

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. Res. 344. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in *Manshardt v. Federal Judicial Qualifications Committee*, et al; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 582

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance program.

S. 952

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 952, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 1291

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1291, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien college-bound students who are long term United States residents.

S. 1617

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1617, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to increase the hiring of firefighters, and for other purposes.

S. 1712

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1712, a bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

S. 2006

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2006, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the eligibility of certain expenses for the low-income housing credit.

S. 2562

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2562, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 2584

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2584, a bill to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Govern-

ment, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2613

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2613, a bill to amend section 507 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize additional appropriations for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, to decrease the cost-sharing requirement relating to the additional appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to promote global acceptance of the principles of international peace and nonviolent coexistence among peoples of diverse cultures and systems of government, and for other purposes.

S. 2842

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2842, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for demonstration projects to provide supportive services to older individuals who reside in naturally occurring retirement communities.

S. 2848

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2848, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a clarification of the definition of homebound for purposes of determining eligibility for home health services under the medicare program.

S. 2869

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2869, a bill to facilitate the ability of certain spectrum auction winners to pursue alternative measures required in the public interest to meet the needs of wireless telecommunications consumers.

S. 2869

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2869, *supra*.

S. 2876

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2876, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to promote secure and healthy families under the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes.

S. 2968

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr.

CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2968, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program.

S. 3009

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3009, a bill to provide economic security for America's workers.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance beneficiary access to quality health care services under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3018, *supra*.

S. 3094

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3094, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to clarify the rates applicable to marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments for other oilseeds, dry peas, lentils, and small chickpeas.

S. 3096

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3096, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require ballistics testing of all firearms manufactured and all firearms in custody of Federal agencies.

S. RES. 338

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 338, a resolution designating the month of October, 2002, as "Children's Internet Safety Month."

S. RES. 339

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 339, a resolution designating November 2002, as "National Runaway Prevention Month."

S. CON. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. *Wisconsin* and all those who served aboard her.

S. CON. RES. 138

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr.

SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 138, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Health and Human Services should conduct or support research on certain tests to screen for ovarian cancer, and Federal health care programs and group and individual health plans should cover the tests if demonstrated to be effective, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 142

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 142, a concurrent resolution expressing support for the goals and ideas of a day of tribute to all firefighters who have died in the line of duty and recognizing the important mission of the Fallen Firefighters Foundation in assisting family members to overcome the loss of their fallen heroes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3114. A bill to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today with Senators JEFFORDS and COLLINS to introduce the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act of 2002. Our bipartisan legislation will improve the Department of Justice's Public Safety Officers' Benefits, PSOB, Program by allowing families of public safety officers who suffer fatal heart attacks or strokes to qualify for Federal survivor benefits.

Public safety officers are among our most brave and dedicated public servants. I applaud the efforts of all members of fire, law enforcement, and rescue organizations nationwide who are the first to respond to more than 1.6 million emergency calls annually, whether those calls involve a crime, fire, medical emergency, spill of hazardous materials, natural disaster, act of terrorism, or transportation accident, without reservation. They act with an unwavering commitment to the safety and protection of their fellow citizens, and are forever willing to selflessly sacrifice their own lives to provide safe and reliable emergency services to their communities. Sadly, this dedication to service can result in tragedy, as was evident by the bravery displayed on September 11th.

In the days and months since September 11th, I have been particularly touched by the stories of unselfish sacrifices made by scores of New York City first responders who bravely entered the World Trade Center that day with the singular goal of saving lives. More than one hundred firefighters in America lose their lives every year and

thousands are injured in the line of duty. While PSOB benefits can never be a substitute for the loss of a loved one, the families of all our fallen heroes deserve to collect these funds.

The PSOB Program provides a one-time financial benefit to the eligible survivors of federal, state, and local public safety officers whose deaths are the direct and proximate result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. Last year, Congress improved the PSOB Program by streamlining the process for families of public safety officers killed or injured in connection with prevention, investigation, rescue or recovery efforts related to a terrorist attack. We also retroactively increased the total benefits available by \$100,000 as part of the USA PATRIOT Act. The PSOB Program now provides approximately \$250,000 in benefits to the families of law enforcement officers, firemen, emergency response squad members, and ambulance crew members who are killed in the line of duty. Unfortunately, the issue of including heart attack and stroke victims in the PSOB Program was not addressed at that time.

The PSOB Program does not cover deaths resulting from occupational illness or pulmonary or heart disease unless a traumatic injury is a substantial factor to the death. However, if toxicology reports demonstrate a carbon monoxide level of 10 percent or greater, 15 percent or greater for the smoker, at the onset of a heart attack benefits are paid. The PSOB Program has developed a formula that addresses oxygen therapy provided to the victim prior to the death.

Heart attack and cardiac related deaths account for almost half of all firefighter fatalities, between 45-50 deaths, and an average of 13 police officer deaths each year. Yet the families of these fallen heroes are rarely eligible to receive PSOB benefits. In January 1978, special Deputy Sheriff Bernard Demag of the Chittenden County Sheriff's Office suffered a fatal heart attack within two hours of his chase and apprehension of an escaped juvenile whom he had been transporting. Mr. Demag's family spent nearly two decades fighting in court for workers' compensation death benefits all to no avail. Clearly, we should be treating surviving family members with more decency and respect.

Public safety is dangerous, exhausting, and stressful work. A first responder's chances of suffering a heart attack or stroke greatly increase when he or she puts on heavy equipment and rushes into a burning building to fight a fire and save lives. The families of these brave public servants deserve to participate in the PSOB Program if their loved ones die of a heart attack or other cardiac related ailments while selflessly protecting us from harm.

First responders across the country now face a new series of challenges as they respond to over 1.6 million emergency calls this year, from responding

to fires and hazardous material spills to providing emergency medical services to reacting to weapons of mass destruction. They do this with an unwavering commitment to the safety of their fellow citizens, and are forever willing to selflessly sacrifice their own lives to protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens. It is time for Congress to show its support and appreciation for these extraordinarily brave and heroic public safety officers. We should quickly work to pass the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefit Act.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I am pleased to join with Senators LEAHY and COLLINS in introducing the Senate counterpart of the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act of 2002. This legislation closes a gap in the survivor benefits the Federal Government provides to the families of public safety officers who die in the line of duty.

These public safety officers are the people that keep our streets safe, help to fight fires, and respond to emergency calls. The Federal Government has rightfully created a one-time financial benefit for the families of public safety officers who die in the line of duty to recognize the sacrifice and importance of public safety officers in our society.

Unfortunately, due to a technicality in the law some families of public safety officers that die of a heart attack or stroke are being denied this important financial benefit. This is unacceptable and we need to make sure that we enact this legislation to ensure that the families of these public safety officers are covered.

Many years ago I was a volunteer firefighter in my small town of Shrewsbury, VT. It was a very demanding, stressful, and exhausting job. Every year almost half the firefighter fatalities in the United States are from heart attack or cardiac related reasons. Not all of these deaths occur while fighting the fire, but are related to their unselfish dedication to the task at hand.

This legislation would provide that a public safety officer who dies as the result of a heart attack or stroke suffered while on duty or within 24 hours after participating in a training exercise or responding to an emergency situation shall be presumed to have died as the direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty for purposes of survivor benefits. These public safety officers are out there everyday ensuring our safety; Congress needs to ensure that the surviving families receive this important financial benefit.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing the heroism and sacrifice of public safety officers by cosponsoring this important legislation.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 3116. A bill to permanently eliminate a procedure under which the Bureau of alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms