

calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Mr. Zhang Hongbao from detention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; to the Honorable Colin Powell, Secretary of the U.S. Department of State; to the Honorable John Ashcroft, U.S. Attorney General; to the Honorable Richard Cheney, President of the United States Senate; to the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable Robert A. Underwood, Guam's Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez, I Maga'lahaen Guahan.

POM-44. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Indiana relative to the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSES CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Whereas, The Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000 is designed to improve significantly both the financing and benefits of railroad retirement and to increase industry responsibility for the part of the program that is similar to a private pension plan;

Whereas, The Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000 was approved in a bipartisan effort by 391 members of the United States House of Representatives in the 106th Congress, including nine of the ten members of the Indian congressional delegation;

Whereas, More than 80 United States Senators, including Indiana Senators Richard Lugar and Evan Bayh, signed letters of support for the legislation in 2000;

Whereas, The bill, now before the 107th Congress, modernizes the railroad retirement system for 748,000 beneficiaries nationwide, including over 15,000 in Indiana;

Whereas, Railroad management, labor, and retiree organizations have agreed to support this legislation;

Whereas, This legislation provides tax relief to freight railroads, Amtrak, and commuter lines;

Whereas, This legislation provides benefit improvements for surviving spouses of rail workers who under current law suffer deep cuts in income when the rail retiree dies;

Whereas, No outside contributions from taxpayers are needed to implement the changes called for in this legislation; and

Whereas, All changes will be from within the railroad industry including a full share by active employees; Therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring;

Section 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the United States Congress to support the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act in the 107th Congress.

Section 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and all members of the Indiana congressional delegation.

POM-45. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Indiana relative to honoring former Congressman Lee Hamilton; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22

Whereas, Lee H. Hamilton was born in Daytona Beach, Florida, April 20, 1931;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton was raised in Evansville, Indiana, but considers Nashville, Indiana, his hometown;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton received his bachelor's degree from DePauw University in 1952 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from Indiana University in 1956;

Whereas, While attending college, Congressman Hamilton excelled not only in the classroom but also on the basketball court;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton was first elected to Congress in 1964 from Indiana's 9th District;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton served in the House of Representatives from 1965 until 1999;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton faithfully represented the citizens of Indiana's 9th District for 34 years—17 Congressional terms;

Whereas, Once in office he walked a moderate line on social and economic issues, but was a strong advocate of U.S. international involvement;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton also earned a reputation as one of the Democratic Party's most thoughtful leaders in the realm of foreign policy;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton was chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, the House chairman of the Iran-Contra Committee from 1987 to 1988, and chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee from 1993 to 1996;

Whereas, When the Republicans became the majority in the House, Hamilton became the ranking Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee;

Whereas, While serving in Congress, he received numerous public service awards, including the Paul H. Nitze Award for Distinguished Authority on National Security Affairs, the Philip C. Habib Award for Distinguished Public Service, the Indiana Humanities Council Lifetime Achievement Award, and the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress Statesmanship Award;

Whereas, Although Congressman Hamilton has left Congress, he has not gone very far;

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton was named the director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., which is the federally supported institution on international affairs that "mixes the world of ideas with the world of policy";

Whereas, Congressman Hamilton will also serve as the director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University; and

Whereas, Accomplishments such as Congressman Hamilton's deserve special recognition: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges Congress to rename the Federal Building in New Albany, Indiana, in honor of former Congressman Lee Hamilton.

Section 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to former Congressman Hamilton, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and members of the Indiana congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 814. A bill to establish the Child Care Provider Retention and Development Grant Program and the Child Care Provider Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 815. A bill to make improvements to the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984: to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 816. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain coins to be acquired by individual retirement accounts and other individually directed pension plan accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 817. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Old Spanish Trail as a National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. KYL, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 818. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a long-term capital gains exclusion for individuals, and to reduce the holding period for long-term capital gain treatment to 6 months, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. Res. 80. A resolution honoring the "Whidbey 24" for their professionalism, bravery, and courage; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. SPECTER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Con. Res. 35. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 127

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH, of Oregon) were added as cosponsors of S. 127, a bill to give American companies, American workers, and American ports the opportunity to compete in the United States cruise market.

S. 131

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 131, a bill to amend title 38,

United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

S. 133

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 133, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 152

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 152, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 60-month limit and increase the income limitation on the student loan interest deduction.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 174

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the microloan program, and for other purposes.

S. 190

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 190, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to grant the Secretary of Health and Human Services the authority to regulate tobacco products, and for other purposes.

S. 252

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 252, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes.

S. 321

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 321, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 327

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S.

327, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide up-to-date school library media resources and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists for elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to provide for fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in public and private college and university housing and dormitories, including fraternity and sorority housing and dormitories.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to improve the National Writing Project.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the standards for compensation for Persian Gulf veterans suffering from certain undiagnosed illnesses, and for other purposes.

S. 449

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 449, a bill to ensure the timely payment of benefits to eligible persons under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210).

S. 500

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to require the Federal Communications Commission to fulfill the sufficient universal service support requirements for high cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend titles IV and XX of the Social Security Act to restore funding for the Social Services Block Grant, to restore the ability of States to transfer up to 10 percent of TANF funds to carry out activities under such block grant, and to require an annual report on such activities by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

S. 503

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 503, a bill to amend the Safe Water Act to provide grants to small public drinking water systems.

S. 540

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 540, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow as a deduction in determining adjusted gross income the deduction for expenses in connection with services as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, to allow employers a credit against income tax with respect to employees who participate in the military reserve components, and to allow a comparable credit for participating reserve component self-employed individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits.

S. 633

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to provide for the review and management of airport congestion, and for other purposes.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore, increase, and make permanent the exclusion from gross income for amounts received under qualified group legal services plans.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers for marked graves of, or to otherwise commemorate, certain individuals.

S. 669

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 669, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to promote parental involvement and parental empowerment in public education through greater competition and choice, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, *supra*.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credits with respect to nuclear facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S. 742, a bill to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes.

S. 778

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as cosponsors of S. 778, a bill to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to enhance the management and promotion of electronic Government services and processes by establishing a Federal Chief Information Officer within the Office of Management and Budget, and by establishing a broad framework of measures that require using Internet-based information technology to enhance citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 13

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 13, a joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, also known as the Marquis de Lafayette.

S. RES. 63

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 63, a resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

S. RES. 74

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 74, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding consideration of legislation providing medicare beneficiaries with outpatient prescription drug coverage.

S. RES. 75

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from South

Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 75, a resolution designating the week beginning May 13, 2001, as "National Biotechnology Week".

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of it.

S. CON. RES. 28

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 28, a concurrent resolution calling for a United States effort to end restrictions on the freedoms and human rights of the enclaved people in the occupied area of Cyprus.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 814. A bill to establish the Child Care Provider Retention and Development Grant Program and the Child Care Provider Scholarship Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Focus on Committed and Underpaid Staff for Children's Sake Act. I am pleased that Senator CORZINE is joining me as a original cosponsor and that companion legislation is being introduced in the House today by Representatives MILLER and GILMAN.

The need for child care has become a daily fact of life for millions of parents nationwide. 65 percent of mothers with children under age six and 78 percent of mothers with children ages 6 to 13 are in the labor force. Each day, 13 million preschool children, including 6 million infants and toddlers, spend some part of their day in child care.

The quality of that care has a tremendous impact on the critical early years of children's development. And, the most powerful determinant of the quality of child care is the training, education, and pay of those who spend 8-10 hours a day caring for our children.

Yet, what we know about the child care field is alarming. Despite the fact that continuity of care is critical for the emotional development of children, staff turnover at child care centers averages 30 percent per year—four times greater than the turnover rate for elementary school teachers.

Despite the fact that we as a society say there is no more important task than helping to raise a child, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, we pay the average child care worker about \$15,400 a year, barely above the poverty level for a family of three. Few child care providers have basic benefits

like health coverage or paid leave. Only a small fraction of child care workers have graduated from college.

We pay people millions of dollars a year to throw baseballs, to shoot basketballs, and to swing golf clubs. What does that say about our priorities when at the same time we pay those who care for our most precious resource, our children, poverty-level wages?

A report released yesterday by the University of California, Berkeley and the Center for Child Care Workforce on child care providers' pay, training and education highlights the current crisis in the child care field. In a survey of child care centers in three California communities, the study found that three-quarters of all child care staff employed in 1996 were no longer on the job in 2000. Some centers reported 100 percent turnover. Additionally, nearly half of the child care providers who had left had a bachelor's degree, compared to only one-third of the new teachers. Some 49 percent, nearly half, of those who had left their job, left the child care field entirely.

It's clear that if we want to attract quality teachers to the child care field, the pay has to better reflect the value we place on their work. We can't attract them and we can't keep them if we don't pay them a living wage.

The legislation I am introducing today will provide states with funds to increase child care worker pay based on the level of education, the greater the level of education, the greater the increase in pay. In addition, the legislation will provide scholarships of up to \$1,500 for child care workers who want to further their early childhood education training by getting a college degree, an Associate's degree, or a child development associate credential.

We will never make significant strides in improving the quality of child care in this nation if we fail to address one of the leading problems, attracting and retaining a quality child care workforce. It is time to invest in our children by investing in those who dedicate their lives to caring for our children.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 814

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Focus On Committed and Underpaid Staff for Children's Sake Act" or as the "FOCUS Act".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings and purpose.

Sec. 3. Definitions.

Sec. 4. Funds for child care provider retention and development grants and for child care provider scholarships.

Sec. 5. Application and plan.