

Exposure Compensation Fund. The amounts in the fund are available for expenditure by the Attorney General under section 305, and the Fund terminates 22 years after the date of enactment of this title. This section also authorizes appropriations to the Fund in the sums necessary to carry out the purposes of the title and provides that authority under this Act to enter into contracts or to make payments is not effective in any fiscal year except to the extent, or in the amounts, provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

SECTION 304. ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

This section sets forth who is eligible to receive compensation under this title and provides that an eligible employee who files a claim that the Attorney General determines meets the requirements of this title, receives \$100,000 as compensation.

A person eligible for compensation is a Paducah employee (as defined under section 302(2)) who was employed at the Paducah, Kentucky, gaseous diffusion plant for at least one year during the period beginning on January 1, 1953, and ending on February 1, 1992, who during that period was monitored through the use of dosimetry badges for exposure at the plant to radiation from gamma rays or who worked in a job that, as determined by regulation, led to exposure at the plant to radioactive contaminants, including plutonium contaminants; and who submits written medical documentation as to having contracted a specified disease after beginning employment at the plant during the indicated period and after being monitored or beginning work at a job that could have led to exposure as specified.

SECTION 305. DETERMINATION AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Generally, this section sets forth the procedures for filing claims, authority for the Attorney General to consider claims and make compensation payments, consequences of payment of a claim, cost of administering the program, and appeals procedures.

Subsection (a) provides that the Attorney General establish procedures whereby individuals may submit claims for payment under this title.

Subsection (b) provides that the Attorney General determine whether a claim filed under this title meets the requirements of the title. It also provides for consultation with the Surgeon General and the Secretary of Energy in certain instances.

Subsection (c) provides that the Attorney General pay, from amounts available in the Fund, claims filed under this title that the Attorney General determines meet the requirements of this title. This subsection also sets out the conditions under which payments are offset and the United States is subrogated to a claim. It also provides for payment to the survivor of a Paducah employee who is deceased at the time of payment under this section.

Subsection (d) provides that the Attorney General complete the determination on each claim not later than twelve months after the claim is so filed. The Attorney General may request from any claimant, or from any individual or entity on behalf of any claimant, additional information or documentation necessary to complete the determination.

Subsection (e) provides that employees at the Paducah facility eligible for benefits under this title can elect which remedy to pursue. If they elect to proceed under this title, then acceptance of payment under this title will be in full settlement of all claims against the United States, DOE, a DOE contractor, a DOE subcontractor, or an employee, agent, or assign of one of them arising out of the illness for which the payment was made, except for claims in an administrative or judicial proceeding under a state

workers' compensation statute, subject to the reduction-of-benefits provision of subparagraph (3). Under that subparagraph, the benefits awarded to a claimant under this title would be reduced by the amount of any other payments received by that claimant because of the same specified illness, excluding payments for medical expenses under a workers' compensation system.

Subsection (f) sets forth how costs of administering the title are paid.

Subsection (g) provides that the duties of the Attorney General under this section cease when the Fund terminates.

Subsection (h) provides that amounts paid to an individual under this section are not subject to federal income tax under the internal revenue laws of the United States; are not included as income or resources for purposes of determining eligibility to receive benefits described in section 3803(c)(2)(C) of title 31, United States Code or the amount of these benefits; and are not subject to offset under section 3701 et seq. of title 31, United States Code.

Subsection (i) provides that the Attorney General may issue the regulations necessary to carry out this title.

Subsection (j) provides that regulations, guidelines, and procedures to carry out this title shall be issued not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this title.

Subsection (k) sets forth administrative appeals procedures and procedures for judicial review.

SECTION 306. CLAIMS NOT ASSIGNABLE OR TRANSFERABLE

This section provides that a claim cognizable under this title is not assignable or transferable.

SECTION 307. LIMITATIONS ON CLAIMS

This section provides that claim to which this title applies shall be barred unless the claim is filed within 20 years after the date of the enactment of this title.

SECTION 308. ATTORNEY FEES

This section limits the amount of attorney fees for services rendered in connection with a claim under this title to no more than 10 percent of a payment made on the claim. An attorney who violates this section shall be fined not more than \$5,000.

SECTION 309. CERTAIN CLAIMS NOT AFFECTED BY AWARDS OF DAMAGES

This section provides that a payment made under this title shall not be considered as any form of compensation or reimbursement for a loss for purposes of imposing liability on the individual receiving the payment, on the basis of this receipt; to repay any insurance carrier for insurance payments. A payment under this title does not affect any claim against an insurance carrier with respect to insurance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 88

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 88, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to exempt disabled individuals from being required to enroll with a managed care entity under the medicaid program.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to remove the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds,

for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to give gifted and talented students the opportunity to develop their capabilities.

S. 751

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 751, a bill to combat nursing home fraud and abuse, increase protections for victims of telemarketing fraud, enhance safeguards for pension plans and health care benefit programs, and enhance penalties for crimes against seniors, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm And Rural Development Act to improve shared appreciation arrangements.

S. 1187

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors 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. 1272

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) 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. 1384

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) 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. 1452

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1526

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to taxpayers investing in entities seeking to provide capital to create new markets in low-income communities.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1547, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to preserve low-power television stations that provide community broadcasting, and for other purposes.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. KERREY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to codify the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue regulations covering the practices of enrolled agents.

S. 1579

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1579, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the provision of counseling and treatment for sexual trauma experienced by veterans.

S. 1592

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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. 1680

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to provide for the improvement of the processing of claims for veterans compensation and pensions, and for other purposes.

S. 1762

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1762, a bill to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide cost share assistance for the rehabilitation of structural measures constructed as part of water resources projects previously funded by the Secretary under such Act or related laws.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a

bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide enhanced protection for investors and innovators, protect patent terms, reduce patent litigation, and for other purposes.

S. 1803

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1803, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend permanently and expand the research tax credit.

S. 1812

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1812, a bill to establish a commission on a nuclear testing treaty, and for other purposes.

S. 1814

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1814, a bill to establish a system of registries of temporary agricultural workers to provide for a sufficient supply of such workers and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to streamline procedures for the admission and extension of stay of nonimmigrant agricultural workers, and for other purposes.

S. 1823

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1823, a bill to revise and extend the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994.

S. 1825

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1825, a bill to empower telephone consumers, and for other purposes.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1900, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1911

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1911, a bill to conserve Atlantic highly migratory species of fish, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 106

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 106, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding English plus other languages.

SENATE RESOLUTION 128

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico

(Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 128, a resolution designating March 2000, as "Arts Education Month."

SENATE RESOLUTION 217

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL), and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 217, a resolution relating to the freedom of belief, expression, and association in the People's Republic of China.

SENATE RESOLUTION 227

At the request of Mr. BRYAN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 227, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in appreciation of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 227, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 2667

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) were added as cosponsors of Amendment No. 2667 intended to be proposed to S. 625, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 74—RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES BORDER PATROL'S 75 YEARS OF SERVICE SINCE ITS FOUNDING

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. KYL, and Mr. GRAMM) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 74

Whereas the Mounted Guard was assigned to the Immigration Service under the Department of Commerce and Labor from 1904 to 1924;

Whereas the founding members of this Mounted Guard included Texas Rangers, sheriffs, and deputized cowboys who patrolled the Texas frontier looking for smugglers, rustlers, and people illegally entering the United States;

Whereas following the Department of Labor Appropriation Act of May 28, 1924, the Border Patrol was established within the Bureau of Immigration, with an initial force of 450 Patrol Inspectors, a yearly budget of \$1 million, and \$1,300 yearly pay for each Patrol Inspector, with each patrolman furnishing his own horse;

Whereas changes regarding illegal immigration and increases of contraband alcohol traffic brought about the need for this young patrol force to have formal training in border enforcement;