

information is particularly important in an emergency. The legislation we are introducing today will therefore require OSHA not only to standardize the format for MSDSs, but also to ensure that they are written at a literacy level that is appropriate for the typical industrial worker.

Mr. President, the legislation we are introducing today will not only make it easier for employers to comply with important OSHA safety standards, but it will also ensure that their employees have better access to accurate and up-to-date safety information that they can both read and understand. Enactment of the WIRED Act will result in safer, more efficient workplaces, and I encourage all of my colleagues to join us as cosponsors.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 314

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1260

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB), and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. FORD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1260, a bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes.

S. 1284

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1284, a bill to prohibit construction of any monument, memorial, or other structure at the site of the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, and for other purposes.

S. 1600

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1600, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive in the case of multiemployer plans the section 415 limit on benefits to the participant's average compensation for his high 3 years.

S. 1677

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1737, a bill to amend the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a uniform application of the confidentiality privilege to taxpayer communications with federally authorized practitioners.

S. 1811

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1811, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from promulgating any regulation, rule, or other order if the effect of such regulation, rule, or order is to eliminate or modify any requirement under the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act for physician supervision of anesthesia services, as such requirement was in effect on December 31, 1997.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 84

At the request of Mr. KEMPTHORNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 84, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of Costa Rica should take steps to protect the lives of property owners in Costa Rica, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2077

At the request of Mr. LEVIN the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2077 proposed to S. 1768, an original bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 199—DESIGNATING "NATIONAL YOUTH FITNESS WEEK"

Mr. TORRICELLI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 199

Whereas we are witnessing a historic decrease in the health of our Nation's adolescents with only 22 percent of our children physically active for the recommended 30 minutes each day and nearly 15 percent of American youths almost completely inactive;

Whereas even physical education classes are on the decline with 75 percent of students in America not attending daily physical education classes and 25 percent of students not participating in any form of physical education in schools, which is a decrease in participation of almost 20 percent in just 4 years;

Whereas more than 60,000,000 people, 1/3 of the Nation's population, are overweight and even more disturbing, the percentage of overweight adolescents has doubled in the last 30 years;

Whereas these serious trends have resulted in a decrease in the self-esteem of, and an increase in the risk of future health problems for, our Nation's adolescents;

Whereas adolescents represent the future of the Nation and the decrease in physical fitness in the United States may destroy our future potential unless we invest in our youthful population today to increase our productivity and stability tomorrow;

Whereas regular physical activity has proven effective in fighting depression, anxiety, premature death, diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, colon cancer, and a variety of weight problems;

Whereas physical fitness campaigns help encourage consideration of the mental and physical health of our Nation's youth; and

Whereas Congress should take steps to reverse a trend which, if not resolved, could destroy future opportunities for millions of today's youth because a healthy child makes a healthy, happy, and productive adult: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning with the last Sunday in April of each calendar year as "National Youth Fitness Week";

(2) urges parents, families, caregivers, and teachers to encourage and help adolescents to participate in athletic activities and to teach adolescents to engage in healthy lifestyles; and

(3) requests the President to issue a proclamation each calendar year designating such week as "National Youth Fitness Week" and encouraging the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate activities and celebrations.

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to address a crisis facing our youngest citizens. Physical inactivity among our children is threatening the very foundation of the health of our nation. Physical inactivity and poor diet together account for at least 300,000 deaths in the United States each year. Only tobacco use contributes to more preventable deaths. More than 58 million American adults, one third of the population, are overweight or obese. Even more alarming, childhood obesity rates are rising with 22 percent of children now overweight, a percentage that has doubled in the past 30 years.

This growing trend of inactivity is especially dangerous for our younger generations. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, nearly half of our young people aged 12-21 do not engage in vigorous physical activity on a regular basis. In fact, only 22 percent of American children are physically active for the recommended 30 minutes each day and nearly 15 percent are completely inactive. As the Centers for Disease Control point out, these destructive behaviors established during youth are likely to extend into adulthood. We must be proactive in setting a positive example for our children and stop the negative behavior before it starts.

To plant the seed for a healthy future, we must continue to cultivate and educate our children. Fostering enjoyment of exercise in our adolescents will spur them to maintain a healthy lifestyle into adulthood. The result will be fewer physical and mental disorders and increased productivity. As Dr. C. Everett Koop recently pointed out "this is not an issue requiring additional fact-finding before action is taken." The time for action is now.

A national commitment to lifetime fitness must be fostered. Congress has the opportunity and the responsibility to step forward and take a crucial leadership role. Several programs are currently addressing this important issue