

the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide States with the option to allow legal immigrant pregnant women, children, and blind or disabled medically needy individuals to be eligible for medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 820

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) 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. 1109

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1109, a bill to conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, bear viscera, and for other purposes.

S. 1128

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1128, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers, to provide for a carryover basis at death, and to establish a partial capital gains exclusion for inherited assets.

S. 1262

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1262, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide up-to-date school library medial resources and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists for elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1357

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1357, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the portability of retirement benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1593

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1593, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

S. 1696

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1696, a bill to amend the Convention on

Cultural Property Implementation Act to improve the procedures for restricting imports of archaeological and ethnological material.

S. 1762

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) 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. 1946

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1946, a bill to amend the National Environmental Education Act to redesignate that Act as the "John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act", to establish the John H. Chafee Memorial Fellowship Program, to extend the programs under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2003

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2003, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

S. 2018

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2018, 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. 2031

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2031, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit the issuance of a certificate for subminimum wages for individuals with impaired vision or blindness.

S. 2037

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the option to use rebased target amounts to all sole community hospitals.

S. 2050

At the request of Mr. ROBB, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2050, a bill to establish a panel to investigate illegal gambling on college sports and to recommend effective countermeasures to combat this serious national problem.

S. RES. 87

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 87, a resolution commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the International Visitors Program.

S. RES. 128

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, LINCOLN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 128, a resolution designating March 2000, as "Arts Education Month."

S. RES. 248

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 248, a resolution to designate the week of May 7, 2000, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 263—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD COMMUNICATE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES ("OPEC") CARTEL AND NON-OPEC COUNTRIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE CARTEL OF CRUDE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE OPEC NATIONS IN MARCH 2000, THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IN FAVOR OF INCREASING WORLD CRUDE OIL SUPPLIES SO AS TO ACHIEVE STABLE CRUDE OIL PRICES

Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. GRAMS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 263

Whereas the United States currently imports roughly 55 percent of its crude oil;

Whereas ensuring access to and stable prices for imported crude oil for the United States and major allies and trading partners of the United States is a continuing critical objective of United States foreign and economic policy for the foreseeable future;

Whereas the 11 countries that make up the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ("OPEC") produce 40 percent of the world's crude oil and control 77 percent of proven reserves, including much of the spare production capacity;

Whereas beginning in March 1998, OPEC instituted 3 tiers of production cuts, which reduced production by 4,300,000 barrels per day and have resulted in dramatic increases in crude oil prices;

Whereas in August 1999, crude oil prices had reached \$21 per barrel and continued rising, exceeding \$25 per barrel by the end of 1999 and \$27 per barrel during the first week of February 2000;

Whereas crude oil prices in the United States rose \$14 per barrel during 1999, the equivalent of 33 cents per gallon;

Whereas the increase has translated into higher prices for gasoline and other refined petroleum products; in the case of gasoline, the increases in crude oil prices have resulted in a penny-for-penny passthrough of increases at the pump;

Whereas increases in the price of crude oil result in increases in prices paid by United States consumers for refined petroleum

products, including home heating oil, gasoline, and diesel fuel;

Whereas increases in the costs of refined petroleum products have a negative effect on many Americans, including the elderly and individuals of low income (whose home heating oil costs have doubled in the last year), families who must pay higher prices at the gas station, farmers (already hurt by low commodity prices, trying to factor increased costs into their budgets in preparation for the growing season), truckers (who face an almost 10-year high in diesel fuel prices), and manufacturers and retailers (who must factor in increased production and transportation costs into the final price of their goods): Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) the President should immediately communicate to the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ("OPEC") cartel and non-OPEC countries that participate in the cartel of crude oil producing countries that—

(A) the United States seeks to maintain strong relations with crude oil producers around the world while promoting international efforts to remove barriers to energy trade and investment and increased access for United States energy firms around the world;

(B) the United States believes that restricting supply in a market that is in demand of additional crude oil does serious damage to the efforts that OPEC members have made to demonstrate that they represent a reliable source of crude oil supply;

(C) the United States believes that stable crude oil prices and supplies are essential for strong economic growth throughout the world; and

(D) the United States seeks an immediate lifting of the OPEC crude oil production quotas;

(2) the President should review administrative policies that may put an undue burden on domestic crude oil producers, and should consider lifting unnecessary regulations that interfere with the ability of United States energy industries to supply a greater percentage of the energy needs of the United States; and

(3) the Senate, when it considers the fiscal year 2001 Federal budget, should appropriate sufficient funds for the development of alternative energy resources, including measures to increase the use of biofuels and other renewable resources, to reduce the dependence of the United States on foreign energy sources.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE AFFORDABLE EDUCATION ACT OF 1999

HATCH AMENDMENT NO. 2823

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 1134) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts; and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title II, insert:

SEC. . DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

(a) DEDUCTION ALLOWED WHETHER OR NOT TAXPAYER ITEMIZES OTHER DEDUCTIONS.—Subsection (a)(2) of section 62 (defining adjusted gross income) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(D) CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES FOR TEACHERS.—The deductions allowed by section 162 which consist of qualified professional development expenses paid or incurred by an eligible teacher."

(b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 62 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(d) QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES OF ELIGIBLE TEACHERS.—For purposes of subsection (a)(2)(D)—

"(1) QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified professional development expenses' means—

"(i) expenses for tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, and transportation required for the enrollment or attendance of an individual in a qualified course of instruction, and

"(ii) qualified incidental expenses.

"(B) QUALIFIED COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.—The term 'qualified course of instruction' means a course of instruction which—

"(i) is—

"(1) at an institution of higher education (as defined in section 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088), as in effect on the date of the enactment of this subsection), or

"(2) a professional conference, and

"(ii) is part of a program of professional development which is approved and certified by the appropriate local educational agency as furthering the individual's teaching skills.

"(C) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—The term 'local educational agency' has the meaning given such term by section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as so in effect.

"(D) QUALIFIED INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified incidental expenses' means expenses in an amount not to exceed \$125 for any taxable year for books, supplies, and equipment related to instruction, teaching, or other educational job-related activities of an eligible teacher.

"(ii) SPECIAL RULE FOR HOMESCHOOLING.—Such term shall include expenses described in subparagraph (A) in connection with education provided by homeschooling if the requirements of any applicable State or local law are met with respect to such education.

"(2) ELIGIBLE TEACHER.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'eligible teacher' means an individual who is a kindergarten through grade 12 classroom teacher, instructor, counselor, aide, or principal in an elementary or secondary school.

"(B) ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The terms 'elementary school' and 'secondary school' have the meanings given such terms by section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801), as so in effect."

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000.

HATCH (AND MACK) AMENDMENT NO. 2824

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. HATCH (for himself, and Mr. MACK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 1134, supra; as follows:

At the end of title II, insert:

SEC. . ELIMINATION OF MARRIAGE PENALTY IN PHASEOUT OF EDUCATION LOAN INTEREST DEDUCTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (B) of section 221(b)(2) (relating to limitation based on modified adjusted gross income) is amended—

(1) by striking "\$60,000" in clause (i)(II) and inserting "\$80,000", and

(2) by inserting "\$30,000 in the case of a joint return)" after "\$15,000" in clause (ii).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000.

ABRAHAM (AND WYDEN) AMENDMENT NO. 2825

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 1134, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

SEC. . EXPANSION OF DEDUCTION FOR COMPUTER DONATIONS TO SCHOOLS.

(a) EXTENSION OF AGE OF ELIGIBLE COMPUTERS.—Section 170(e)(6)(B)(ii) (defining qualified elementary or secondary educational contribution) is amended by striking "2 years" and inserting "3 years".

(b) REACQUIRED COMPUTERS ELIGIBLE FOR DONATION.—Section 170(e)(6)(B)(iii) (defining qualified elementary or secondary educational contribution) is amended by inserting "the person from whom the donor reacquires the property," after "the donor".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to contributions made in taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. . CREDIT FOR COMPUTER DONATIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SENIOR CENTERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 (relating to business related credits) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 45D. CREDIT FOR COMPUTER DONATIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SENIOR CENTERS.

"(a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of section 38, the computer donation credit determined under this section is an amount equal to 30 percent of the qualified computer contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year as determined after the application of section 170(e)(6)(A).

"(b) QUALIFIED COMPUTER CONTRIBUTION.—For purposes of this section, the term 'qualified computer contribution' has the meaning given the term 'qualified elementary or secondary educational contribution' by section 170(e)(6)(B), except that—

"(1) such term shall include the contribution of a computer (as defined in section 168(i)(2)(B)(ii)) only if computer software (as defined in section 197(e)(3)(B)) that serves as a computer operating system has been lawfully installed in such computer, and

"(2) notwithstanding clauses (i) and (iv) of section 170(e)(6)(B), such term shall include the contribution of computer technology or equipment to multipurpose senior centers (as defined in section 102(35) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3002(35)) described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) to be used by individuals who have attained 60 years of age to improve job skills in computers.

"(c) INCREASED PERCENTAGE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENTITIES IN EMPOWERMENT ZONES, ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES, AND INDIAN RESERVATIONS.—In the case of a qualified computer contribution to an entity located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community designated under section 1391 or an Indian