

three small water systems in the region which are currently operating out of compliance with the EPA's Surface Water Treatment Rule. Others are nearing non-compliance, and one has been issued an administrative rule by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality to begin water treatment as soon as possible.

This bill helps us to realize that simply maintaining a small town or district's water system can be so expensive and filled with red tape that its users can hardly afford it. Under current law even if small systems are able to be developed, they must be continually monitored and the results reported. That may not be a problem in a larger community with a sizeable tax base and a labor pool, but in a rural setting those expenses and responsibilities are spread between so few people that it can quickly become a major problem. I know rural Montana. I can tell you our very smallest towns are hurting. They are deeply affected by a lagging agricultural economy, and the inability to provide water for any number of reasons could be enough to shut a small town down. Is that what we want? I don't think so. One of the ways we can address that problem is with the development of regional water systems, which are more efficient, and easier to manage.

I truly believe it is time to stand up and face our commitments to Indian Country and rural America head on. This bill is the perfect opportunity for that, because it uses the teamwork of committed citizens and builds on the system they have developed. This is a very good example of cooperation between tribal and non-tribal entities, and of what happens when people come to the table ready to find a solution.

This project has been a long time coming. The State of Montana committed to it in 1997 with a promise of \$10 million for construction, and by providing technical assistance through the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Initial federal assistance followed in the form of an appropriation of \$300,000 for engineering and planning for fiscal year 2000. The report was completed and the preliminary engineering is complete. With the passage of the water compact settling the water rights between the Chippewa Cree Tribe and Montana, P.L. 106-163 signed by President Clinton in 1999, the stage was set for this project to be built.

All the bases have been covered and it is time to authorize this project. There is a real need for a less burdensome way to manage the water needs of the area. The Rocky Boy's Reservation is in need of an expanded water source and system, and smaller water districts and municipalities are also struggling to stay in operation. The best way to solve both these problems at once is to build an efficient regional water system. I propose we do just that and show our commitment to rural America.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 93—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, ITS FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS, FOR 150 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, THE NATION, AND THE WORLD

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

S. RES. 93

Whereas the University of Minnesota, the land-grant university of the State of Minnesota and a major research institution, with its 4 campuses and many outreach centers, is one of the most comprehensive and prestigious universities in the United States;

Whereas since its inception the University of Minnesota has awarded more than 537,575 degrees, including more than 24,728 Ph.D.s;

Whereas 13 faculty members and alumni have been awarded Nobel Prizes, including the Nobel Peace Prize;

Whereas the faculty, staff, and students of the University of Minnesota have made a significant impact on the lives of people throughout the world through accomplishments that include—

- (1) establishing the leading kidney transplant center in the world;
- (2) developing more than 80 new crop varieties that greatly increase food production around the world;
- (3) developing the taconite process;
- (4) inventing the flight recorder (commonly known as the black box) and the retractable seat belt;
- (5) eradicating many poultry and livestock diseases;
- (6) inventing the heart-lung machine used during the first open-heart surgery in the world;
- (7) isolating uranium-235 in a prototype mass spectrometer;
- (8) inventing the heart pacemaker; and
- (9) developing the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI);

Whereas the University of Minnesota conducts more than 300 different programs serving children and youth;

Whereas the University Extension Service has contact with 700,000 Minnesota residents every year in areas ranging from crop management to effective parenting;

Whereas the University of Minnesota makes significant contributions to the artistic and cultural richness of the region through its faculty, students, and curriculum as well as its galleries, museums, concerts, dance theater, theater productions, lectures, and films;

Whereas the University of Minnesota library system is the 17th largest in North America;

Whereas the alumni of the University of Minnesota, including 370,000 living alumni, have played a major role in building the economic health and vitality of Minnesota; and

Whereas the alumni of the University of Minnesota have created more than 1,500 technology companies that employ more than 100,000 Minnesotans and add \$30,000,000,000 to the annual economy of the State: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the University of Minnesota and its faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends for a tradition of outstanding teaching, research, and service to Minnesota, the Nation, and the world on the occasion of the 150th anniversary

of the founding of the University of Minnesota.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 41—AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

Mr. STEVENS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 41

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),*

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Library of Congress (in this resolution referred to as the 'sponsor'), in cooperation with the First Lady, may sponsor the National Book Festival (in this resolution referred to as the 'event') on the Capitol Grounds.

(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be held on September 8, 2001, or on such other date as the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and the Speaker of the House of Representatives jointly designate.

SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event authorized under section 1 shall be—

- (1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and
- (2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

(a) STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.—Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor may cause to be placed on the Capitol Grounds such stage, seating, booths, sound amplification and video devices, and other related structures and equipment as may be required for the event, including equipment for the broadcast of the event over radio, television, and other media outlets.

(b) ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board may make any additional arrangements as may be required to carry out the event.

SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales, displays, advertisements, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds in connection with the event.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 763. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. CORZINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 764. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 765. Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted an amendment intended to

be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 766. Mr. NELSON, of Florida (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 767. Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. NELSON, of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 768. Mr. DASCHLE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 769. Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 770. Mr. LEVIN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 771. Mr. LEVIN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 772. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 773. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 779. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 780. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 781. Mr. CONRAD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra.

SA 782. Mr. JEFFORDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 783. Mr. TORRICELLI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 784. Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 763. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. CORZINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, in the last column of the table between lines 11 and 12, strike “38.6%”, “37.6%”, and “36%” and insert “39.6%”, “38.6%”, and “37.6%”, respectively.

On page 314, after line 21, add the following:

#### Subtitle B—Long-Term Care and Retirement Security

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ . TREATMENT OF PREMIUMS ON QUALIFIED LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 (relating to additional itemized deductions), as amended by this Act, is amended by redesignating section 223 as section 224 and by inserting after section 222 the following new section:

#### “SEC. 223. PREMIUMS ON QUALIFIED LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual, there shall be allowed as a deduction an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the amount of eligible long-term care premiums (as defined in section 213(d)(10)) paid during the taxable year for coverage for the taxpayer, his spouse, and dependents under a qualified long-term care insurance contract (as defined in section 7702B(b)).

“(b) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of subsection (a)—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the applicable percentage shall be determined in accordance with the following table based on the number of years of continuous coverage (as of the close of the taxable year) of the individual under any qualified long-term care insurance contracts (as defined in section 7702B(b)):

If the number of years of continuous coverage is—	The applicable long-term care percentage is—
Less than 1 .....	60
At least 1 but less than 2 ....	70
At least 2 but less than 3 ....	80
At least 3 but less than 4 ....	90
At least 4 .....	100.

“(2) SPECIAL RULES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ATTAINED AGE 55.—In the case of an individual who has attained age 55 as of the close of the taxable year, the following table shall be substituted for the table in paragraph (1).

If the number of years of continuous coverage is—	The applicable long-term care percentage is—
Less than 1 .....	70
At least 1 but less than 2 ....	85
At least 2 .....	100.

“(3) ONLY COVERAGE AFTER 2000 TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—Only coverage for periods after December 31, 2000, shall be taken into account under this subsection.

“(4) CONTINUOUS COVERAGE.—An individual shall not fail to be treated as having continuous coverage if the aggregate breaks in coverage during any 1-year period are less than 60 days.

“(c) COORDINATION WITH OTHER DEDUCTIONS.—Any amount paid by a taxpayer for any qualified long-term care insurance contract to which subsection (a) applies shall not be taken into account in computing the amount allowable to the taxpayer as a deduction under section 162(l) or 213(a).”

(b) LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PERMITTED TO BE OFFERED UNDER CAFETERIA PLANS AND FLEXIBLE SPENDING ARRANGEMENTS.—

(1) CAFETERIA PLANS.—Section 125(f) (defining qualified benefits) is amended by inserting before the period at the end “; except that such term shall include the payment of premiums for any qualified long-term care insurance contract (as defined in section 7702B) to the extent the amount of such payment does not exceed the eligible long-term care premiums (as defined in section 213(d)(10)) for such contract”.

(2) FLEXIBLE SPENDING ARRANGEMENTS.—Section 106 (relating to contributions by an employer to accident and health plans) is amended by striking subsection (c).

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 62(a), as amended by this Act, is amended by inserting after paragraph (18) the following new item:

“(19) PREMIUMS ON QUALIFIED LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE CONTRACTS.—The deduction allowed by section 223.”.

(2) The table of sections for part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1, as amended by this Act, is amended by striking the last item and inserting the following new items:

“Sec. 223. Premiums on qualified long-term care insurance contracts.

“Sec. 224. Cross reference.”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000.

(2) CAFETERIA PLANS AND FLEXIBLE SPENDING ARRANGEMENTS.—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2002.

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ . CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS WITH LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 (relating to non-refundable personal credits), as amended by this Act, is amended by inserting after section 25C the following new section:

#### “SEC. 25D. CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS WITH LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS.

“(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to the applicable credit amount multiplied by the number of applicable individuals with respect to whom the taxpayer is an eligible caregiver for the taxable year.

“(2) APPLICABLE CREDIT AMOUNT.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the applicable credit amount shall be determined in accordance with the following table:

For taxable years beginning in calendar year—	The applicable credit amount is—
2001 .....	\$1,000
2002 .....	1,500
2003 .....	2,000
2004 .....	2,500
2005 or thereafter .....	3,000.

“(b) LIMITATION BASED ON ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the credit allowable under subsection (a) shall be reduced (but not below zero) by \$100 for each \$1,000 (or fraction thereof) by which the taxpayer’s modified adjusted gross income exceeds the threshold amount. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term ‘modified adjusted gross income’ means adjusted gross income increased by any amount excluded from gross income under section 911, 931, or 933.

“(2) THRESHOLD AMOUNT.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘threshold amount’ means—

“(A) \$150,000 in the case of a joint return, and

“(B) \$75,000 in any other case.

“(3) INDEXING.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in a calendar year after 2001, each dollar amount contained in paragraph (2) shall be increased by an amount equal to the product of—

“(A) such dollar amount, and

“(B) the medical care cost adjustment determined under section 213(d)(10)(B)(ii) for the calendar year in which the taxable year begins, determined by substituting ‘August 2000’ for ‘August 1996’ in subclause (II) thereof.

If any increase determined under the preceding sentence is not a multiple of \$50, such increase shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50.