

States to the grade of brigadier general under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. William J. Dendinger, 000-00-0000, United States Air Force.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendations that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1265. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make temporary assistance available to support community food security projects designed to meet the food needs of low-income people, increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their own food needs, and promote comprehensive, inclusive, and future-oriented solutions to local food, farm, and nutrition problems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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THE COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY ACT OF 1995

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill with Senator HARKIN which is designed to help communities alleviate hunger at the local level. The Community Food Security Act of 1995 will provide one-time grants to local organizations which are working to both meet the immediate food needs of low-income people while seeking future-oriented solutions to local food, farm and nutrition problems.

This is a good bill. It enjoyed strong bipartisan support in the House.

The Community Food Security Act will provide Federal support to local projects such as farmers market nutrition programs, food policy councils, community gardens and urban farms all of which promote good nutrition while helping family farms. At a time when many people are advocating that we give more power to the States—this bill goes one step further. The Community Food Security Act will give money directly to the private organizations who know where it is most needed.

Mr. President, 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:

*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 "Community Food Security Act of 1995".

#### SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY PROJECTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY PROJECT.—The term "community food security project" means a community-based project that—

(A) is designed to—

(i) meet the food needs of low-income people;

(ii) increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their own food needs; and

(iii) promote comprehensive, inclusive, and future-oriented solutions to local food, farm, and nutrition problems; and

(B) requires a one-time infusion of Federal assistance to become self-sustaining.

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term "eligible entity" means an entity that has experience in the area of—

(A) community food work, including the development of new markets in low-income communities for agricultural producers, particularly small- and medium-sized farms; or

(B) job training and business development activities for food-related businesses in low-income communities.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may make grants to assist eligible entities in establishing and carrying out community food security projects.

(c) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity may submit to the Secretary an application, in such form and containing such information as the Secretary may require, that—

(1) demonstrates competency in implementing a community food security project;

(2) demonstrates fiscal accountability;

(3) contains an agreement that the entity will collect data and prepare reports and other documentation, as required by the Secretary; and

(4) demonstrates that the entity is willing to participate in a continuing assessment of regional food security and to share information with researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties.

(d) PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.—In selecting community food security projects to be supported by grants under subsection (b), the Secretary shall give preference to projects designed—

(1) to develop linkages between 2 or more sectors of the food system;

(2) to support the development of entrepreneurial solutions to local food problems;

(3) to develop innovative linkages between the for-profit and nonprofit food sectors; or

(4) to encourage long-term planning activities and multisystem, interagency approaches.

(e) MATCHING FUNDS.—

(1) REQUIREMENTS.—The Federal share of the cost of establishing or carrying out a community food security project that receives assistance under subsection (b) may not exceed 50 percent of the cost during the term of the grant.

(2) CALCULATION.—The non-Federal share of the cost of carrying out a community food security project may be provided through a payment in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities, equipment, or services from private, State, or local sources.

(f) SINGLE GRANT.—A community food security project may be supported by only a

single grant under subsection (b), for a term of not to exceed 3 years.

(g) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RELATED INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall—

(1) provide technical assistance regarding community food security projects, processes, and development to entities seeking such assistance;

(2) provide for the sharing of information about community food security projects and issues among and between government agencies, private for-profit and nonprofit groups, and the public through publications, conferences, and other appropriate form; and

(3) participate in assessments of regional food security and share information with researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties.

(h) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—The Secretary shall—

(1) provide for the evaluation of community food security projects supported using funds under this section; and

(2) not later than January 30, 2000, submit to Congress a report on the results of the evaluation.

(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 44

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 44, a bill to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit State taxation of certain pension income.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to amend the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize programs relating to homeless assistance for veterans.

SENATE RESOLUTION 146

At the request of Mr. JOHNSTON, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 146, a resolution designating the week beginning November 19, 1995, and the week beginning on November 24, 1996, as "National Family Week", and for other purposes.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1996

#### COHEN AMENDMENT NO. 2724

Mr. COHEN proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 1868) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes; as follows:

At an appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON RUSSIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS.

(a) No later than three months after the date of enactment of this act, the President