

meant to encourage Congress and the administration to begin consideration of that next step. We do not expect or intend for this bill to be considered this year.

But our action does come at an important time. The Chinese Government now is taking steps to join the world community and its institutions. Chief among these steps is China's bid to join the global trading system known as the World Trade Organization. If successful, this move will bring China into line with the trading practices of the 120-plus nations that now are WTO members.

To be successful, China will have to agree to accede to the WTO on terms that are commercially viable—or to put it more simply, that are fair to other nations in terms of market access, nondiscrimination, enforcement, and other important areas. Should China enter the global trading system on such terms, it would be a natural point at which the United States could move forward with permanent MFN.

If we begin considering this issue now, it may ripen at a time that is beneficial to both the United States and China.

SUMMARY: PERMANENT MFN IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES

In sum, the permanent grant of MFN to China is in the best interest of the United States and her citizens. It will end for once and for all the annual debate that is actively hindering—not helping—the achievement of important American goals, thereby allowing the establishment of a stable relationship that would bring prosperity and growth to both nations. Over the next year, as China takes serious steps toward full integration in the global economy, the granting of permanent MFN will make more and more sense. We think the United States should begin laying the groundwork now, and we are introducing our bill today toward that end.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 50

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS], and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] were added as cosponsors of S. 50, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a nonrefundable tax credit for the expenses of an education at a 2-year college.

S. 143

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CLELAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 143, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node dissections performed for the treatment of breast cancer.

S. 294

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to amend chapter 51 of title 18, United States Code, to establish Federal penalties for the killing or attempted killing of a law enforcement officer of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to amend section 1128B of the Social Security Act to repeal the criminal penalty for fraudulent disposition of assets in order to obtain medicaid benefits added by section 217 of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. SMITH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to establish a demonstration project to study and provide coverage of routine patient care costs for medicare beneficiaries with cancer who are enrolled in an approved clinical trial program.

S. 387

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK] and the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. ROCKEFELLER] were added as cosponsors of S. 387, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide equity to exports of software.

S. 389

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 389, a bill to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 422

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to define the circumstances under which DNA samples may be collected, stored, and analyzed, and genetic information may be collected, stored, analyzed, and disclosed, to define the rights of individuals and persons with respect to genetic information, to define the responsibilities of persons with respect to genetic information, to protect individuals and families from genetic discrimination, to establish uniform rules that protect individual genetic privacy, and to establish effective mechanisms to enforce the rights and responsibilities established under this Act.

S. 456

At the request of Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to establish a partnership to rebuild and modernize America's school facilities.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr.

LUGAR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to provide clarification for the deductibility of expenses incurred by a taxpayer in connection with the business use of the home, to clarify the standards used for determining that certain individuals are not employees, and for other purposes.

S. 497

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. HUTCHINSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to repeal the provisions of the Acts and that require employees to pay union dues or fees as a condition of employment.

S. 586

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] were added as cosponsors of S. 586, a bill to reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CLELAND], the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS], and the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. JOHNSON] were added as cosponsors of S. 609, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for reconstructive breast surgery if they provide coverage for mastectomies.

S. 693

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 693, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the value of qualified historic property shall not be included in determining the taxable estate of a decedent.

S. 717

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name was added as a cosponsor of S. 717, a bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 21, a concurrent resolution congratulating the residents of Jerusalem and the people of Israel on the thirtieth anniversary of the reunification of that historic city, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 16

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Arkansas

[Mr. HUTCHINSON] was withdrawn as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 16, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the income tax should be eliminated and replaced with a national sales tax.

SENATE RESOLUTION 63

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM], the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID], the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAUX], the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK], the Senator from Wyoming, [Mr. ENZI], the Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution Act 63, a resolution proclaiming the week of October 19 through October 25, 1997, as "National Character Counts Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 85

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from New Jersey, [Mr. TORRICELLI] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 85, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that individuals affected by breast cancer should not be alone in their fight against the disease.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1997

JEFFORDS AMENDMENT NO. 242

Mr. JEFFORDS proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 717) to amend the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that act, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 3, strike the item relating to section 641 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and insert the following:

"Sec. 641. State Interagency Coordinating Council."

On page 3, strike the item relating to section 644 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and insert the following:

"Sec. 644. Federal Interagency Coordinating Council."

On page 19, line 19, strike "Alaskan" and insert "Alaska".

On page 26, line 4, strike "are" and insert "is".

On page 26, line 12, strike "are" and insert "is".

On page 26, line 15, strike "include" and insert "includes".

On page 35, line 5, strike "identify" and insert "the identity of".

On page 55, line 17, strike "ages" and insert "aged".

On page 55, line 19, insert "the" before "Bureau".

On page 94, line 24, strike "Federal or State Supreme court" and insert "Federal court or a State's highest court".

On page 102, strike line 3 and insert the following: "(i) Notwithstanding clauses (ii) and".

On page 140, line 15, strike "team" and insert "Team".

On page 140, line 22, strike "team" and insert "Team".

On page 177, line 8, strike "661" and insert "661".

On page 196, line 18, strike "allocations" and insert "allotments".

On page 201, line 22, strike "with disabilities" after "toddlers".

On page 203, line 23, strike ", consistent with State law," after "(a)(9)".

On page 208, line 22, strike "636(a)(10)" and insert "635(a)(10)".

On page 216, line 6, strike "the child" and insert "the infant or toddler".

On page 216, line 7, strike "the child" and insert "the infant or toddler".

On page 221, line 5, strike "A" and insert "At least one".

On page 221, line 8, strike "A" and insert "At least one".

On page 226, line 4, strike "paragraph" and insert "subsection".

On page 226, line 7, strike "allocated" and insert "distributed".

On page 229, line 20, strike "allocations" and insert "allotments".

On page 229, line 24 and 25, strike "allocations" and insert "allotments".

On page 231, strike line 17, and insert the following "ferred to as the "Council") and the chairperson of".

On page 260, line 4, strike "who" and insert "that".

On page 267, line 15, strike "paragraph" before "(I)".

On page 326, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

"(D) SECTIONS 611 AND 619.—Sections 611 and 619, as amended by Title I, shall take effect beginning with funds appropriated for fiscal year 1998."

GORTON (AND SMITH OF NEW HAMPSHIRE) AMENDMENT NO. 243

Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 717, supra; as follows:

On page 169, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

"(10) UNIFORM DISCIPLINARY POLICIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, each State educational agency or local educational agency may establish and implement uniform policies with respect to discipline and order applicable to all children within its jurisdiction to ensure the safety and appropriate educational atmosphere in its schools."

On page 169, line 12, strike "(10)" and insert "(11)".

THE FAMILY FRIENDLY WORKPLACE ACT OF 1997

MURRAY AMENDMENT NO. 244

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill (S. 4) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and

needs of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

TITLE II—SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT LEAVE

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Time for Schools Act of 1997".

SEC. 202. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LEAVE.

(a) ENTITLEMENT TO LEAVE.—Section 102(a) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2612(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) ENTITLEMENT TO SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT LEAVE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 103(f), an eligible employee shall be entitled to a total of 24 hours of leave during any 12-month period to participate in an activity of a school of a son or daughter of the employee, such as a parent-teacher conference or an interview for a school, or to participate in literacy training under a family literacy program.

"(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

"(i) FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM.—The term 'family literacy program' means a program of services that are of sufficient intensity in terms of hours, and of sufficient duration, to make sustainable changes in a family and that integrate all of the following activities:

"(I) Interactive literacy activities between parents and their sons and daughters.

"(II) Training for parents on how to be the primary teacher for their sons and daughters and full partners in the education of their sons and daughters.

"(III) Parent literacy training.

"(IV) An age-appropriate education program for sons and daughters.

"(ii) LITERACY.—The term 'literacy', used with respect to an individual, means the ability of the individual to speak, read, and write English, and compute and solve problems, at levels of proficiency necessary—

"(I) to function on the job, in the family of the individual, and in society;

"(II) to achieve the goals of the individual; and

"(III) to develop the knowledge potential of the individual.

"(iii) SCHOOL.—The term 'school' means an elementary school or secondary school (as such terms are defined in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801)), a Head Start program assisted under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), and a child care facility operated by a provider who meets the applicable State or local government licensing, certification, approval, or registration requirements, if any.

"(4) LIMITATION.—No employee may take more than a total of 12 workweeks of leave under paragraphs (1) and (3) during any 12-month period."

(b) SCHEDULE.—Section 102(b)(1) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2612(b)(1)) is amended by inserting after the second sentence the following: "Leave under subsection (a)(3) may be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule."

(c) SUBSTITUTION OF PAID LEAVE.—Section 102(d)(2)(A) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2612(d)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting before the period the following: ", or for leave provided under subsection (a)(3) for any part of the 24-hour period of such leave under such subsection".

(d) NOTICE.—Section 102(e) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 2612(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) NOTICE FOR SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT LEAVE.—In any case in which the necessity