

List July 22, 1987. The Environmental Protection Agency selected the remedy for cleaning up the site in 1990. The site, however, remains contaminated as a multitude of minor party defendants with little or no responsibility for the environmental contamination of the site are forced to litigate to protect their rights and the courts are tied up with endless motions and appeals.

I am concerned with the impact of such a delay on the adults and children who live and play in close proximity to the Keystone site. The site continues to be a source of ground water contamination, which, if left untreated, will continue to threaten the health and safety of local residents.

This legislation would reduce such delays in remediating toxic waste sites by forcing the primary parties responsible for the pollution to focus on restoring sites to a safe condition instead of using their resources to shift blame to the multitude of minor contributors of negligible amount of waste. My bill will reduce the waste of money and time by exempting minor parties from liability at the outset, when a site is selected for the National Priorities List. This should expedite the legal proceedings and encourage major polluters to work constructively with federal, state, and local governments on actual cleanup.

Specifically, this bill would exempt from liability those minor parties who have only contributed up to 110 gallons of liquid material or up to 200 pounds of solid material to a contaminated site. This exemption, however, would not apply to parties considered to have contributed significantly to a site's contamination. Thus, on Superfund sites containing tens of thousands of gallons of liquid contamination, or tons of solid hazardous waste, we would narrow the litigation field to only the significant parties. I am willing to examine whether or not these are the appropriate levels, but I am advised by some of the litigants involved in Pennsylvania Superfund cleanups that such relief will go a long way toward alleviating the undue burden they currently face.

It is unclear whether Congress will finally enact comprehensive Superfund reform legislation this year. Therefore, I urge my colleagues, many of whom represent communities with similar situations, to consider passing this important commonsense reform. There is a broad consensus among the American people that we ought to alleviate the unfair cost burden placed on small businesses and cash strapped municipalities by ensuring that the parties most responsible for the existence of toxic waste sites are the ones responsible for remediating the sites. I believe this bill will go a long way toward simplifying and expediting the Superfund cleanup process and I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 684

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, the names of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. SARBANES] and the Senator from Arizona [Mr. McCAIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 684, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for programs of research regarding Parkinson's disease, and for other purposes.

S. 1144

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1144, a bill to reform and enhance the management of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 1145

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1145, a bill to abolish the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provide for reducing Federal spending for housing and community development activities by consolidating and eliminating programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1419

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the name of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1419, a bill to impose sanctions against Nigeria.

S. 1487

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. PRESSLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1487, a bill to establish a demonstration project to provide that the Department of Defense may receive Medicare reimbursement for health care services provided to certain Medicare-eligible covered military beneficiaries.

S. 1578

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS], the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE], and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1578, a bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997 through 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1610, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the standards used for determining whether individuals are not employees.

S. 1639

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1639, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a demonstration project to provide the Department of Defense with reimbursement from the Medicare Program for health care services provided to Medi-

care-eligible beneficiaries under TRICARE.

S. 1657

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1657, a bill requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to make recommendations for reducing the national debt.

S. 1740

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1740, a bill to define and protect the institution of marriage.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 42

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. CONRAD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 42, a concurrent resolution concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community.

SENATE RESOLUTION 226

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. CHAFFEE], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE], and the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 226, a resolution to proclaim the week of October 13 through October 19, 1996, as "National Character Counts Week."

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE WHITE HOUSE TRAVEL OFFICE EXPENSES AND FEES REIMBURSEMENT ACT

DOLE AMENDMENT NO. 3961

Mr. DOLE proposed an amendment to amendment No. 3955 proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 2937) for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that Office on May 19, 1993; as follows:

Strike the word "enactment" and insert the following:

TITLE —FUEL TAX RATES

SEC. . REPEAL OF 4.3-CENT INCREASE IN FUEL TAX RATES ENACTED BY THE OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1993 AND DEDICATED TO GENERAL FUND OF THE TREASURY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4081 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to imposition of tax on gasoline and diesel fuel) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f) REPEAL OF 4.3-CENT INCREASE IN FUEL TAX RATES ENACTED BY THE OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1993 AND DEDICATED TO GENERAL FUND OF THE TREASURY.—