

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 50

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name 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. 68

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) 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. 296

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress regarding the requirements applicable to the inscription of veterans' names on the memorial wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the medicare program.

S. 384

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 384, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent corporate expatriation to avoid United States income taxes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 491, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) 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. 569

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.

AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 610

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) 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. 652

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 652, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend modifications to DSH allotments provided under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 736, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 794

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and for other purposes.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 877, a bill to regulate interstate commerce by imposing limitations and penalties on the transmission of unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet.

S. 908

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to establish the United States Consensus Council to provide for a consensus building process in addressing national public policy issues, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve jobs and production activities in the United States.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) 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. 982

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) were added as cosponsors of S. 982, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 1008

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 1008, a bill to provide for the establishment of summer health career introductory programs for middle and high school students.

S. 1022

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1022, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors 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. 1053

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1053, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 1076

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Minnesota

(Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1076, a bill to authorize construction of an education center at or near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 1092

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1092, a bill to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America's veterans.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide trade adjustment assistance for communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1157

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1157, a bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and for other purposes.

S. 1162

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1162, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1170

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1170, a bill to designate certain conduct by sports agents relating to signing of contracts with student athletes as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission.

S. 1182

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) were added as cosponsors of S. 1182, a bill to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, and for other purposes.

S. 1184

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1182, supra.

S. 1184

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1184, a bill to establish a National Foundation for the Study of Holocaust Assets.

S. RES. 153

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 153, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that changes to athletics policies issued under title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 would contradict the spirit of athletic equality and the intent to prohibit sex discrimination in education programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance.

S. RES. 159

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 159, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the June 2, 2003, ruling of the Federal Communications Commission weakening the Nation's media ownership rules is not in the public interest and should be rescinded.

AMENDMENT NO. 853

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 853 proposed to S. 14, a bill to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1190. A bill to expand and enhance postbaccalaureate opportunities at Hispanic-serving institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. BINGAMAN: Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague from Texas, Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, to introduce the Next Generation Hispanic-Serving Institution Act. This bill will strengthen provisions in Title V of the Higher Education Act, HEA, by providing our Hispanic-Serving Institutions with both graduate opportunities and reductions in regulatory barriers.

According to the 2000 census Hispanics make up 12.5 percent of the American population. Currently Hispanics constitute 10 percent of the college enrollment. By 2050 the Hispanic population will grow to 25 percent. It is in our national interest to ensure that this population is well educated so that they will be ready to take their place as professionals, scientists, inventors, and well-informed citizens.

Hispanic-Serving Institutions, HSIs, serve students of all backgrounds and ethnicities in 13 States. Colleges and universities become eligible for HSI status if at least 50 percent of their

student population receives need-based financial assistance, 25 percent is Hispanic, and 50 percent of their Hispanic population is low-income. It is at these HSIs that the largest growth in advanced degrees awarded to Hispanics is occurring. Between 1991 and 2000 the number of Hispanic students earning master's degrees at HSIs grew 136 percent and the number of receiving doctoral degrees grew by 85 percent. Currently over 25 percent of the Hispanics who obtained these degrees did so at HSIs. As a nation, we need to expand the capacity of Hispanic-Serving Institutions, support their undergraduate programs, and encourage them to offer quality graduate and professional degree programs.

The Next Generation Hispanic-Serving Institution Act will strengthen our Hispanic-Serving Institutions by: Establishing a competitive grant program for HSIs to support their masters and doctoral degree programs. Eliminating the current requirement for HSIs to show that 50 percent of their Hispanic population is low-income. This requirement is difficult for the institutions to meet because they cannot collect the necessary student data. Eliminating the 2-year wait-out period between HSI grants allowing continuous funding of existing programs. Adding, as an authorized activity, programs that support student transfers from 2-year to 4-year institutions. Raising the funding for the Title V HSI grant program to \$175,000,000. Allocating \$125,000,000 for a new grant program to support HSI masters and doctoral programs.

The State of New Mexico houses 19 HSIs within its border. The New Mexico HSIs serve the entire State and their student populations are very diverse. Over the years these 19 institutions have worked diligently to educate and support all students. They have graduated outstanding teachers, scientists, and other professionals. The Next Generation Hispanic-Serving Institution Act supports the valuable work that these and all other HSIs are currently doing and gives them new resources they need to expand their offerings.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and 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. 1190

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 "Next Generation Hispanic Serving Institutions Act".

TITLE I—GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES AT HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS

SEC. 101. POSTBACCALAUREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating part B as part C;