

be heard in their state capitols. It is good legislation and it should be enacted into law.●

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 2724. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to carry out an assessment of State, municipal, and private dams in the State of Vermont and to make appropriate modifications to the dams; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

VERMONT DAM LEGISLATION

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to speak of a pressing problem that affects not only the streams and rivers of Vermont, but the land and people who live and work along their winding routes. Vermont is home to over 2,000 dams of all sizes that clog Vermont's 5,000 river miles. Many of these dams were built in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, when industries were located along rivers to utilize dams for running machinery, dispose of waste, and transport raw materials and goods. Currently, most of these dams no longer serve any commercial purpose and sit in disrepair, posing a significant safety threat and fundamentally altering the surrounding environment.

There are 150 dams in Vermont listed as either "high" or "significant" hazard, meaning that the failure of one of these dams presents a real threat to human life, property, and the environment. Last week, a Vermont newspaper highlighted the extreme danger if one of these dams were to fail by describing the 80 feet high wall water that would crash down the river valley if the Waterbury dam were to fail. Such a structural failure would mean that 22 square miles would be flooded, and a 15 foot high wall of water would hit the city of Burlington.

A disaster of this scope would be caused by the breakage of only a few dams across the state, but serious and extensive damage could also be caused by many smaller, similarly weak dams. Not only could damage occur due to failure, but many of the dams pose a significant threat to people using rivers for recreational purposes. The dams contain broken concrete, protruding metal, rotted timber cribbing and other hazards that threaten fisherman, boaters and swimmers with a serious threat of injury or death.

Not only are people and property at risk, but significant harm is being inflicted on the environment. Dams alter the basic characteristics of the rivers in which they are constructed and directly affect the features that comprise a riverine habitat. Non-functioning dams unnecessarily block wildlife, including fish that are attempting to migrate to spawn.

The Vermont Dam Remediation and Restoration Program allows the Army Corps of Engineers to enter into partnership with State, municipal, and private dam owners to assess and modify dams. The expertise and resources of the Corps would provide the much

needed assistance to dam owners who would otherwise be unable to properly assess and modify dangerous, structurally unsound or environmentally harmful dams. I urge my colleagues to join me in addressing this critical problem and quickly pass this much needed authorizing legislation.●

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERREY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 2725. A bill to provide for a system of sanctuaries for chimpanzees that have been designated as being no longer needed in research conducted or supported by the Public Health Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

CHIMPANZEE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT,  
MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION ACT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, today I rise along with Senators DURBIN, KERREY, LAUTENBERG, and JEFFORDS to introduce the Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance and Protection (C.H.I.M.P.) Act. This legislation will create a nonprofit sanctuary system for housing chimpanzees that federal researchers have decided are no longer needed for their research. Our bill, establishes a public/private matching fund which will provide for the permanent retirement of these animals. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Senate to support the sanctuary concept which is backed by many distinguished scientists, including Dr. Jane Goodall and humane people across the country. Mr. President, in the wild, the chimpanzee is an endangered species. We are fortunate that we have an opportunity now to provide decent, humane care for a species which is, sadly, on the decline in its natural habitat.

At this point in time we have a tremendous surplus of research chimpanzees in the United States. It began in the 1980's, when the terrible AIDS epidemic first appeared. Researchers in Federal agencies created breeding colonies of chimpanzees in five regional chimp centers. The hope was that chimpanzees, because of their genetic similarity to humans, would be a good model for various AIDS vaccine experiments. Scientists discovered, however, that although the chimpanzees proved to be carriers of the virus, that once it was injected into them, the chimps do not develop full-blown AIDS.

For this reason, many researchers are, in their own words, getting out of the chimp business. The chimpanzee does not serve as a model for how the disease progresses in humans and the researchers want to divest themselves of these intelligent animals. The problem is that there is really no place for the chimpanzees to go. Many of the chimps will live to be 50 years old! It is estimated that several hundred of the approximately 1,500 chimps currently in labs are ready to be sent to sanctuaries, but that we lack the sanctuary space to house them.

In a sanctuary the chimps can be put in small groups rather than living in isolation as many do in labs. Small social groups enable the chimps to recover from research more quickly both physically and mentally, and it is far more cost-effective than housing them in the present laboratory system. We should remember that taxpayers are currently footing the bill for what is basically the "warehousing" of these animals in expensive and inhumane labs.

I have based many of the features of the C.H.I.M.P. bill on a report entitled "Chimpanzees in Research: Strategies for Their Ethical Care, Management, and Use," that was published in 1997 by the National Research Council. In this study of research chimps, the well-respected National Academy of Sciences (NAS) reported that there may be approximately 500 chimpanzees that are no longer needed in research. The NAS recommended that NIH initiate a breeding moratorium for at least 5 years, that surplus chimps be placed in sanctuaries rather than be euthanized, and that animal protection organizations, along with scientists, have input into the standards of care and the operation of the sanctuaries.

Our bill has addressed all these issues and is supported by The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, The American Anti-Vivisection Society, The Humane Society of the United States, The National Anti-Vivisection Society and The Society for Animal Protective Legislation. I want to again point out that our bill does not interfere with any ongoing medical experiments involving chimps. The bill allows for the retirement of chimps only after the researchers themselves have decided that a chimp is no longer useful in research. This is the humane, ethical, and fiscally responsible way to handle the question of what to do with a surplus of intelligent animals who have contributed to the knowledge of science and the health and well-being of humanity. This really should be a nonpartisan issue and I am proud to ask for the support of all my Senate colleagues.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 312

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 312, a bill to require certain entities that operate homeless shelters to identify and provide certain counseling to homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to remove the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful.

S. 779

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 779, a bill to provide that no Federal income tax shall be imposed on amounts received by Holocaust victims or their heirs.

S. 879

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 879, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain lease hold improvements

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to provide grants and contracts to local educational agencies to initiate, expand, and improve physical education programs for all kindergarten through 12th grade students.

S. 1191

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1191, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for facilitating the importation into the United States of certain drugs that have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1250

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1250, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure a continuum of health care for veterans, to require pilot programs relating to long-term health care for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to expand homeownership in the United States.

S. 1438

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1438, a bill to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on Federal land in the District of Columbia.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MACK, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1459, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect the right of a medicare beneficiary enrolled in a Medicare+Choice plan to receive services at a skilled nursing facility selected by that individual.

S. 1795

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1795, a bill to require that before issuing an order, the President shall cite the authority for the order, conduct a cost benefit analysis, provide for public comment, and for other purposes.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to improve academic and social outcomes for youth and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive activities conducted by law enforcement personnel during non-school hours.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1909

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to provide for the preparation of a Governmental report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgement of such injustices by the President.

S. 2003

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2003, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to restore health care equity for medicare-eligible uniformed services retirees, and for other purposes.

S. 2018

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the update factor used in making payments to PPS hospitals under the medicare program.

S. 2181

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2181, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to provide full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to provide dedicated funding for other conservation programs, including coastal stewardship, wildlife habitat protection, State and local park and open space preservation, historic preservation, forestry conservation programs, and youth conservation corps; and for other purposes.

S. 2274

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2274, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families and disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children.

S. 2293

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2293, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to provide for the payment of Financing Corporation interest obligations from balances in the deposit insurance funds in excess of an established ratio and, after such obligations are satisfied, to provide for rebates to insured depository institutions of such excess reserves.

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2293, supra.

S. 2330

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services.

S. 2407

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2407, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the record of admission for permanent residence in the case of certain aliens.

S. 2520

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2520, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and cosmetic Act to allow for the importation of certain covered products, and for other purposes.

S. 2585

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) were added as cosponsors of S. 2585, a bill to amend titles IV and XX of the Social Security Act to restore funding for the Social Services Block Grant, to restore

the ability of the States to transfer up to 10 percent of TANF funds to carry out activities under such block grant, and to require an annual report on such activities by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

S. 2597

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2597, a bill to clarify that environmental protection, safety, and health provisions continue to apply to the functions of the National Nuclear Security Administration to the same extent as those provisions applied to those functions before transfer to the Administration.

S. 2608

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) were added as cosponsors of S. 2608, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of certain expenses of rural letter carriers.

S. 2688

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2688, a bill to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American Language Survival Schools, and for other purposes.

S. 2690

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2690, a bill to reduce the risk that innocent persons may be executed, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 46

At the request of Mr. ROBB, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 46, a joint resolution commemorating the 225th Birthday of the United States Army.

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 46, supra.

S. RES. 319

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 319, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Senate should participate in and support activities to provide decent homes for the people of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3175

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3175 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3176

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3176 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for

the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3177

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3177 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3292

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3292 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3311

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3311 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3312

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3312 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3324

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3324 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3325

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3325 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3346

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3346 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3352

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3352 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3366

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the names of the Senator from California

(Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3366 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3370

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3370 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3372

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3372 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 322—ENCOURAGING AND PROMOTING GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF FATHERS IN THEIR CHILDREN'S LIVES AND DESIGNATING JUNE 18, 2000, AS "RESPONSIBLE FATHER'S DAY"

Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERREY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 322

Whereas 40 percent of children who live in households without a father have not seen their father in at least 1 year and 50 percent of such children have never visited their father's home;

Whereas approximately 50 percent of all children born in the United States spend at least ½ of their childhood in a family without a father figure;

Whereas nearly 20 percent of children in grades 6 through 12 report that they have not had a meaningful conversation with even 1 parent in over a month;

Whereas 3 out of 4 adolescents report that "they do not have adults in their lives that model positive behaviors";

Whereas many of the United States leading experts on family and child development agree that it is in the best interest of both children and the United States to encourage more two-parent, father-involved families to form and endure;

Whereas it is important to promote responsible fatherhood and encourage loving and healthy relationships between parents and their children in order to increase the chance that children will have two caring parents to help them grow up healthy and secure and not to—

(1) denigrate the standing or parenting efforts of single mothers, whose efforts are heroic;