

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary, acting through the Chief, shall conduct a grant program to be known as the Marine Mammal Rescue Grant Program, to provide grants to eligible stranding centers and eligible stranding network participants for the recovery or treatment of marine mammals and the collection of health information relating to marine mammals.

“(2) APPLICATION.—In order to receive a grant under this section, a stranding center or stranding network participant shall submit an application in such form and manner as the Secretary, acting through the Chief, may prescribe.

“(3) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—The Secretary, acting through the Chief and in consultation with stranding network participants, shall establish criteria for eligibility for participation in the grant program under this section.

“(4) LIMITATION.—The amount of a grant awarded under this section shall not exceed \$100,000.

“(5) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The non-Federal share for an activity conducted by a grant recipient under the grant program under this section shall be 25 percent of the cost of that activity.

“(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Commerce to carry out the grant program under this section, \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2004.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in the first section of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (86 Stat. 1027) is amended by striking the items relating to sections 408 and 409 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 408. Marine Mammal Rescue Grant Program.

“Sec. 409. Authorization of appropriations.

“Sec. 410. Definitions.”.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

s. 14

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 14, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the use of education individual retirement accounts, and for other purposes.

s. 87

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. McCONNELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 87, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualifying placement agencies, and for other purposes.

s. 216

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 216, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the limitation on the use of foreign tax credits under the alternative minimum tax.

s. 281

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify that forced or indentured labor includes forced or indentured child labor.

S. 285

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] were added as cosponsors of S. 285, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to restore the link between the maximum amount of earnings by blind individuals permitted without demonstrating ability to engage in substantial gainful activity and the exempt amount permitted in determining excess earnings under the earnings test.

S. 296

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way, and for other purposes.

S. 343

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUYE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 343, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individuals and employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 459

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. BRYAN] and the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] were added as cosponsors of S. 459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the State ceiling on private activity bonds.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Mr. FITZGERALD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to provide for the granting of refugee status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which American Vietnam War POW/MIA or American Korean War POW/MIA may be present, if those nationals assist in the return to the United States of those POW/MIA alive.

S. 566

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] and the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] were added as cosponsors of S. 566, a bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to exempt agricultural commodities, livestock, and value-added products from unilateral economic sanctions, to prepare for future bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations affecting United States agriculture, and for other purposes.

S. 600

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 600, a bill to combat the crime of international trafficking and to protect the rights of victims.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to strengthen the rights of workers to associate, organize and strike, and for other purposes.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 659, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require pension plans to provide adequate notice to individuals whose future benefit accruals are being significantly reduced, and for other purposes.

S. 670

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 670, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualifying placement agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 864

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 864, a bill to designate April 22 as Earth Day.

S. 866

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) were added as cosponsors of S. 866, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise existing regulations concerning the conditions of participation for hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers under the medicare program relating to certified registered nurse anesthetists' services to make the regulations consistent with State supervision requirements.

S. 872

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 872, a bill to impose certain limits on the receipt of out-of-State municipal solid waste, to authorize State and local controls over the flow of municipal solid waste, and for other purposes.

S. 897

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 897, a bill to provide

matching grants for the construction, renovation and repair of school facilities in areas affected by Federal activities, and for other purposes.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to promote access to health care services in rural areas.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a medical innovation tax credit for clinical testing research expenses attributable to academic medical centers and other qualified hospital research organizations.

S. 1053

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1053, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to incorporate certain provisions of the transportation conformity regulations, as in effect on March 1, 1999.

S. 1070

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to wait for completion of a National Academy of Sciences study before promulgating a standard, regulation or guideline on ergonomics.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1084, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect consumers from the unauthorized switching of their long-distance service.

S. 1100

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1150, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to more accurately codify the depreciable life of semiconductor manufacturing equipment.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that natural gas gathering lines are 7-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 1194

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. ALLARD] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1194, a bill to prohibit discrimination in contracting on federally funded projects on the basis of certain labor policies of potential contractors.

SENATE RESOLUTION 59

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER], the Senator

from Florida [Mr. MACK], and the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 59, a bill designating both July 2, 1999, and July 2, 2000, as "National Literacy Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 115—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING UNITED STATES CITIZENS KILLED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS IN ISRAEL
Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BURNS, Mr. KYL, and Mr. SPECTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the committee on foreign relations:

S. RES. 115

Whereas the Palestinian Authority, in formal commitments made under the Oslo peace process, repeatedly has pledged to wage a relentless campaign against terrorism;

Whereas at least 12 United States citizens have been killed in terrorist attacks in Israel since the Oslo process began in 1993, and full cooperation from the Palestinian Authority regarding these cases has not been forthcoming;

Whereas at least 280 Israeli citizens have died in terrorist attacks since the Oslo process began, a greater loss of life than in the 15 years prior to 1993;

Whereas the Palestinian Authority has released terrorist suspects repeatedly, and suspects implicated in the murder of United States citizens have found shelter in the Palestinian Authority, even serving in the Palestinian police force;

Whereas the Palestinian Authority uses official institutions such as the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation to train Palestinian children to hate the Jewish people; and

Whereas terrorist violence likely will undermine a genuine peace settlement and jeopardize the security of Israel and United States citizens in that country as long as incitement against the Jewish people and the State of Israel continues: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) it is the solemn duty of the United States and every Administration to bring to justice those suspected of murdering United States citizens in acts of terrorism;

(2) the Palestinian Authority has not taken adequate steps to undermine and eradicate terrorism and has not cooperated fully in detaining and prosecuting suspects implicated in the murder of United States citizens;

(3) Yasser Arafat and senior Palestinian leadership continue to create an environment conducive to terrorism by releasing terrorist suspects and inciting violence against Israel and the United States; and

(4) United States assistance to the Palestinian Authority should be conditioned on full cooperation in combating terrorist violence and full cooperation in investigating and prosecuting terrorist suspects involved in the murder of United States citizens.

SENATE RESOLUTION 116—CONDAMNING THE ARREST AND DETENTION OF 13 IRANIAN JEWS ACCUSED OF ESPIONAGE

Mr. FITZGERALD submitted the following resolution; which was referred

to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 116

Whereas 13 Iranian Jews were arrested on accusation of espionage, and have been detained since April, 1999;

Whereas the United States and Israel have dismissed the charges as false, denying any connection to the detainees;

Whereas Germany, as the current president of the European Union, has expressed its deep concern at the arrest of the 13 Iranian Jews, and Joschka Fischer, German Foreign Minister, has expressed his deep skepticism over the charges, and has called for the release of the 13 detainees;

Whereas the 13 detainees are rabbis and religious teachers, living in a Jewish community in a southern province of Iran, with no apparent ties to any type of espionage;

Whereas more than half the Iranian Jews have been forced to leave the country, and five Jews have been executed by Iranian authorities over the past five years, without receiving a trial;

Whereas Iran hanged two people convicted of spying for Israel and the U.S. in 1997, which implies impending danger for these 13 prisoners;

Whereas espionage is punishable by death in Iran:

Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the arrest and detention of 13 Iranian Jews accused of spying for the United States and Israel; and

(2) calls upon the Iranian authorities to release these individuals immediately and without harm.

(3) calls upon the Iranian authorities to provide internationally accepted legal protections to all its citizens, regardless of their status or position.

• Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, today I rise to submit a resolution condemning the arrest and detention of 13 Iranian Jews accused of espionage.

In April of this year, 13 rabbis and religious leaders were arrested at their homes in the Iranian cities of Shiraz and Isfahan. According to the Israeli newspaper, *Ha'aretz*, the names of the detainees are David Tefilin, Doni Tefilin, Javid Beth Jacob, Farhad Seleh, Nasser Levi Haim, Asher Zadmehr, Navid Balazadeh, Nejat Beroukhim, Aarash Beroukhim, Farzad Kashi, Faramaz Kashi, Shahrokh Pak Nahad, and Ramin (last name unknown). They have remained imprisoned since the time of their arrest, without charge, under accusation of spying for the United States and Israel, although they have no apparent ties to any type of espionage. Both the United States and Israel have dismissed the charges as false, denying any connection to the detainees. In addition to the United States, Israel, and Germany have denounced these arrests and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright as well as Joschka Fischer, the German Foreign Minister, have called for their release.

Iran's treatment of its Jewish residents in recent years has been deplorable, forcing half of its Jews to flee the country. In the past five years alone, five Jews have been executed by Iranian authorities, without the fundamental right of a trial. In 1997, Iran hanged two people convicted of spying,