

I urge my colleagues to move quickly to pass the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Amendment Act of 1995.

By Mr. HATFIELD:

S. 1499. A bill to amend the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986 to provide for direct and indirect assistance for certain persons engaged in commercial fisheries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE FISHING FAMILIES RELIEF ACT OF 1995

Mr. HATFIELD. Mr. President, the Pacific Northwest has been presented with a number of significant challenges in the last decade. Most recently, heavy rains and winds in excess of 100 miles per hour ravaged the Oregon coast and the Willamette Valley. Additionally, the timber and fishing industries, which once constituted a substantial portion of Oregon's economy, have been severely restricted in recent years. Many individuals involved in those industries have been forced to find alternative sources of employment.

In 1994, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] and the Pacific Northwest States initiated three programs to mitigate the financial hardship caused by the total closure of the coastal salmon fishing season. These programs were designed to assist the fishers impacted by the closing and include: a permit buyback program—Washington State only; a habitat restoration jobs program; and a data collection and at sea research jobs program. Both jobs programs employed over 100 dislocated fishers while contributing to the improvement of fishery habitat. NOAA has approved the request of the Governors of Oregon and Washington for an additional \$13 million to continue these programs for a second year.

The changes in the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act made by the legislation I am introducing today would allow these three programs to continue working for dislocated fishers who are severely limited in their ability to earn a living through commercial fishing. The current language restricts the number of dislocated fishers who have been eligible to participate in these programs. Additionally, fishers may lose the eligibility to participate in the programs due to the uninsured loss determination and the cap on assistance.

Mr. President, this legislation does not seek additional Federal funds for these important assistance programs. However, it does attempt to find ways to spend Federal dollars in a more effective and flexible manner, with broader participation from those the funds are intended to serve. This legislation will also be beneficial for the fishing industries in the Northeast and the Gulf Coast areas. I urge my colleagues to give their full consideration to this attempt to restore economic stability to the fisherman of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 281

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to change the date for the beginning of the Vietnam era for the purpose of veterans benefits from August 5, 1964, to December 22, 1961.

S. 1228

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1228, a bill to impose sanctions on foreign persons exporting petroleum products, natural gas, or related technology to Iran.

S. 1266

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1266, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to focus on price stability in establishing monetary policy to ensure the stable, long-term purchasing power of the currency, to repeal the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

S. 1354

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1354, a bill to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement.

S. 1426

At the request of Mr. SIMPSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1426, a bill to eliminate the requirement for unanimous verdicts in Federal court.

S. 1470

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1470, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for increases in the amounts of allowable earnings under the Social Security earnings limit for individuals who have attained retirement age, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 37—TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 2539

Mr. EXON submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 37

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Clerk of the House of Representatives, in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 2539) to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and for other purposes, shall make the following corrections:

In section 11326(b) proposed to be inserted in title 49, United States Code, by section 102, strike "unless the applicant elects to provide the alternative arrangement specified in this subsection. Such alternative" and insert "except that such";

In section 13902(b)(5) proposed to be inserted in title 49, United States Code, by section 103, strike "Any" and insert "Subject to section 14501(a), any".

SENATE RESOLUTION 201—COMMENDING THE CIA'S STATUTORY INSPECTOR GENERAL

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. GLENN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. ROBB, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KYL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. DEWINE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 201

Whereas, because of its concern with the need for objectivity, authority and independence on the part of the Central Intelligence Agency's Office of Inspector General, the Senate in 1989 included in the Intelligence Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 1990—subsequently enacted into law—a provision establishing an independent, Presidentially-appointed statutory Inspector General at the CIA;

Whereas in November, 1990, The Honorable Frederick P. Hitz was formally sworn in as the CIA's first statutory Inspector General;

Whereas the CIA's statutory Office of Inspector General, under the capable leadership of Frederick P. Hitz, has demonstrated its independence, tenacity, effectiveness and integrity; and

Whereas the work of the CIA Office of Inspector General under Mr. Hitz's leadership has contributed notably to the greater efficiency, effectiveness, integrity and accountability of the Central Intelligence Agency: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate expresses its congratulations to Frederick P. Hitz on his 5-year anniversary as the first statutory CIA Inspector General and expresses its support for the Office of the CIA Inspector General.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Frederick P. Hitz.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS JOINT RESOLUTION

DASCHLE AMENDMENT NO. 3108

Mr. DASCHLE proposed an amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 132) affirming that budget negotiations shall be based on the most recent technical and economic assumptions of the Congressional Budget Office and shall achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 2002 based on those assumptions; as follows:

On page 2, line 2, strike office"; and insert the following: "Office, and the President and the Congress agree that the balance budget must protect future generations, ensure medicare solvency, reform welfare, and provide adequate funding for Medicaid, Education, Agriculture, National Defense, Veterans, and the Environment. Further, the balanced budget shall adopt tax policies to help working families and to stimulate future economic growth."