

Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1408, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to standardize the income threshold for copayment for outpatient medications with the income threshold for inability to defray necessary expense of care, and for other purposes.

S. 1409

At the request of Mr. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to impose sanctions against the PLO or the Palestinian Authority if the President determines that those entities have failed to substantially comply with commitments made to the State of Israel.

S. 1549

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1549, a bill to provide for increasing the technically trained workforce in the United States.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. 1722

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1722, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the application of the excise tax imposed on bows and arrows.

S. 1745

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1745, a bill to delay until at least January 1, 2003, any changes in medicaid regulations that modify the medicaid upper payment limit for non-State Government-owned or operated hospitals.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1749, a bill to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1777

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1777, a bill to authorize assistance for individuals with disabilities in foreign countries, including victims of landmines and other victims of civil strife and warfare, and for other purposes.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.

1828, a bill to amend subchapter III of the chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to include Federal prosecutors within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes.

S. 1899

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1899, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning.

S. 1917

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1917, a bill to provide for highway infrastructure investment at the guaranteed funding level contained in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

S. 1961

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to improve financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States.

S. 1984

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1984, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to nonprofit tax-exempt organizations for the purchase of ultrasound equipment to provide free examinations to pregnant women needing such services, and for other purposes.

S. 1986

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1986, a bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to identify a route that passes through the States of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas as a high priority corridor on the National Highway System.

S. 2064

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2064, a bill to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3032

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON), and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3032 intended to be proposed to S. 517, a bill to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2074. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I am tremendously pleased to introduce legislation that will authorize a cost-of-living adjustment, COLA, to veterans' compensation for next year.

Every year, Congress fulfills its obligation to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to veterans disability benefits. While we can never truly repay the debt that we owe to these individuals for their sacrifices to our country, what we can do is ensure that the benefits we provide for the men and women who are disabled while serving in places such as Afghanistan retain their value and are not eroded by inflation.

The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2002 continues this tradition of fulfilling our obligation to America's veterans by directing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase, as of December 1, 2002, the rates of veterans' disability compensation, as well as compensation for eligible dependents and surviving spouses. This increase would be the same percentage as the increase Social Security Act beneficiaries will receive.

The COLA is enormously important to veterans and their families. It is critical that veterans' disability compensation rates keep pace with the increasing cost of living. Without it, many disabled veterans might not be able to afford the simple necessities of life—warm clothes, food, and shelter. I, therefore, encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this very important bill.

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

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

S. 2074

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2002".

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 2002, increase the dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

(b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are the following:

(1) COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under sections 1115(1) of such title.

(3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

(4) NEW DIC RATES.—The dollar amounts in effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1311(a) of such title.

(5) OLD DIC RATES.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such title.

(6) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES WITH MINOR CHILDREN.—The dollar amount in effect under section 1311(b) of such title.

(7) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.—The dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and 1311(d) of such title.

(8) DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

(c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—(1) The increase under subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar amounts specified in subsection (b) as in effect on November 30, 2000.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), each such amount shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 2002, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

(3) Each dollar amount increased pursuant to paragraph (2) shall, if not a whole dollar amount, be rounded down to the next lower whole dollar amount.

(d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law 85-857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.

At the same time as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2003, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified in subsection (b) of section 2, as increased pursuant to that section.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3078. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3079. Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2989 proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. CORZINE) to the amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) supra.

SA 3080. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3081. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2989 proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. CORZINE) to the amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr.

DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3078. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

DIVISION —MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

TITLE —GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. —. REVIEW OF FEDERAL PROCUREMENT INITIATIVES RELATING TO USE OF RECYCLED PRODUCTS AND FLEET AND TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of General Services shall submit to Congress a report that details efforts by each Federal agency to implement the procurement policies specified in Executive Order No. 13101 (63 Fed. Reg. 49643; relating to governmental use of recycled products) and Executive Order No. 13149 (65 Fed. Reg. 24607; relating to Federal fleet and transportation efficiency).

SA 3079. Mr. REID (for himself, and Mr. CRAPO) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2989 proposed by Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. CORZINE) to the amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be added, add the following:

DIVISION —MISCELLANEOUS

TITLE I—ENERGY DERIVATIVES

SEC. —. 1. JURISDICTION OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION OVER ENERGY TRADING MARKETS.

(a) FERC LIAISON.—Section 2(a)(8) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)(8)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) FERC LIAISON.—The Commission shall, in cooperation with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, maintain a liaison between the Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.”.

(b) EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS.—Section 2 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2) is amended—

(1) in subsection (h)—

(A) in paragraph (5)(B)(i)—

(i) in subclause (I), by striking “or” at the end;

(ii) in subclause (II), by adding “or” at the end; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(III) make available to the public on a daily basis information on volume, settlement price, open interest, and opening and closing ranges, and any other information that the Commission determines to be appropriate for public disclosure, except that the Commission may not—

“(aa) require the real time publication of proprietary information; or

“(bb) prohibit the commercial sale of real time proprietary information;” and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection does not apply to an agreement, contract, or transaction in an exempt energy commodity described in section 2(j)(1).

“(8) RECORDKEEPING BY ELIGIBLE CONTRACT PARTICIPANTS.—On request of the Commission made within 5 years after the date of any transaction, an eligible contract participant that trades on an electronic trading facility shall provide to the Commission, within the time period specified in the request and in such form and manner as the Commission may specify, any information relating to the transactions of the eligible contract participant on the facility or system that the Commission determines to be appropriate.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(j) EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS.—

“(1) TRANSACTIONS IN EXEMPT ENERGY COMMODITIES.—An agreement, contract, or transaction (including a transaction described in section 2(g)) in an exempt energy commodity shall be subject to—

“(A) sections 4b, 4c(b), 4o, and 5b;

“(B) subsections (c) and (d) of section 6 and sections 6c, 6d, and 8a, to the extent that those provisions—

“(i) provide for the enforcement of the requirements specified in this subsection; and

“(ii) prohibit the manipulation of the market price of any commodity in interstate commerce or for future delivery on or subject to the rules of any contract market;

“(C) sections 6c, 6d, 8a, and 9(a)(2), to the extent that those provisions prohibit the manipulation of the market price of any commodity in interstate commerce or for future delivery on or subject to the rules of any contract market;

“(D) section 12(e)(2); and

“(E) section 22(a)(4).

“(2) BILATERAL DEALER MARKETS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (6), a person or group of persons that constitutes, maintains, administers, or provides a physical or electronic facility or system in which a person or group of persons has the ability to offer, execute, trade, or confirm the execution of an agreement, contract, or transaction (including a transaction described in section 2(g)) (other than an agreement, contract, or transaction in an excluded commodity), by making or accepting the bids and offers of 1 or more participants on the facility or system (including facilities or systems described in clauses (i) and (iii) of section 1a(33)(B)), may offer or may allow participants in the facility or system to enter into, enter into, or confirm the execution of any agreement, contract, or transaction under paragraph (1) (other than an agreement, contract, or transaction in an excluded commodity) only if the person or group of persons meets the requirement of subparagraph (B).

“(B) REQUIREMENT.—The requirement of this subparagraph is that a person or group of persons described in subparagraph (A) shall—

“(i) provide notice to the Commission in such form as the Commission may specify by rule or regulation;

“(ii) file with the Commission any reports (including large trader position reports) that the Commission requires by rule or regulation;

“(iii) maintain sufficient capital, commensurate with the risk associated with the transaction, as determined by the Commission;

“(iv)(I) consistent with section 4i, maintain books and records relating to each transaction in such form as the Commission