form of the Year 2000 computer problem. There is little doubt that the mil-

lenium conversion will have a significant impact on the economy; the out-

standing question is how large that impact will be.

One of the most relevant factors in assessing the potential impact of this problem is the expected readiness of small and medium sized businesses to deal with this issue. Many of the na-
tion’s largest corporations are spending hundreds of millions of dollars to prepare for Year 2000 conversion: Citibank is spending $600 million, Aetna is spending more than $125 million, and the list goes on and on. However, it is not so clear that small and medium sized businesses are approaching the problem with similar vigor.

As a result, it is my opinion that it will become increasingly necessary for those companies that have successfully completed remediation and are now testing to be able to share those results with other companies that might not be as far along. It will be an increasing national economic priority to use all the tools available to help businesses and government entities meet the mil-
enium deadline, and encouraging the sharing of information that can cut precious weeks off the time it takes to get ready will be essential.

I agree with the statements of Presi-
dent Clinton that companies that make such voluntary disclosures should not be punished for those disclosures with frivolous or abusive lawsuits. It is to address that concern that the Presi-
dent has requested that Senator BEN-
nett and I introduce his legislation.

I also agree with the President’s analysis that in order for this informa-
tion-sharing to be effective, it must start to take place as soon as possible. Sharing information about non-compliant systems six, eight, or twelve months from now will be of limited value to all concerned.

Some questions have emerged in the press as to the scope of this legislation. The fact is that there are very few weeks left in this session, and therefore the broader the bill, the more difficult it will be to pass. Therefore, if we are intent on providing protection for vol-
untary disclosures on Year 2000, it will be very hard to add to that provisions dealing with other aspects of Year 2000 liability. While I believe that concerns on uniform liability are real and meaningful, there is little question that dealing with any liability issues is always a controversial and lengthy process. So as we move forward with the concept of a safe harbor for vol-
untary disclosure, I hope that we can do so while it isembering that legis-
lation with these larger and conten-
tious issues regarding liability.

President Clinton has given us an ex-
cellent starting point for discussing these issues. I look forward to working with all my colleagues in the weeks remaining to craft final leg-
islation that addresses these issues in a meaningful and constructive manner.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 220

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 220, a bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes.

S. 657

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 657, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired mem-
bers of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive military retired pay concurrently with veterans’ disability compensation.

S. 1380

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigrant Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify and improve the requirements for the development of an automated entry-exit control system, to enhance land border control and enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 5-year extension of the credit for produc-
ing electricity from wind and closed-

loop biomass.

S. 179

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DeWINE), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BUMPERS), and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as co-
sponsors of S. 1795, a bill to grant a Federal charter to the American GI Forum of the United States.

S. 1877

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1877, a bill to remove barriers to the provision of affordable housing for all Americans.

S. 1865

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1905, a bill to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes.

S. 199

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 199, a bill to prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds to provide or support programs to provide individuals with hypodermic needles or syringes for the use of illegal drugs.

S. 190

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Missis-
issippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICE-
lli), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 190, a bill to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield, as previously author-
ized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation.

S. 2061

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2061, a bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit trans-
ferors or discharges of residents of nurs-
ing facilities.

S. 2071

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to extend a quarterly financial report program administered by the Secretary of Commerce.

S. 2081

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Missis-
issippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Missis-
ia (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICElli), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) were added as cospon-
sors of S. 2081, a bill to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument.

S. 2181

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to provide Government-
wide accounting of regulatory costs and benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 2213

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2213, a bill to allow all States to par-
ticipate in activities under the Educa-
tion Flexibility Partnership Demo-
nstration Act.

S. 2217

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2217, a bill to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way, and for other purposes.

S. 2223

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from New York (Mr. D’AMATO) were added as co-
sponsors of S. 2223, a bill to amend sec-
tion 29 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the placed in service date for biomass and coal facilities.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), and the Senator from Massa-
echusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to amend
the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend the authorizations of appropriations for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2308
At the request of Mr. Graham, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. Bryan) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2308, a bill to amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the medicare program.

S. 2318
At the request of Mr. Campbell, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. Hatch) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2318, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phaseout the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period.

S. 2344
At the request of Mr. Coverdell, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Helms), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Smith) were added as cosponsors of S. 2344, a bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to provide for the advance payment, in full, of 1999 payments otherwise required under production flexibility contracts.

S. 2352
At the request of Mr. Brownback, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2352, supra.

S. 2354
At the request of Mr. Bond, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. Frist) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2354, a bill to amend Title XVIII of the Social Security Act to impose a moratorium on the implementation of the per beneficiary limits under the interim payment system for home health agencies, and to modify the standards for calculating the per visit cost limits and the rates for prospective payment systems under the Medicare home health benefit to achieve fair reimbursement payment rates, and for other purposes.

S. 2399
At the request of Mr. Inhofe, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. Moynihan) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2399, a bill to amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2408
At the request of Mr. Warner, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. Baucus), the Senator from California (Mrs. Feinstein), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. Enzi), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Sarbanes), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Roth), and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Biden) were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 83, a concurrent resolution remembering the life of George Washington and his contributions to the United States.

S. 2310
At the request of Mr. Dorgan, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. Johnson), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Durbin), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. Daschle), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Hollings), and the Senator from California (Mrs. Boxer) were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 108, a concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and for other purposes.

S. 2346
At the request of Mr. Torricelli, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. Inouye) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 199, a resolution designating the last week of April of each calendar year as "National Youth Fitness Week."

AMENDMENT NO. 3124
At the request of Mr. Johnson, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. Wellstone), the Senator from Florida (Mr. Macc), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. Inhofe), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Abraham), and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. Ashcroft) were added as cosponsors of Amendment No. 3124 proposed to S. 2132, an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3388
At the request of Mr. Johnson, his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 3388 proposed to H.R. 1151, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law and ratify the Chapultepec Agreement of the National Credit Union Administration Board with regard to field of membership of Federal credit unions.

AMENDMENT NO. 3389
At the request of Mr. Johnson his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 3389 proposed to S. 2312, an original bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

S. 2397
At the request of Mr. Inhofe, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. Moynihan) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Breaux) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3389 proposed to S. 2312, an original bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 115
Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That (a) a revised edition of the publication entitled "The United States Capitol" (referred to as "the pamphlet") shall be reprinted as a Senate document; (b) there shall be printed 2,000,000 copies of the pamphlet in the English language at a cost not to exceed $100,000 for distribution as follows: (1) (A) 206,000 copies of the publication for the use of the Senate with 2,000 copies distributed to each Member; (B) 886,000 copies of the publication for the use of the House of Representatives, with 2,000 copies distributed to each Member; and (C) 908,000 of the publication for distribution to the United States Capitol staff; (2) if the total printing and production costs of copies in paragraph (1) exceed $100,000, such number of copies of the publication as does not exceed total printing and production costs of $100,000, with distribution to be allocated in the same proportion as in paragraph (1); (3) in addition to the copies printed pursuant to subsection (b), there shall be printed at a total printing and production cost of not to exceed $70,000, (1) 50,000 copies of the pamphlet in each of the following 5 languages: German, French, Russian, Chinese, and Japanese; and

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 114—PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF BOTH HOUSES

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

S. CON. RES. 114
Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, in consonance with section 132(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, when the Senate adjourns at the close of business on Friday, July 31, 1998, Saturday, August 1, 1998, or Sunday, August 2, 1998, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader or his designee in accordance with his concurrent resolution, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, August 31 or Tuesday, September 1, 1998, or until such time on that day as may be specified by the Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Friday, August 7, 1998, it stand adjourned until noon on Wednesday, September 9, 1998, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and House, respectively, to reassemble whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 115—TO AUTHORIZ E THE PRINTING OF COPIES OF THE PUBLICATION ENTITLED "THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL" AS A SENATE DOCUMENT

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

S. CON. RES. 115
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