292

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. THOMPSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 1593) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 6. MODIFICATION OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.

(a) INCREASE IN INDIVIDUAL LIMITS.—Section 315(a)(1) of the Federal Election Cam-

paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "\$1,000" and inserting "\$3,000";
 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking "\$20,000" and inserting "\$60,000"; and
 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking "\$5,000" and inserting "\$15,000".

(b) INCREASE IN AGGREGATE INDIVIDUAL LIMIT.—Section 315(a)(3) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(3)) is amended by striking "\$25,000" and inserting "\$75,000".

(c) INCREASE IN MULTICANDIDATE LIMITS.—Section 315(a)(2) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "\$5,000" and inserting "\$15,000";
 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking "\$15,000" and inserting "\$45,000"; and
 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking "\$5,000" and inserting "\$15,000".

(d) INDEXING OF INCREASED LIMITS.—Section 315(c) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(c)) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence of paragraph (1), by striking "subsection (b) and subsection (d)" and inserting "subsections (a), (b), and (d)"; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) the term 'base period' means—
 “(i) in the case of subsections (b) and (d), calendar year 1974; and
 “(ii) in the case of subsection (a), calendar year 1999.”

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on October 14, 1999, in SR-328A at 9 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss risk management and crop insurance.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the issues related to land withdrawals and potential National Monument designations using the Antiquities Act, or Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

The hearing will address a number of issues, including public notice and participation, the role of Congress, and the application of other laws such as the Administrative Procedure Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please call Mike Mengen (202) 224-6170.