

Clean Air Act as required by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Specifically, this legislation provides the authorization for an additional \$600 million for the bridge. This \$600 million is in addition to the \$900 million that has already been committed by the federal government. It will provide \$150 million per year from 2004 to 2007.

The legislation also commits the surrounding states to contribute their fair share to the construction of the bridge. Since federal funding makes up 80% of the cost of the bridge, the Capitol Region jurisdictions are committed to providing the remaining 20%. In fact, the states have to provide at least \$0.67 for every \$1 provided from the Highway Trust fund. Together, the federal and state governments will be able to provide what we need to build the bridge.

The Woodrow Wilson Bridge Financing Act of 1999 is an innovative, creative and resourceful response to what was once a big problem for the entire metropolitan area. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I am pleased to join with my colleagues, Senators ROBB, WARNER and MIKULSKI, as an original co-sponsor of these two measures providing the additional financing necessary for the replacement of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The proposed \$600 million in new funding authorized in these measures, combined with the \$900 million already made available under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), will enable us to move ahead with constructing this vital link in our region's and nation's transportation system.

Mr. President, everyone who commutes to work in the Washington Metropolitan area or who travels on Interstate 95 knows what a serious traffic and safety problem we have in the area of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The bridge is one of the worst bottlenecks on the interstate system. It is carrying traffic volumes far in excess of its designed capacity. Originally constructed in 1961 to carry 70,000 vehicles per day, the bridge now averages 176,000 vehicles daily. It is rapidly approaching the end of its service life. In fact in 1994, the Federal Highway Administration determined that due to the age of the facility, the structural deterioration and traffic demand, the existing bridge would not last much beyond 2004 even with additional repairs. The sub-standard condition of the bridge and resulting congestion means accidents—at a rate of twice that for other segments of the Capital Beltway—and significant delays for commuters, interstate truckers, tourists, businesses and employers alike. With traffic volumes in the area projected to nearly double in the next 20 years, there has been a clear need to address this problem.

In 1996, after many years of intensive study, the Wilson Bridge Coordination Committee, comprised of federal, state

and local officials, recommended a 12-lane drawbridge and reconstructing approaches and adjacent interchanges as the preferred alternative for the replacement structure, at an estimated cost of \$1.6 billion. Since then, there has been much discussion and debate about the size and cost of the facility as well as how the new bridge would be paid for and I would like to make several points:

First, the project is a federal responsibility. The bridge is owned by the Federal government. In fact, it is the only federally-owned bridge on the interstate system. Funding provided for it should be commensurate with the federal ownership of the bridge.

Second, the replacement bridge must be built in accordance with the same standards as applied to bridges owned by state jurisdictions. Just replacing the existing structure is not an acceptable option because it would continue the current bottleneck at the bridge and because it would not meet the Federal Highway Administration's own guidelines which require states in building new structures to meet projected future carrying capacity needs. This means the replacement structure must be able to accommodate current as well as projected future traffic growth and that the related interchanges and approaches to the bridge should match the new bridge. It should also provide for pedestrian and bicycle access as well as accommodate future transit usage. What is needed is not a quick fix that we will have to revisit in several years, but a long term solution that will carry us well into the next century.

Third, we should not lose sight of the fact that if a replacement is not undertaken in the very near future, it will be necessary to impose significant restrictions on the use of the existing bridge and this will have enormous economic and transportation related consequences throughout the entire region.

Last year we took a significant step forward in replacing the Woodrow Wilson Bridge by authorizing \$900 million in new contract authority in TEA-21. The legislation which we are introducing today, when enacted, will help ensure that the federal responsibility to this bridge is met, and that it will meet the region's needs as we move into the next century.

I want to commend Secretary Slater and his staff at the Department of Transportation for their support and assistance in developing this legislation and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 12

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 12, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to

eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals.

S. 61

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a co-sponsor of S. 61, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to eliminate disincentives to fair trade conditions.

S. 285

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor 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. 456

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for information technology training expenses paid or incurred by the employer, and for other purposes.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

S. 620

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 620, a bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to eliminate the time limitation on benefits for immunosuppressive drugs under the medicare program, to provide continued entitlement for such drugs for certain individuals after medicare benefits end, and to extend certain medicare secondary payer requirements.

S. 664

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 664, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax to individuals who rehabilitate historic homes or who are the first purchasers of rehabilitated historic homes for use as a principal residence.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Washington

(Mr. GORTON) 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. 765

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 765, a bill to ensure the efficient allocation of telephone numbers.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to promote electronic commerce by encouraging and facilitating the use of encryption in interstate commerce consistent with the protection of national security, and for other purposes.

S. 801

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 801, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 820

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 820, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent motor fuel excise taxes on railroads and inland waterway transportation which remain in the general fund of the Treasury.

S. 847

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude clinical social worker services from coverage under the medicare skilled nursing facility prospective payment system.

S. 879

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 879, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain leasehold improvements.

S. 907

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to protect the right to life of each born and preborn human person in existence at fertilization.

S. 1017

At the request of Mr. MACK, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1017, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 to increase the State ceiling on the low-income housing credit.

S. 1086

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1086, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the income inclusion on a distribution from an individual retirement account to the extent that the distribution is contributed for charitable purposes.

S. 1114

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to establish a more cooperative and effective method for rulemaking that takes into account the special needs and concerns of smaller miners.

S. 1165

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1165, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the limitation on the amount of receipts attributable to military property which may be treated as exempt foreign trade income.

S. 1207

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1207, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that income averaging for farmers not increase a farmer's liability for the alternative minimum tax.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors 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 Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) 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. 1296

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 1296, a bill to designate portions of the lower Delaware River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 1310

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the interim payment system for home health services, and for other purposes.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to amend chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor, and for other purposes.

S. 1345

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals.

S. 1381

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1381, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a 5-year recovery period for petroleum storage facilities.

S. 1391

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 32

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the guaranteed coverage of chiropractic services under the Medicare+Choice program.

SENATE RESOLUTION 87

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 87, a resolution commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the International Visitors Program.

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

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