

there, and that the governments of the United States and Poland should facilitate the return of Dina Babbit's artwork to her.

S. CON. RES. 60

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 60, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. *Wisconsin* and all those who served aboard her.

S. CON. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 98, a concurrent resolution urging compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

AMENDMENT NO. 2915

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2915 proposed to S. Con. Res. 101, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and revising the budgetary levels for fiscal year 2000.

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2915 proposed to S. Con. Res. 101, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and revising the budgetary levels for fiscal year 2000.

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2915 proposed to S. Con. Res. 101, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and revising the budgetary levels for fiscal year 2000.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2915 proposed to S. Con. Res. 101, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and revising the budgetary levels for fiscal year 2000.

SENATE RESOLUTION 281—TO CONGRATULATE THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2000 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

S. RES. 281

Whereas the Michigan State Spartans were Big Ten Conference regular season co-champions, and were winners of the Big Ten Conference Tournament, and, with a 26-7 record,

earned a number one seed in the Midwest region of the 1999-2000 N.C.A.A. Tournament;

Whereas the Michigan State Spartans proved their dominance over the Midwest Region in reaching the Final Four, defeating Valparaiso 65-38, Utah 73-61, Syracuse 75-58, and Iowa State 75-64;

Whereas in winning the Midwest Region the Michigan State Spartans reached the Men's Final Four for the second year in a row, last year losing to the Duke University Blue Devils in the semifinals;

Whereas the Michigan State Spartans vowed after that loss to return to the Final Four in 1999-2000, and to settle for nothing less than the ultimate prize;

Whereas the Michigan State Spartans moved one step closer to their goal when they defeated the University of Wisconsin Badgers 53-41 for the fourth time of the 1999-2000 season to reach the championship game;

Whereas in that game, the Michigan State Spartans, with an entire team effort that demonstrated why college athletics are so special, defeated the University of Florida Gators 89-76 on April 3, 2000, and won the N.C.A.A. Men's Basketball Championship for the second time in the history of the program;

Whereas Coach Tom Izzo, who hails from Iron Mountain, Michigan, in only his fifth year coaching the team, has proven himself to be one of the finest coaches in Men's College Basketball, and he and his staff instilled into the Spartans a will to win second to none, exemplified by their cutthroat defense, which suffocated many potent offenses throughout the season, and particularly in the second half of N.C.A.A. Tournament games;

Whereas Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson, and A.J. Granger, three seniors who have been playing together for four years and who ended their collegiate careers with a win, spurred this team to victory throughout the year, Mr. Cleaves with his incredible leadership, Mr. Peterson with his clutch shooting, and Mr. Granger with his consistent long marksmanship;

Whereas Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson, and Charlie Bell, three individuals who hail from Flint, Michigan, and have thus been given the nickname "The Flintstones," have been playing together since elementary school, and whose comradeship and loyalty to one another carried out onto the floor, and made the Spartans team a family off the floor as well;

Whereas Mateen Cleaves, the fearless captain of the team and the all-time assist leader in the Big Ten's history, who led not only with words but also with the example he set, who returned to the championship game after sustaining a high ankle sprain to his right leg, led his team to the title and, like a true champion, made good on his word;

Whereas Morris Peterson, named the Big Ten Conference Player of the Year, saved the Michigan State Spartans from the clutches of defeat many times this season, and particularly in the tournament, with his laser-like shooting and stingy defense;

Whereas Charlie Bell, perhaps the best rebounding guard in the nation, also led the team with his quickness, tireless defense effort, and athleticism, and who will be counted upon for his leadership next year;

Whereas A.J. Granger, displayed his awesome variety of offensive skills in both assisting on, and hitting, several big shots when the Spartans needed them most;

Whereas Andre Hutson, the man in the middle, who was often called on to shut down the opposing team's top player, particularly in the 1999-2000 tournament, handled his job with a workmanlike skill that defined professionalism, and in doing so provided the Spartans with the whole package the entire year;

Whereas Mike Chappell, Jason Richardson, and Aloysius Anagonye, provided the Spartans with quality minutes off the bench all year, and particularly in the championship game, where they held their own against the vaunted Florida bench;

Whereas David Thomas and Adam Ballinger, provided valuable contributions throughout the season and the tournament, both on and off the court, often providing the Spartans with the lift they needed; and

Whereas the contributions of Steve Cherry, Mat Ishbia and Brandon Smith, both on the court and in practice, demonstrated the total devotion of the Spartans players to the team concept that made the Spartans into the most dominating college basketball team of the new millennium: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate congratulates the Michigan State University Men's Basketball Team on winning the 1999-2000 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Basketball Championship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 282—CONGRATULATING THE HUSKIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOR WINNING THE 2000 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 282

Whereas the University of Connecticut women's basketball team won its second national championship in 5 years by defeating the University of Tennessee by the score of 71-52;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies entered the 2000 NCAA Tournament with a perfect 15-0 record in the Big East Conference and with just one loss during the regular season;

Whereas National Coach of the Year Geno Auriemma's team began the season ranked number one in the Nation and will finish the season ranked number one in the Nation;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Women Huskies brought the State of Connecticut its second straight NCAA Basketball Title, following the 1999 championship of the University of Connecticut Men's team;

Whereas both Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova were chosen consensus All-Americans; Ralph was selected the NCAA tournament's Most Outstanding Player; Kelly Schumacher set a championship-game record for blocked shots with 9; and Ralph, Abrosimova, Sue Bird, and Asjha Jones were named to the All-Tournament team;

Whereas the Huskies dominated March Madness, averaging 91.3 points and a 19-point margin of victory in the tournament;

Whereas University of Connecticut's 19-point win over Tennessee, the other powerhouse of women's collegiate basketball, was the second largest margin of victory ever in a championship game;

Whereas the high caliber of the University of Connecticut Women Huskies in both athletics and academics has again advanced the sport of women's basketball and provided inspiration for future generations of young female athletes; and

Whereas the Huskies' season of accomplishment rallied Connecticut residents of all ages, from Stamford to Storrs, from Norwalk to Norwich, behind a common purpose and inspired a wave of euphoria across the State: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for

completing the 1999–2000 season with a 36–1 record and winning the 2000 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

L. CHAFEE (AND FEINSTEIN) AMENDMENT NO. 2923

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. L. CHAFEE (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 101) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 and revising the budgetary levels for fiscal year 2000; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON RESTORING FUNDS TO HOSPITALS CUT BY THE BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1997.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) the Balanced Budget Reform Act of 1999 provided insufficient relief to hospitals;

(2) in addition to reductions to expenditures under the medicare program, reductions made in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 over 5 years to Federal medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) expenditures threaten the ability of hospitals to provide care for the most vulnerable populations;

(3) Federal medicaid DSH expenditures help reimburse the costs incurred by hospitals in treating medicaid patients and the uninsured and are needed to help our Nation's safety net hospitals.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution on the budget assume that the Senate should enact legislation that would reverse the unintended consequences of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 by freezing the reductions in medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) expenditures at fiscal year 2000 levels and then allowing those expenditure levels to increase by the percentage change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (all items; U.S. city average) for the following 5 years.

JEFFORDS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2924

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DODD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. L. CHAFEE, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following amendment intended to be proposed by them to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 101, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

(1) Home energy assistance for working poor and low-income families with children, elderly individuals on fixed incomes, individ-

uals with disabilities, and others who need such assistance is a critical part of the social safety net in cold weather areas during the winter, and a source of necessary cooling aid during the summer.

(2) The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is a highly targeted, cost-effective way to help millions of low-income Americans pay their home energy bills. More than ⅓ of households eligible for assistance through the Program have annual incomes of less than \$8,000, and approximately ½ of the households have annual incomes below \$6,000.

(3) Funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program has declined 48 percent since fiscal year 1985, and as a result many elderly individuals on fixed incomes and working poor families have lost critical assistance.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the budgetary levels in this resolution assume that—

(1) an amount of not less than \$1,400,000,000 (an amount currently available to carry out the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 for fiscal year 2000) will be made available to carry out such Act for fiscal year 2001; and

(2) \$1,400,000,000 of the amount described in paragraph (1) will not be funds designated by Congress to be emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)), regardless of whether any additional funds (in excess of the \$1,400,000,000) made available as described in paragraph (1) are funds that are so designated.

LINCOLN AMENDMENT NO. 2925

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 101, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING AGING FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURES.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) since 1948, communities and the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture have constructed over 10,400 flood control structures in 47 States, at an estimated infrastructure investment of \$14,000,000,000;

(2) many of those structures are now reaching the end of their design life; and

(3) unless those aging structures are rehabilitated, the structures may—

(A) pose significant threats to human health, public safety, property, and the environment; and

(B) pose risks of potential hardship to the communities in the vicinities of the structures, including through potential loss of flood control, community water supplies, ability to conserve natural resources, and economic benefits, that were brought about as a result of those flood control structures.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution, and any legislation enacted pursuant to this resolution, assume that the Federal Government will offer technical assistance and cost-shared financial assistance to communities to ensure that the flood control structures constructed by the communities and the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture are rehabilitated and continue to serve the protective purposes for which they were constructed.

BINGAMAN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2926

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBB, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 101, supra; as follows:

On page 4, line 4, increase the amount by \$1,930,000,000.

On page 4, line 5, increase the amount by \$6,230,000,000.

On page 4, line 6, increase the amount by \$5,480,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$5,810,000,000.

On page 4, line 8, increase the amount by \$6,940,000,000.

On page 4, line 13, increase the amount by \$1,930,000,000.

On page 4, line 14, increase the amount by \$6,230,000,000.

On page 4, line 15, increase the amount by \$5,480,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$5,810,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$6,940,000,000.

On page 4, line 22, increase the amount by \$5,640,000,000.

On page 4, line 23, increase the amount by \$7,120,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$6,470,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$7,080,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$8,420,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,930,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, increase the amount by \$6,230,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, increase the amount by \$5,480,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, increase the amount by \$5,810,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, increase the amount by \$6,940,000,000.

On page 18, line 7, increase the amount by \$5,640,000,000.

On page 18, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,930,000,000.

On page 18, line 11, increase the amount by \$7,120,000,000.

On page 18, line 12, increase the amount by \$6,230,000,000.

On page 18, line 15, increase the amount by \$6,470,000,000.

On page 18, line 16, increase the amount by \$5,480,000,000.

On page 18, line 19, increase the amount by \$7,080,000,000.

On page 18, line 20, increase the amount by \$5,810,000,000.

On page 18, line 23, increase the amount by \$8,420,000,000.

On page 18, line 24, increase the amount by \$6,940,000,000.

On page 29, line 3, decrease the amount by \$1,949,000,000.

On page 29, line 4, decrease the amount by \$28,133,000,000.

Add new Section 105, as follows:

SEC. 105. RECONCILIATION OF REVENUE REDUCTIONS IN THE SENATE.

Not later than September 29, 2000, the Senate Committee on Finance shall report to the Senate a reconciliation bill proposing changes in laws within its jurisdiction necessary to reduce revenues by not more than \$19,000,000 in fiscal year 2001 and \$1,743,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2001 through 2005.

SHELBY AMENDMENT NO. 2927 (Ordered to lie on the table.)