

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE

• Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the International Republican Institute on the 20th anniversary of its founding. As an IRI Board member since 1999, I have witnessed IRI's tremendous success in helping build democracy across the globe.

The International Republican Institute was founded in response to a 1982 speech by President Ronald Reagan, in which he called for a broad commitment to helping developing countries build democratic institutions. IRI began its work in Latin America. When the cold war ended, IRI expanded its programs to the states of the former Soviet Union.

Through its work today in more than 50 countries, IRI reinforces the American belief that all people can achieve freedom through the development of democratic political parties, good governance, and transparent election processes. IRI's success in teaching those in emerging democracies to build and manage democratic institutions does not stop at these countries' borders. Volunteers from Romania, Serbia, and other countries where IRI has worked are now helping to build a civil society in Iraq.

IRI also provides citizens from across the U.S. the opportunity to volunteer their skills to assist countries undergoing democratic transition. IRI volunteers teach others how to run political campaigns, increase the participation of women and youth, monitor elections, deliver government services, and communicate effectively with the public.

I congratulate and thank the International Republican Institute for its commitment to helping strengthen democracy around the world.●

CHRISTOPHER B. ELSER

• Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina. Mr. President, Christopher B. Elser of Camden, SC, died on the afternoon of April 18, 2004. Christopher, a student at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, died from stab wounds he received from an early-morning intruder who entered the room where he was sleeping. Christopher had spent the night in a fraternity brother's room after a party so his friend would have a quiet place to study.

Christopher was a junior in the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at the University. He was also a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and played soccer his freshman year. He was known as a consummate gentleman, both on campus and off. As one of his fraternity brothers said, "We all strived to be gentlemen, but we never had anyone embody it as much as Chris." His memorial service on April 19, 2004, drew more than 1,000 friends and family members to honor

his life. Their numerous stories and memories further cemented Christopher's status as a gentlemen and also demonstrated the tremendous positive impact he had on everyone he met.

At an early age, Christopher developed an affinity with the thoroughbred horse business, nourished by his father's occupation as a thoroughbred trainer and consignor. As a precocious 10-year-old, he began his tenure on the Stable Crew at the August Yearling Sale in Saratoga, NY, serving with young men twice his age. Until his death, he worked in Saratoga for two weeks every August and was known for his infectious smile and inexhaustible spirit in both his work at the sale and in numerous after-hours adventures.

Christopher's memorial service in Camden, SC, was held outdoors at the Carolina Cup Steeplechase Museum on April 23, 2004. In an atmosphere reminiscent of his easygoing fun-loving demeanor, Christopher's friends and family gathered to celebrate his 20 years of life. As tales about his life unfolded, it became clear to all present what had made Christopher so special: his love for life. This trait brought more than 100 people together to honor an extraordinary young man's life and to mourn his untimely death. After the service, friends and family ate, drank, and told more stories of Christopher and, as he would have wished, there was more laughter than tears on this beautiful, South Carolina morning.

Christopher is survived by his father, Kip, his mother, Rhetta, and his sister, Taylor.●

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:24 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker, on April 22, 2004, has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2022. An act to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the "Senator Paul Simon Federal Building".

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently today, April 26, 2004, by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2348. A bill to extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 27, 2004, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2022. An act to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the "Senator Paul Simon Federal Building".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2350. A bill to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2351. A bill to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2352. A bill to prevent the slaughter of horses in and from the United States for human consumption by prohibiting the slaughter of horses for human consumption and by prohibiting the trade and transport of horseflesh and live horses intended for human consumption, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. Res. 343. A resolution calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to respect all universally recognized human rights, including the right to freedom of religion and to participate in religious activities and institutions without interference or involvement of the Government; and to respect the human rights of ethnic minority groups in the Central Highlands and elsewhere in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Con. Res. 100. A concurrent resolution celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa and recognizing the momentous social and economic achievements of South Africa since the institution of democracy in that country; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) 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 Medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 896

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 896, a bill to establish a public education and awareness program relating to emergency contraception.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 976, a bill to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 977

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 977, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage from treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1345

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1345, a bill to extend the authorization for the ferry boat discretionary program, and for other purposes.

S. 1368

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) 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. 1545

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) 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. 1736

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1736, a bill to promote simplification and fairness in the administration and collection of sales and use taxes.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Vermont

(Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 2138

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2138, a bill to protect the rights of American consumers to diagnose, service, and repair motor vehicles purchased in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2141

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2141, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to enhance the ability to produce fruits and vegetables on soybean base acres.

S. 2174

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2174, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the medicaid program.

S. 2212

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2212, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to non-market economy countries.

S. 2292

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2292, a bill to require a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world.

S. 2321

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2321, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to rename the National Guard Challenge Program and to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under that program, and for other purposes.

S. 2328

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2328, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act

with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 2336

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2336, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services and education programs that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce infection with sexually transmitted disease, and reduce the number of abortions.

S. 2348

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2348, a bill to extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. CON. RES. 90

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 90, a concurrent resolution expressing the Sense of the Congress regarding negotiating, in the United States-Thailand Free Trade Agreement, access to the United States automobile industry.

S. CON. RES. 99

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 99, a concurrent resolution condemning the Government of the Republic of the Sudan for its participation and complicity in the attacks against innocent civilians in the impoverished Darfur region of western Sudan.

S. RES. 81

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 81, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the continuous repression of freedoms within Iran and of individual human rights abuses, particularly with regard to women.

S. RES. 168

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 168, a resolution designating May 2004 as "National Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month".

S. RES. 313

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 313, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate encouraging the active engagement of Americans in world affairs and urging the Secretary of State to coordinate with implementing partners in creating an online database of international exchange programs and related opportunities.

S. RES. 317

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 317, a resolution recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of

autism spectrum disorders, supporting programs for increased research and improved treatment of autism, and improving training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism.

S. RES. 332

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 332, a resolution observing the tenth anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide of 1994.

S. RES. 342

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 342, a resolution designating April 30, 2004, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans", and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2889

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2889 intended to be proposed to S. 1637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2350. A bill to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, Long Island Sound holds a special place in our Nation's history, its present, and its future. It has played a key role in the development of the Nation, from the early days of the colonists, through to this day. Its bounty nourished the colonists, its coves sheltered their ships, and provided harbors for trade.

Today, Long Island Sound remains a vital resource to the area: its biological resources provide jobs, and its beauty draws tourists who come to visit the Sound to fish, to sail, and simply to enjoy its shores. It is estimated that these activities contribute approximately \$5 billion annually to the economy of the region. This is not so surprising when you realize that over 28 million people live within 50 miles of the Sound.

It is a blessing that so many people can enjoy and benefit from Long Island Sound, in so many ways. But it is also a challenge that threatens the future of the Sound. Less than 20 percent of the shoreline of Long Island Sound is

accessible to the public, and every year, more shoreline is developed and removed from public access. Marshes and estuaries around the Sound are being drained and developed at an alarming rate. These tidal marshes are critical for the ecological health of the Sound, which is the foundation of the Sound's vital economic contribution to the region. In short, to preserve the blessings of Long Island Sound for future generations, this generation must act. This is why Senator CLINTON and I have introduced the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act.

The Long Island Sound Stewardship Act builds on the years of good work done by the Long Island Sound Study Group. This group, made up of dedicated people from Federal, State, and local government agencies, non-government organizations, and private interests, has worked together to develop a vision of good stewardship for Long Island Sound. Many of them are here today, and I thank them for their hard work.

Our bill will help us achieve their vision, by providing funds and a congressional mandate to work towards this vision. Under this bill, those who agree to preserve public access or ecological characteristics of their land can be recognized by having the land designated as a Long Island Stewardship Site. The bill also provides funding to facilitate the preservation of these characteristics. Most important, the bill achieves these ends through a voluntary program, a cooperative venture between all the stakeholders: public and private, Federal, State, and local.

The Long Island Sound Study has already set a fine example of cooperation and vision. I introduce this bill to further that vision. I look forward to working with the Connecticut and New York delegations, and all the stakeholders, as we develop and refine this bill. I am confident that working together, we will preserve the blessings of Long Island Sound.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 2350

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 "Long Island Sound Stewardship Act of 2004".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) Long Island Sound is a national treasure of great cultural, environmental, and ecological importance;

(2) 8,000,000 people live within the Long Island Sound watershed and 28,000,000 people (approximately 10 percent of the population of the United States) live within 50 miles of Long Island Sound;

(3) activities that depend on the environmental health of Long Island Sound contribute more than \$5,000,000,000 each year to the regional economy;

(4) the portion of the shoreline of Long Island Sound that is accessible to the general public (estimated at less than 20 percent of the total shoreline) is not adequate to serve the needs of the people living in the area;

(5) existing shoreline facilities are in many cases overburdened and underfunded;

(6) large parcels of open space already in public ownership are strained by the effort to balance the demand for recreation with the needs of sensitive natural resources;

(7) approximately 1/3 of the tidal marshes of Long Island Sound have been filled, and much of the remaining marshes have been ditched, dyked, or impounded, reducing the ecological value of the marshes; and

(8) many of the remaining exemplary natural landscape is vulnerable to further development.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship System to preserve areas of critical importance because of the open space, public access, and ecological value of the areas.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COMMITTEE.—The term "Committee" means the Long Island Sound Stewardship Coordinating Committee established by section 5(a).

(2) REGION.—The term "Region" means the Long Island Sound Stewardship System Region established by section 4(a).

(3) STATES.—The term "States" means the States of Connecticut and New York.

SEC. 4. LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP SYSTEM REGION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the States the Long Island Sound Stewardship System Region.

(b) BOUNDARIES.—The Region shall encompass the immediate coastal upland and underwater areas along Long Island Sound, including those portions of the Sound with coastally influenced vegetation, as described on the map entitled the "Long Island Sound Stewardship Region" and dated April 21, 2004.

SEC. 5. LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a committee to be known as the "Long Island Sound Stewardship Coordinating Committee".

(b) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the Committee shall be the Director of the Long Island Sound Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, or designee.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) COMPOSITION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The chairperson shall appoint the members of the Committee in accordance with this subsection and section 320(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(c)).

(B) REPRESENTATION.—The Committee shall—

(i) include equal representation of the interests of the States; and

(ii) represent—

(I) Federal, State, and local government interests;

(II) the interests of nongovernmental organizations;

(III) academic interests; and

(IV) private interests.

(2) DATE OF APPOINTMENTS.—The appointment of a member of the Committee shall be made not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) TERM; VACANCIES.—

(1) TERM.—A member shall be appointed for the life of the Committee.

(2) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Committee—

(A) shall not affect the powers of the Committee; and