

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. 1380. A bill to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1381. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to the treatment of forestry activities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 1382. An original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1383. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1384. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide State and local authorities a means by which to eliminate congestion on the Interstate System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1385. A bill to provide for disclosure of fire safety standards and measures with respect to campus buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 215

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 239

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 239, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

S. 274

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma

(Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

S. 377

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the United States.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan, and for other purposes.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 602, a bill to reward the hard work and risk of individuals who choose to live in and help preserve America's small, rural towns, and for other purposes.

S. 741

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name 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. 764

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 764, a bill to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

S. 774

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the use of completed contract method of accounting in the case of certain long-term naval vessel construction contracts.

S. 966

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 966, a bill to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 to preserve jobs and production activities in the United States.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1023, a bill to increase the annual salaries of justices and judges of the United States.

S. 1032

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1032, a bill to provide for alternative transportation in certain federally owned or managed areas that are open to the general public.

S. 1046

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name 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. 1153

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1153, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1210

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1210, a bill to assist in the conservation of marine turtles and the nesting habitats of marine turtles in foreign countries.

S. 1281

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1281, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to presume additional diseases of former prisoners of war to be service-connected for compensation purposes, to enhance the Dose Reconstruction Program of the Department of Defense, to enhance and fund certain other epidemiological studies, and for other purposes.

S. 1289

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1289, a bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, after Paul Wellstone.

S. 1324

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kentucky

(Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish procedures for identifying countries that deny market access for agricultural products of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1326

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1326, a bill to establish the position of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing in the Department of Commerce.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of certain expenses of rural letter carriers.

S. 1358

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosure of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to amend section 7105 of title 38, United States Code, to clarify the requirements for notices of disagreement for appellate review of Department of Veterans Affairs activities.

S. 1368

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1368, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. (posthumously) and his widow Coretta Scott King in recognition of their contributions to the Nation on behalf of the civil rights movement.

S. 1370

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1370, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for disclosure of credit-scoring information by creditors and consumer reporting agencies.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr.

PRYOR), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1374, a bill to provide health care professionals with immediate relief from increased medical malpractice insurance costs and to deal with the root causes of the current medical malpractice insurance crisis.

S. CON. RES. 25

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 25, a concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. JOHNSON:

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; to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act of 2003. This bill will authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a commemorative coin honoring the millions of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who were disabled while serving our country. Revenues from the surcharge on the coin would go to the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to help cover the costs of building the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington, DC.

The three-acre site for the Memorial is located on Washington Avenue at 2nd Street, SW., across from the U.S. Botanic Gardens, and in full view of the U.S. Capitol Building. Federal legislation for the Memorial, Public Law 106-348, was signed into law by President Bill Clinton on October 24, 2000. Sponsors included Senator JOHN MCCAIN, Senator Max Cleland, Congressman SAM JOHNSON, and Congressman JACK MURTHA. The National Capital Planning Commission unanimously approved the Capitol Hill location on October 10, 2001.

The mission of the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation is to commemorate the selfless and continuing sacrifice of America's 2.3 million living disabled veterans, ensuring they will always be remembered; to provide all Americans with a place to express their appreciation for the men and women who came home from war bearing the scars of our great Nation's defense, and to serve as an eternal reminder of disabled veterans' honor, service, and sacrifice.

Recent events have brought about a renewed reverence and respect for the

men and women who gave so much in service of our Nation. This legislation would help bring national attention to America's disabled veterans, and would serve as a fitting tribute to their sacrifice.

The Disabled Veterans LIFE Memorial Foundation was co-founded in 1996 by the Lois Pope Life Foundation and the Disabled American Veterans. Lois Pope, one of America's leading philanthropists, is the founder and President of the Lois Pope Leaders in Furthering Education Foundation. In addition to supporting veterans programs, this organization provides awards for medical research, scholarships, and summer camp programs. Formed in 1920, the Disabled American Veterans is a non-profit organization representing America's disabled veterans, their families, and survivors.

The drive to build the Memorial, which is scheduled for completion within the next several years, is well under way, but has a long way to go. Prominent national figures including Retired Army General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Poet Laureate Dr. Maya Angelou, and New York Giants star defensive end Michael Strahan are lending their support to this effort.

We have an obligation to assure that men and women who each day endure the cost of freedom are never forgotten. The American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act of 2003 will honor these veterans and help fund the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. I ask my colleagues in the Senate to join me in supporting America's disabled veterans with this important legislation.

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. 1379

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 "American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the armed forces of the United States have answered the call and served with distinction around the world - from hitting the beaches in World War II in the Pacific and Europe, to the cold and difficult terrain in Korea, the steamy jungles of Vietnam, and the desert sands of the Middle East;

(2) all Americans should commemorate those who come home having survived the ordeal of war, and solemnly honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives for their country;

(3) all Americans should honor the millions of living disabled veterans who carry the scars of war every day, and who have made enormous personal sacrifices defending the principles of our democracy;

(4) in 2000, Congress authorized the construction of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial;

(5) the United States should pay tribute to the Nation's living disabled veterans by