

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

S. 1166. A bill to establish the Next Generation Lighting Initiative at the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1167. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the substitution of an alternative close family sponsor in the case of the death of the person petitioning for an alien's admission to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. REID, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. Res. 126. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding observance of the Olympic Truce; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. THURMOND):

S. Res. 127. A resolution commending Gary Sisco for his service as Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 128. A resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to immediately and unconditionally release Li Shaomin and all other American scholars of Chinese ancestry being held in detention, calling on the President of the United States to continue working on behalf of Li Shaomin and the other detained scholars for their release, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) 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. 252

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors 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. 356

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to establish a National Commission on the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare Prescription Drug and Supplemental Benefit Program and for other purposes.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to grant a Federal Charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

S. 527

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt State and local political committees from duplicative notification and reporting requirements made applicable to political organizations by Public Law 106-230.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) 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. 694

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 706

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 706, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish programs to alleviate the nursing profession shortage, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Nurse Corps and recruitment and retention strategies to address the nursing shortage, and for other purposes.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes.

S. 744

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, a bill to amend section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code

of 1986 to eliminate notification and return requirements for State and local candidate committees and avoid duplicate reporting by certain State and local political committees of information required to be reported and made publicly available under State law.

S. 778

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor 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.

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 778, *supra*.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal, and emery-dreifuss muscular dystrophies.

S. 834

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 834, a bill to provide duty-free treatment for certain steam or other vapor generating boilers used in nuclear facilities.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 836, a bill to amend part C of title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for coordination of implementation of administrative simplification standards for health care information.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 838, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children.

S. 866

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 866, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national media campaign to reduce and prevent underage drinking in the United States.

S. 870

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 870, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives for public-private partnerships in financing of highway, mass transit, high

speed rail, and intermodal transfer facilities projects, and for other purposes.

S. 913

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

S. 917

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 937

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit the transfer of entitlement to educational assistance the Montgomery GI Bill by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve electric reliability, enhance transmission infrastructure, and to facilitate access to the electric transmission grid.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend United States trade laws to address more effectively import crises, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a Korea Defense Service Medal to be issued to members of the Armed Forces who participated in operations in Korea after the end of the Korean War.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to provide market loss assistance for apple producers.

S. 1021

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1021, a bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2004.

S. 1098

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, the name of the Senator from Ar-

kansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1098, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve food stamp informational activities in those States with the greatest rate of hunger.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S. CON. RES. 53

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 53, concurrent resolution encouraging the development of strategies to reduce hunger and poverty, and to promote free market economies and democratic institutions, in sub-Saharan Africa.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. THOMPSON):

S. 1162. A bill to repeal the requirement relating to specific statutory authorization for increases in judicial salaries, to provide for automatic annual increases for judicial salaries, to provide for a 9.6 percent increase in judicial salaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise, along with Senator THOMPSON, to introduce legislation to restore pay equity for our Federal judges. This legislation would guarantee judges automatic and annual cost-of-living adjustments, COLAs, just like other rank-and-file Federal employees.

In addition, the legislation would end a decade of Federal judicial salary neglect by giving judges a one-time salary increase of 9.6 percent. In the past decade, Congress has denied COLAs for judges in four separate years, in 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1998. This bill would restore to Federal justices the four COLAs they have lost.

In his year-end report on the state of the Federal Judiciary, Chief Justice William Rehnquist called the "the need to increase judicial salaries" the most pressing issue facing the Federal judiciary.

Simply put, while government service offers its own rewards, we should not create financial disincentives to service on the Federal bench.

Federal judges bear enormous responsibility as they preside over the most pressing legal issues. Often, they must render life-or-death decisions or preside over cases with millions of dollars at stake. For this vitally important work, they deserve appropriate compensation.

Recently, Congress took some action to restore equity in Federal salaries by doubling the salary of the President of

the United States from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

Congress should now consider an appropriate pay adjustment for the Federal judiciary. As of January 2001, Federal district judges receive an annual salary of \$145,000. If judges had received the COLAs to which they were entitled, a Federal District judge's salary would actually be \$164,700, nearly \$20,000 higher.

Now, \$145,000 is a lot more money than the salary of a typical worker but it is not so high when you compare it to equivalent positions of authority in the private sector. For example, the average partner in a major national law firm earns well over \$500,000 per year.

It is even more striking to note that major national law firms are offering first-year associates salaries topping \$125,000 a year. With bonuses, some of these newly minted lawyers are earning more than appellate judges.

The bottom line is that we cannot expect to keep our country's best lawyers interested in serving on the Federal bench if we continue to denigrate the salary of the post. Just since 1993, the salary of Federal judges, adjusted for inflation, has declined by 13 percent.

Not surprisingly, more and more judges are leaving the Federal bench. Between 1991 and 2000, 52 Federal judges resigned their seats, many of them for the purposes of returning to private practice. These 52 judges represent 40 percent of the 125 Federal judges who have left the bench since 1965.

Attorneys should not expect to become wealthy through an appointment as a Federal judge. Neither should judges expect to have their salaries eroded by Congress' failure to give them Cost-of-Living Adjustments.

Preserving judicial salaries is vital to maintaining the high quality of our Federal judiciary. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to restore fairness to judicial compensation.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1163. A bill to increase the mortgage loan limits under the National Housing Act for multifamily housing mortgage insurance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, I am pleased to join with my distinguished colleague, Senator CARPER, in introducing legislation, the FHA Multifamily Housing Loan Limit Adjustment Act, that would improve access to affordable housing.

Our Nation currently faces a critical housing shortage. A report released recently by the Center for Housing Policy, "Housing America's Working Families," documented the overwhelming need for affordable housing. The report indicates that in 1997, nearly 14 million families had a critical housing need, meaning they either lived in substandard housing conditions or spent