

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 259. A bill to expand the eligibility for membership in veterans organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 260. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the continued use of renouncing United States citizenship as a device for avoiding United States taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. REED):

S. 261. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to exclude child care from the determination of the 5-year limit on assistance under the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. REED):

S. 262. A bill to amend the temporary assistance to needy families program under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of education and job training under that program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 263. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to require a comprehensive strategic plan for the State temporary assistance to needy families program and to give States the flexibility to implement innovative welfare programs that have been effective in other States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 264. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments to States for fiscal years 1998 through 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 265. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include sports utility vehicles in the limitation on the depreciation of certain luxury automobiles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 266. A bill to provide for the access and handling by personnel of State and local governments of classified information to facilitate preparation and response to terrorist attacks, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 267. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a deferral of tax on gain from the sale of telecommunications businesses in specific circumstances or a tax credit and other incentives to promote diversity of ownership in telecommunications businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 268. A bill to authorize the Pyramid of Remembrance Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia and its environs to honor members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have lost their lives during peacekeeping operations, humanitarian efforts, training, terrorist attacks, or covert operations; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 269. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 270. A bill to provide for additional weeks of temporary extended unemployment compensation, to provide for a program of temporary enhanced unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. SNOWE):

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; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. HATCH, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. TALENT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. MILLER):

S. 272. A bill to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, to improve the public disclosure of activities of exempt organizations, and to enhance the ability of low income Americans to gain financial security by building assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. Res. 35. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. Res. 36. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy & Natural Resources; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. Res. 37. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. Res. 38. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging; from the Special Committee on Aging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. Res. 39. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. Res. 40. A resolution reaffirming congressional commitment to title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its critical role in guaranteeing equal educational

opportunities for women and girls, particularly with respect to school athletics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 101

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 101, a bill to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 138, a bill to temporarily increase the Federal medical assistance percentage for the medicaid program.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to prohibit assistance to North Korea or the Korean Peninsula Development Organization, and for other purposes.

S. 151

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 151, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the sexual exploitation of children.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to authorize emergency supplemental assistance to combat the growing humanitarian crisis in sub-Saharan Africa.

S. 215

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 215, a bill to authorize funding assistance for the States for the discharge of homeland security activities by the National Guard.

S. 229

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 229, a bill to provide for the merger of the bank and savings association deposit insurance funds, to modernize and improve the safety and fairness of the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 238,

a bill to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself
and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 249. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, today my colleague Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON and I are reintroducing a bill that will help repay our Nation's debt to the Gold Star Wives of America.

This bill corrects a long-standing disparity and would finally allow the widows of veterans who remarry after the age of 55 to continue to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. The Gold Star Wives of America brought this matter to our attention. We are tremendously grateful to them for working with us on this important bill. At this time in our Nation's history, when our brave men and women in uniform are putting their lives on the line in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world, it is especially important to recognize the wives and families of those who have already served their country so proudly.

This benefit covers the surviving dependents of members of the Armed Forces who have died in active duty or of a service-connected cause. Currently, it is the only Federal annuity program that does not permit a widow who receives compensation to retain her benefits if she remarries after the age of 55. It is time for this policy to change.

By eliminating this marriage penalty, our bill will continue to provide these women the help some need to make ends meet, and will allow them to live their lives to the fullest. Discouraging marriage after the age of 55 by making marriage financially burdensome is not the way to show our appreciation for their sacrifice. Many people live on fixed incomes and rely on Dependency and Indemnity Compensation to help pay their bills.

Under our bill, these widows would not be denied their benefits. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation. It is time for these inequities to be addressed, so that these women can continue to receive the benefits they deserve, and also be permitted to experience again the profound meaning and happiness that marriage brings.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency

and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse, be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 249

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

SECTION 1. RETENTION OF DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES REMARRYING AFTER AGE 55.

(a) EXCEPTION TO TERMINATION OF BENEFITS UPON REMARRIAGE.—Section 103(d)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting "1311 or" after "under section".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on—

- (1) the first day of the first month that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act; or
- (2) the first day of the fiscal year that begins in the calendar year in which this Act is enacted, if later than the date specified in paragraph (1).

(c) RETROACTIVE BENEFITS PROHIBITED.—No benefit may be paid to any person by reason of the amendment made by subsection (a) for any period before the effective date specified in subsection (b).

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 250. A bill to address the international HIV/AIDS pandemic; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to draw the attention of the Senate and those following this proceeding to a global emergency many of us believe the last Congress did not adequately address.

Imagine the public reaction that would ensue if every year the United States lost a population the size of the city of Chicago to HIV/AIDS-related deaths; if every year the United States lost the number of children equal to the population of this city, Washington, DC, to HIV/AIDS-related deaths. This is the reality the world faces.

Imagine how bad the situation would have to be in the United States for the public to accept an HIV-positive muppet on Sesame Street, the popular television show geared to little kids ages 2 to 4. This is the reality of children's TV in South Africa.

In 2001, 662,000 children lost either one or both parents to AIDS in South Africa.

In 2002, 3 million children, defined as 15 years of age or younger, were reported to be living with AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa; 800,000 children worldwide were newly infected with HIV last year.

Last weekend I went with several of my colleagues to Haiti. The reason for that trip had a lot to do with a well-known rock singer named Bono whose group U2 is legendary in rock-and-roll history. But he has taken on a special mission, not only to make music, but to make the world more aware of the HIV/AIDS crisis. He is a very likable fellow. He has been a great lobbyist. This Irishman comes to Capitol Hill and opens every door.

In my office, when he came to see me, I couldn't get over how many of my staffers took a great interest in HIV/AIDS just to be in the room when he sat down and talked about it. He has done such spectacular work with Democrats and Republicans, the executive branch, and the legislative branch. Then he had a tour, which was scheduled about 2 or 3 months ago, in the Midwest. The tour was really to speak to the heartland of America about this issue of HIV/AIDS. He came to my City of Chicago. I was proud to meet with him and a group of African American clergy.

Then he went out to a very conservative piece of real estate near the City of Chicago, the great Wheaton College. Wheaton College was where Billy Graham took his training before he went into the ministry. Wheaton College has a reputation of being pretty conservative, high-minded in their values, dedicated to their religion and their belief. And they invited him, this outspoken Irishman, to speak to them about HIV/AIDS. It was a great presentation.

At the very end there was some music, but most of it was very serious in that people talked about their life experiences. The thing I noticed, as the presentation was made, was that one of the doctors said: You Americans tend to want to look across the ocean for HIV/AIDS. You have it here in the United States, and don't forget it. But you also have it in your hemisphere in Haiti in a way that most people don't even appreciate.

Last weekend I traveled to Haiti with several of my colleagues, including Senator BILL NELSON of Florida. But the leader of our codel was Senator MIKE DEWINE, a Republican of Ohio, and his wife Fran. Let me just say something for a moment about MIKE DEWINE. MIKE and I had been friends since we were both elected to the House 20 years ago. He left for a period of time and ran for Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, then came back as a Senator from that State.

Most people don't know MIKE and his wife and family have a particular interest and dedication to Haiti and the poor people who live there. This trip was their eleventh trip to Haiti. Many Members of Congress are lucky to go to the same place far away once or twice in a lifetime. Think about the fact that MIKE and Fran, people on their staff, continue to return to one of the poorest places on earth over and over and over again. It isn't just to take photographs. In fact, they do very little of that. It is to bring bags of toys and soccer balls, basic items, medical and otherwise, that the poorest people in our hemisphere need, to visit programs like one called Hands Together. Hands Together is something I never heard of before I got to Haiti, but I met Father Tom Hagan, who is the leader of Hands Together in Haiti, and Doug Campbell, his executive director, and they showed us a center which they have created in