

of Louisiana as the "Theodore Roosevelt-Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1574. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to replace the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the Federal agency responsible for the administration, protection and preservation of the Midway Atoll within 90 days after the enactment of this Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 218. A resolution commending Michael J. McGhee, Keeper of the Stationery, United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Con. Res. 63. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the unveiling of the portrait bust of Vice President Dan Quayle on September 10, 2003; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 50

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

S. 202

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 202, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow as a deduction in determining adjusted gross income that deduction for expenses in connection with services as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, to allow employers a credit against income tax with respect to employees who participate in the military reserve components, and to allow a comparable credit for participating reserve component self-employed individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an additional advance refunding of bonds originally issued to finance governmental facilities used for essential governmental functions.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 452, a bill to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and for other purposes.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 518, a bill to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to guarantee comprehensive health care coverage for all children born after 2004.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 853

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 853, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the medicare program.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 884

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements,

including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain restaurant buildings.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1007, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to promote better nutrition among school children participating in the school breakfast and lunch programs.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations.

S. 1089

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to encourage multilateral cooperation and authorize a program of assistance to facilitate a peaceful transition in Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1098

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1098, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to update the renal dialysis composite rate.

S. 1201

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1201, a bill to promote healthy lifestyles and prevent unhealthy, risky behaviors among teenage youth.

S. 1245

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 1283

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1283, a bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1298, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure the humane slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1339

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1339, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for appropriate overtime pay for National Weather Service employees who perform essential services during severe weather events.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1394

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to establish a demonstration project under the medicaid program to encourage the provision of community-based services to individuals with disabilities.

S. 1396

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1396, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr.

GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

S. 1545

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1545, 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 students who are long-term United States residents.

S. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 98, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week of October 12, 2003, through October 18, 2003, as "National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week".

S. RES. 202

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 202, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the genocidal Ukraine Famine of 1932–33.

S. RES. 204

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 204, a resolution designating the week of November 9 through November 15, 2003, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

S. RES. 210

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 210, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that supporting a balance between work and personal life is in the best interest of national worker productivity, and that the President should issue a proclamation designating October as "National Work and Family Month".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REID (for Mr. GRAHAM of Florida):

S. 1572. A bill to authorize the expansion of the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs on assisted living for veterans to include three additional health care regions of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

• Mr. GRAHAM of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support an expansion of an existing Department of Veterans Affairs assisted living pilot program.

Currently, 35 percent of veterans are 65 or older, which translates into 8.75 million people. Of that, about 640,000 are 85 and older—those most in need of long-term care. VA estimates that the numbers will more than double to about 1.3 million in 2012.

The assisted living pilot program is designed to help this massive group of men and women who either need long-term care now or potentially will need it in the future. The pilot program was first established through The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act, which gave VA clear authority to furnish an assisted living service, including to the spouses of veterans.

For my colleagues who do not know—and I doubt there can be many—assisted living is a form of institutional care for those who need help caring for themselves but who do not need to be in a nursing home. By giving them the option of assisted living in an assistive facility, we allow our elderly veterans to retain their independence. The existing pilot has also provided VA a way to offer long-term care without having to house the program within its hospitals, reducing some of the burden to increase its number of beds.

The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act allowed for only one pilot program. After an extensive application process, on January 9, 2001, the Northwest Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN 20) was selected as the pilot site. Though the panel which selected the winner felt that other applicants, including the second place proposal from Florida's VISN 8, warranted funding, they were tied by the law's limit of one program.

Since its inception, the VA assisted living pilot program in VISN 20 has placed a total of 181 veterans in assisted living facilities. The average veteran selected for the pilot is a 69-year-old unmarried male who was referred from an inpatient hospital setting. The average veteran enrolled in the pilot also typically shows significant functional impairment and a wide variety of physical and mental health conditions.

Initial findings show the average cost of the program is comparable to that of private assisted living—even costing less than some offered in Boise and Portland, two cities that are hosting the program. The average contract facility used for the pilot has 25 rooms.

Another valuable facet of the program is its use of a computerized database that makes it extremely efficient for components such as recruitment, processing of payments, high quality data collection, and data analysis for ongoing management feedback and evaluation.