

other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 540

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to authorize the presentation of gold medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th Century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to direct the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to establish and carry out traffic safety law enforcement and compliance campaigns, and for other purposes.

S. 1411

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, *supra*.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Armenia.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to amend the Clayton Act to enhance the authority of the Federal Trade Commission or the Attorney General to prevent anticompetitive practices in tightly concentrated gasoline markets.

S. 1888

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1888, a bill to halt Saudi support for institutions that fund, train, incite, encourage, or in any other way aid and abet terrorism, and to secure full Saudi cooperation in the investigation of terrorist incidents.

S. 1897

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1897, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a clarification of congressional intent regarding the counting of residents in a non-

provider setting for purposes making payment for medical education under the medicare program.

S. 2015

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2015, a bill to prohibit energy market manipulation.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2159, a bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes.

S. 2302

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2302, a bill to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

S. 2328

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) 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. 2338

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2338, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2449, a bill to require congressional renewal of trade and travel restrictions with respect to Cuba.

S. 2461

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2461, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S.J. RES. 37

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 37, a bill to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian Tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

S. CON. RES. 74

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 74, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued as a testimonial to the Nation's tireless commitment to reuniting America's missing children with

their families, and to honor the memories of those children who were victims of abduction and murder.

S. CON. RES. 90

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor 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. RES. 361

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 361, a resolution supporting the goals of National Marina Day and urging marinas to continue providing environmentally friendly gateways to boating.

AMENDMENT NO. 3183

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment no. 3183 proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of amendment no. 3183 proposed to S. 2400, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 3192

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment no. 3192 proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3251

At the request of Mr. BOND, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment no. 3251 proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3263

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of amendment no. 3263 proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and

for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3296

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of amendment no. 3296 proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3301

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) were added as cosponsors of amendment no. 3301 intended to be proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3313

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment no. 3313 proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3367

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment no. 3367 intended to be proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3377

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment no. 3377 intended to be proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3412

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment no. 3412 intended to be proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3437

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment no. 3437 intended to be proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS OF INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2519. A bill to authorize assistance for education and health care for women and children in Iraq during the reconstruction of Iraq and thereafter, to authorize assistance for the enhancement of political participation, economic empowerment, civil society, and personal security for women in Iraq, to state the sense of Congress on the preservation and protection of the human rights of women and children in Iraq, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I am proud to join with my colleague Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON—and the 12 other women of the United States Senate—to introduce the Iraqi Women's and Children's Liberation Act. This legislation authorizes the President to give education, health care benefits and other help to the women and children of Iraq, including ensuring the political participation of women in a new democratic Iraq.

Before Saddam Hussein came to power, Iraq was the progressive center of the Middle East. In the 1940s, Iraqi women were lawyers, physicians, teachers, professors, engineers, scientists, prominent writers, artists and poets. By the late 1950's, women in Iraq enjoyed political freedoms with equal protections under the law and the right to vote.

Under Saddam Hussein, all that changed. Women lost opportunities for

education. They were forced out of the work force. Women and children did not have access to health care. The personal rights of women were severely restricted or ignored as Saddam's government sanctioned "honor killings" and rape as a tool of oppression.

The facts speak for themselves. Today, women make up only 17 percent of the Iraqi workforce. Only 29 percent of Iraqi girls attend high school. Illiteracy among Iraqi women is an astronomical 77 percent, compared to 45 percent for men. Death during childbirth or from pregnancy related complications is the leading cause of death of Iraqi women. Health organizations estimate that 90 percent of these deaths are preventable. Right now, 25 percent of the children under the age of 5 in Iraq are malnourished and 1 in 8 dies even before they reach that age.

As America works to help the Iraqi people build a free and democratic nation, it is vitally important that education and health care for women and children are assured. If we are helping create a new government, let us insist that there not be the old rules, the old repression.

Of equal importance is ensuring that women have a seat at the table in a new Iraqi government. Full political participation by women is the best insurance that women's rights will be respected now and in the future.

These are the two important components of our legislation: first, it authorizes the President to provide education and health care assistance for the women and children living in Iraq and to women and children of Iraq who are refugees in other countries. When our own government and the NGOs come in, they should focus significant efforts on making sure women and children have access to education and health care. They should also do their best to partner with and build the capacity of local NGOs to strengthen Iraq's civil society.

Second, it authorizes the President to provide assistance enhancing the political participation, economic empowerment and personal security of Iraqi women. For Iraq to truly be liberated, its women must have a voice in the new political and governmental institutions.

This legislation is really about opportunity-making sure the women and children in Iraq have the opportunity to live productive lives and fulfill their potential, and making sure Iraq has the opportunity to succeed as a democratic nation by tapping the talents of all its citizens. The road to opportunity starts with access to health care so children can thrive and women can raise healthy families. It continues with education to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to support that family and contribute to society as a whole. One of the most important ways to contribute to society is through political participation—whether that means voting, running for office, working in a government agency, or organizing for a cause or a community.