

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.

Clearly, VA needs to do more in the area of long-term care. On May 22 of this year, at the request of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans Affairs, the General Accounting Office (GAO) issued the report VA Long-Term Care: Service Gaps and Facility Restrictions Limit Veterans' Access to Noninstitutional Care. GAO found that "VA's lack of emphasis on increasing access to noninstitutional long-term care services has contributed to service gaps and individual facility restrictions that limit access to care." The report made several recommendations to VA, including that they "refine current performance measures to help ensure that all VA facilities provide veterans with access to required non-institutional services."

In fiscal year 2002, VA served about 36 percent of its long-term care workload in non-institutional settings, yet, that same year, non-institutional care accounted for just 9 percent of VA's long-term care expenditures. Clearly a move from traditional institutional care is wise. The assisted living pilot program goes far in helping VA address these problems and meet the goals set out for them by GAO.

While the assisted living pilot in VISN 20 does not expire until October 2004, I am convinced that veterans in that part of the country are benefitting from the approach. The legislation I introduce today would expand the pilot program to three additional networks, for three additional years. Why should the rest of the Nation be prevented from reaping the benefits of such a practical, cost-effective program?

Both veterans and VA employees affiliated with the program have praised what it has to offer. They believe that it fills an important gap for those who require care but do not need nor want to go to a nursing home. We must expand this program that provides such deserved care to our Nation's veterans, allowing them to maintain both their health and their self-respect.

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

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

S. 1572

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

SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF PILOT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ON ASSISTED LIVING FOR VETERANS.

Section 103(b) of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106-117; 113 Stat. 1552; 38 U.S.C. 1710B note) is amended—

(1) by striking "LOCATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.—" and inserting "LOCATIONS OF PILOT PROGRAM.—(1)"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2)(A) In the addition to the health care region of the Department selected for the pilot program under paragraph (1), the Secretary may also carry out the pilot program in not more than three additional designated

health care regions of the Department selected by the Secretary for purposes of this section.

"(B) Notwithstanding subsection (f), the authority of the Secretary to provide services under the pilot program in a health care region of the Department selected under subparagraph (A) shall cease on the date that is three years after the commencement of the provision of services under the pilot program in the health care region."

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION—COM-MENDING MICHAEL J. MCGHEE, KEEPER OF THE STATIONERY, UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 218

Whereas the Senate recognizes that its Keeper of the Stationery, Michael J. McGhee, retired on August 29, 2003;

Whereas Michael J. McGhee became an employee of the Senate in August 1974, and since that date has ably and faithfully upheld the high standards and traditions of the Senate for a period that included 16 Congresses;

Whereas Michael J. McGhee has served with distinction as Keeper of the Stationery, and at all times has discharged the important duties and responsibilities of his office with dedication and excellence; and

Whereas Michael J. McGhee's exceptional service and his unflinching dedication have earned him the esteem and affection of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends Michael J. McGhee for his exemplary service to the Senate and the Nation;

(2) wishes to express its deep appreciation for his long, faithful and outstanding service; and

(3) extends its very best wishes upon his retirement.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Michael J. McGhee.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 63—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

Mr. LOTT submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 63

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to use the rotunda of the Capitol for the unveiling of the portrait bust of Vice President Dan Quayle on September 10, 2003. The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board shall take such action as may be necessary with respect to physical preparations and security for the ceremony.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1542. Mr. SPECTER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropria-

tions for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

SA 1543. Mr. BYRD proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra.

SA 1544. Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, and Ms. STABENOW) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra.

SA 1545. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1546. Mr. DeWINE (for Mr. SHELBY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 659, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act regarding the requirements for mortgage insurance under such Act for hospitals.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1542. Mr. SPECTER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

For necessary expenses of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, including the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles, the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and other facilities, and the purchase of real property for training centers as authorized by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; \$2,652,588,000 plus reimbursements, of which \$1,631,407,000 is available for obligation for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005; of which \$1,000,965,000 is available for obligation for the period April 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, to carry out chapter 4 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; and of which \$20,216,000 is available for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007 for necessary expenses of construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of Job Corps centers: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the funds provided herein under section 137(c) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, \$276,608,000 shall be for activities described in section 132(a)(2)(A) of such Act and \$1,155,152,000 shall be for activities described in section 132(a)(2)(B) of such Act: *Provided further*, That \$9,039,000 shall be for carrying out section 172 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law or related regulation, \$77,330,000 shall be for carrying out section 167 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, including \$72,213,000 for formula grants, \$4,610,000 for migrant and seasonal housing, and \$507,000 for other discretionary purposes: *Provided further*, That \$4,609,840 appropriated under this heading in Public Law 108-7 for migrant and seasonal housing under section 167 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and available for obligation for the period July 1, 2003