

POM-150. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana relative to repealing mandatory minimum sentences; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 75

Whereas, the rising cost of incarceration at all levels is placing an increased fiscal burden on state and local governments; and

Whereas, studies continue to indicate that incarceration is not always the answer or the cure-all for crime and its consequences in the nation; and

Whereas, alternatives to incarceration, such as pre-trial intervention programs, drug courts, and restorative justice, are proving to be more effective in rehabilitation of offenders as well as in lowering incidents of recidivism; and

Whereas, only through rehabilitation, educational opportunities, and re-entry and acceptance into the community can an offender make the transition from societal dropout to community contributor; and

Whereas, each offense and each offender's potential must be judged individually by the court system to determine, within statutory guidelines, the consequence which will be most beneficial to society; and

Whereas, realizing the expense and the limitations placed on sentencing options by minimum mandatory sentencing, the state of Louisiana has removed minimum mandatory sentencing for non-violent crimes in the state through passage of Senate Bill 239 during the 2001 Regular Session; and

Whereas, the repeal of mandatory minimum sentencing on a national level is necessary to fully address the issue. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to repeal mandatory minimum sentences. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-151. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the problem of sexual trafficking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Whereas, recent headlines have called greater attention to the widespread and growing problem of sexual trafficking in the United States and worldwide; and

Whereas, the selling of young women into sexual slavery is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in our global economy with an estimated 45,000 to 50,000 women and children trafficked annually to the United States for "the sex industry and for labor," according to a report by the Center for the Study of Intelligence; and

Whereas, victims have traditionally come from Southeast Asia and Latin America, the trade has been expanded so that victims are increasingly coming from Central and Eastern Europe; and

Whereas, traffickers lure desperately poor young women and their families with false promises of money, jobs, and better opportunities abroad and once in the United States, women find themselves trapped into forced prostitution without money or legal help to escape; and

Whereas, women also are trafficked for forced domestic and sweatshop labor, which often involves sexual violence and exploitation as well; and

Whereas, trafficking victims suffer extreme physical and mental abuse, including rape, imprisonment, forced abortions, and

physical brutality, and they also face an enormous risk of HIV infection from male "customers" who seek younger and younger girls for sexual exploitation; and

Whereas, as in many countries, existing United States laws are inadequate to punish traffickers or to protect and assist the women and girls who are their prey. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to address the problem of sexual trafficking and to support the bipartisan federal initiatives to prosecute traffickers and assist victimized women and girls. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2001." (Rept. No. 107-44).

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2002" (Rept. No. 107-45).

By Mr. SARBAKES, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1218: An original bill to extend the authorities of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 until 2006.

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. SARBAKES:

S. 1218. An original bill to extend the authorities of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 until 2006; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1219. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include swine and bovine waste nutrients as a renewable energy resource for the renewable electricity production credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1220. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for the rehabilitation, preservation, or improvement of railroad track; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1221. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an additional basis for establishing the inability of veterans to defray expenses of necessary medical care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BAYH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SARBAKES, Mr. REID, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. REED, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. EN-SIGN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 138; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 70

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 70, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Center for Social Work Research.

S. 159

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 159, a bill to elevate the Environmental Protection Agency to a cabinet level department, to redesignate the Environmental Protection Agency as the Department of Environmental Protection Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 349

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 349, a bill to provide funds to the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 357

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 357, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to preserve and improve the medicare program.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) 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. 538

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 538, a bill to provide for infant crib safety, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) 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. 548

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide enhanced reimbursement for, and expanded capacity to, mammography services under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 584

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 584, a bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood Marshall States Courthouse".

S. 615

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage bond financing, and for other purposes.

S. 661

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent motor fuel exercise taxes on railroads and inland waterway transportation which remain in the general fund of the Treasury.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) 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. 686

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for energy efficient appliances.

S. 760

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage and accelerate the nationwide production, retail sale, and consumer use of new motor vehicles that are powered by fuel cell technology, hybrid technology, battery electric technology, alternative fuels, or other ad-

vanced motor vehicle technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require phased increases in the fuel efficiency standards applicable to light trucks; to required fuel economy standards for automobiles up to 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; to raise the fuel economy of the Federal fleet of vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor 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. 913

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors 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. 932

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 932, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish the conservation security program.

S. 989

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 989, a bill to prohibit racial profiling.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors 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. 1075

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1075, a bill to extend and modify the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, to authorize a National Community Antidrug Coalition Institute, and for other purposes.

S. 1078

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1078, a bill to promote brownfields redevelopment in urban and rural areas and spur community revitalization in low-income and moderate-income neighborhoods.

S. 1079

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1079, a bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to provide assistance to communities for the redevelopment of brownfield sites.

S. 1125

At the request of Mr. McCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1125, 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. 1126

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1126, a bill to facilitate the deployment of broadband telecommunications services, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1204, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide adequate coverage for immunosuppressive drugs furnished to beneficiaries under the medicare program that have received an organ transplant.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1219. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include swine and bovine waste nutrients as a renewable energy resource for the renewable electricity production credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, for years I have worked to decrease our reliance on foreign sources of energy and accelerate and diversify domestic energy production. I believe public policy ought to promote renewable domestic production that burns clean energy. For this reason, I will be introducing the Providing Opportunities With Effluent Renewables, or POWER Act today which cultivates another home-grown resource: swine and bovine waste nutrients.

Section 45 of the Internal Revenue Code provides a production tax credit for electricity produced from renewable sources. Currently, the production tax credit is available for wind, closed-loop biomass, and poultry waste. The