

Investment of April 19, 1994, signed at Brussels on October 24, 2003 (T. Doc. 108-17).

**Treaty Doc. 108-15 Additional Protocol Amending Investment Treaty with Bulgaria**

The text of the resolution of ratification as reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Additional Protocol Between the United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Amending the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Republic of Bulgaria Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment of September 23, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (T. Doc. 108-15).*

**Treaty Doc. 108-13 Additional Protocol to Investment Treaty with Romania**

The text of the resolution of ratification as reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Additional Protocol Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Romania Concerning the Reciprocal Encouragement and Protection of Investment of May 28, 1992, signed at Brussels on September 22, 2003 (T. Doc. 108-13).*

**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. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. MILLER):

S. 2376. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the scheduled restrictions in the child tax credit, marriage penalty relief, and 10 percent rate bracket, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 2377. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to ensure that the District of Columbia and States are provided with a safe, lead free supply of drinking water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 2378. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 2379. A bill to authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Nebraska; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2380. A bill to authorize the President to issue posthumously to the late William "Billy" Mitchell a commission as major general, United States Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2381. A bill to provide for earned adjustment to reward work, reunify families, establish a temporary worker program that protects United States and foreign workers and strengthen national security under the immigration laws of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 2382. A bill to establish grant programs for the development of telecommunications capacities in Indian country; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

**SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

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

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 349. A resolution recognizing and honoring May 17, 2004, as the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 350. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 351. A resolution congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Con. Res. 103. A concurrent resolution honoring the contribution of the women, symbolized by "Rosie the Riveter", who served on the homefront during World War II, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS**

S. 952

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 952, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the work hours and increase the supervision of resident-physicians to ensure the safety of patients and resident-physicians themselves.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) 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. 1223

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 1223, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 1393

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1393, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to reauthorize and expand the fruit and vegetable pilot program.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from income and employment taxes and wage withholding property tax rebates and other benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 1645

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1645, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes.

S. 1755

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1755, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide grants to support farm-to-cafeteria projects.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) 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. 1798

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1798, a bill to provide for comprehensive fire safety standards for upholstered furniture, mattresses, bedclothing, and candles.

S. 1804

At the request of Mr. BREAU, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1804, a bill to reauthorize programs relating to sport fishing and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1934

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1934, a bill to establish and Office of Inter-country Adoptions within the Department of State, and to reform United States laws governing inter-country adoptions.

S. 2065

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2065, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 2091

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2091, a bill to improve the health of health disparity population.

S. 2132

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2132, a bill to prohibit racial profiling.

S. 2165

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2165, a bill to specify the end strength for active duty personnel of the Army as of September 30, 2005.

S. 2261

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2261, a bill to expand certain preferential trade treatment for Haiti.

S. 2264

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2264, a bill to require a report on the conflict in Uganda, and for other purposes.

S. 2265

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2265, a bill to require group and individual health plans to provide coverage for colorectal cancer screenings.

S. 2283

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2283, a bill to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools.

S. 2292

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Kansas

(Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 2292, a bill to require a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world.

S. 2298

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2328

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2339

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2339, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the coordination of prescription drug coverage provided under retiree plans and State pharmaceutical assistance programs with the prescription drug benefit provided under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2352

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2373

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S.J. RES. 28

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 28, a joint resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II.

S.J. RES. 33

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 33, a joint resolution expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong.

S.J. RES. 36

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 36, a joint resolution approving the renewal

of import restrictions contained in Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

S. CON. RES. 78

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 78, a concurrent resolution condemning the repression of the Iranian Baha'i community and calling for the emancipation of Iranian Baha'is.

S. CON. RES. 83

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 83, a concurrent resolution promoting the establishment of a democracy caucus within the United Nations.

S. CON. RES. 100

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. RES. 164

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 164, a resolution reaffirming support of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and anticipating the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) on November 4, 2003.

S. RES. 269

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 269, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt that opened on November 15, 2003.

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 269, supra.

S. RES. 331

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 331, a resolution designating June 2004 as "National Safety Month".

AMENDMENT NO. 2941

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2941 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3109

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3109 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.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3109 proposed to S. 1637, *supra*.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. MILLER):

S. 2376. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the scheduled restrictions in the child tax credit, marriage penalty relief, and 10 percent rate bracket, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce The Working Family Tax Relief Act of 2004. I would like to thank my colleague, Senator MILLER, for his support of this important legislation. His leadership has laid the foundation of bipartisan support that this critical tax bill and working American families deserve.

Tax relief has contributed to economic growth throughout our economy. We have successfully encouraged companies to create more jobs and Americans to save and spend more. The President's tax cuts and our votes here in the Senate helped to revive an economy that was sagging in 2000 and shocked by the tragedies of September 11, 2001.

We put a plan in place in 2001 to help the American family to keep more of the money they work so hard to earn. In 2003, Congress saw fit to accelerate the effective date of some of this family tax relief in order to give these families this help as quickly as possible. As a result, every American family who paid any income taxes during 2003 saw a reduction in their taxes and they will enjoy those lower taxes for this year as well. However, if we do not act this year, America's working families will face a tax increase next year. We cannot allow this to happen.

The lowest-income Americans have benefited dramatically from the new 10 percent tax bracket. Today, thanks to this new bracket, working Americans are keeping more of their hard-earned paychecks. But if we do nothing, taxpayers with as little as \$7,000 in taxable income could face a tax increase next

year. My legislation proposes to keep the current 10 percent tax rate bracket in place rather than allowing it to shrink and increase taxes on the working families of America. This extension could bring relief to as many as 1.2 million people in Kentucky and millions of others throughout the country.

And, if we do nothing, the child tax credit will be cut by 30 percent in 2005. We need to keep the \$1,000 tax credit and not let it revert to the old \$700 credit. There are over 350,000 taxpayers in Kentucky who need this tax relief and will benefit from this legislation. We can't ask millions of Americans to pay an extra \$300 per child next year. Will you ask the families of this country, who have worked so hard to raise our entire economy up, to pay more in taxes simply because they have children? I know I won't, and I hope my colleagues won't either.

The accelerated marriage penalty relief will also lapse after this year unless the Senate acts. I propose keeping the current tax deduction in place, which we increased to twice that of an individual taxpayer in 2003. Without this extension, married couples will see a cut in their standardized deduction—actually penalizing couples for being married. Over 465,000 Kentuckians benefit from this legislation. We need to keep this important tax relief intact.

And finally we need to address an unintended consequence of the Alternative Minimum Tax. When the Senate passed the AMT, it was designed to ensure wealthier Americans paid at least some percentage of their income in taxes. Now that same AMT is hurting working families and middle-income America. In 2003, the Senate passed limited AMT relief that is now set to expire. This legislation will keep the current exemption levels of \$40,250 for single and \$58,000 for married taxpayers in place for 2005. If we fail to act, an additional \$7,000 to \$13,000 of middle-income taxpayers' income will be subject to this tax. We all know that the AMT is a serious issue and one that we must address—the limited relief contained in this bill is not a final solution to this large problem, but it will keep the problem from getting even worse.

There are other important tax cuts that should be extended and there are other problems with the tax code that I would like to correct. But the four provisions addressed in this bill have to be addressed today not just to provide tax relief, but to prevent an immediate tax increase. We owe it to the working families and low-income Americans who rely on these tax cuts to act quickly and extend these four provisions—the 10 percent tax bracket, child tax credit, marriage penalty relief and AMT relief. Working American families and lower to middle-income America were hit hard with the economic downturn—that is why we passed these tax cuts in the first place. And now, just as these industrious Americans have started to find new jobs and spend a little more money to grow the econ-

omy, we cannot hold them back with a tax increase.

And I can't stress this point enough. Many Americans—especially low and middle income families—will have their tax rates increased and face cuts in their deductions and credits unless we act. My bill is about extending the important tax breaks that we all agreed to in 2001 and accelerated in 2003. We made a commitment to the American family in the midst of an economic downturn—offering them tax relief to help stimulate the economy. And now that these tax cuts are starting to work, we can't afford to take them back. We must stay the course and support our Nation's families as we move the American economy forward toward renewed prosperity.

I know how tight government finances are likely to be this year. And as my colleagues know, I have always taken a hard look at spending proposals. But we built about \$80 billion into the Senate-passed FY 2005 Budget proposal for these tax provisions. And there are similar provisions in the House-approved budget. I am confident that we can secure the amount we will need for this proposal over the next few years.

We find ourselves in a unique position—we must be proactive to protect the American family from an unjust tax increase. We need to take a stand for low and middle income America. This Bunning-Miller tax relief legislation will protect working Americans from what would be a devastating tax increase in 2005. I urge my colleagues to get behind this bipartisan legislation and support the Working Family Tax Relief Act of 2004.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 2377. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to ensure that the District of Columbia and States are provided with a safe, lead-free supply of drinking water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Lead-Free Drinking Water Act of 2004 with my colleague Senator SARBANES. We are joined by our colleagues, Congresswoman NORTON, Congressman WAXMAN, and others, who will be introducing the House companion bill today.

I was horrified, as I imagine we all were, when it was first reported that lead levels in DC public water system was significantly higher than Federal guidelines, and had been so for at least two years. I asked myself the same thing thousands of DC residents were asking themselves—why weren't we told about this sooner. How much water did I drink? How much water did my children drink? What are the effects of lead in our blood stream? What are the long-term effects? What are we going to do about it?

This is a pretty sad situation no matter where you live, but it is especially upsetting when you live in the Capital