

Varian Fry; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. Res. 554. A resolution authorizing the printing with illustrations of a document entitled "Committee on the Budget, United States Senate, 32nd Anniversary, 1974-2006"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 555. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. Res. 556. A resolution supporting National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Week and efforts to educate people about peripheral arterial disease; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 513

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 513, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 528

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 528, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide grants to States to conduct demonstration projects that are designed to enable medicaid-eligible individuals to receive support for appropriate and necessary long-term services in the settings of their choice.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 843, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education.

At the request of Mr. FRIST, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, supra.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, supra.

S. 859

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 859, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 914, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1023, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Digital Opportunity Investment Trust.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1057

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1057, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

S. 1145

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1145, a bill to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes.

S. 1221

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1221, a bill to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty.

S. 1522

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1522, a bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.

S. 1620

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1620, a bill to provide the non-immigrant spouses and children of non-immigrant aliens who perished in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2010, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the Social Security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 2138

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2138, a bill to prohibit racial profiling.

S. 2284

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2284, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 2354

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2354, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the coverage gap in prescription drug coverage under part D of such title based on savings to the Medicare program resulting from the negotiation of prescription drug prices.

S. 2460

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2460, a bill to permit access to certain information in the Firearms Trace System database.

S. 2487

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2487, a bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops.

S. 2548

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2548, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.

S. 2590

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2590, a bill to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds.

S. 2592

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2592, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 2601

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2601, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to improve choices available to Medicare eligible seniors by permitting them to elect (instead of regular Medicare benefits) to receive a voucher for a health savings account, for premiums for a high deductible health insurance plan, or both and by suspending Medicare late enrollment penalties between ages 65 and 70.

S. 2616

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2616, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and the Mineral Leasing Act to improve surface mining control and reclamation, and for other purposes.

S. 2663

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2663, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2723

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2723, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the sponsor of a prescription drug plan or an organization offering an MA-PD plan to promptly pay claims submitted under part D, and for other purposes.

S. 2724

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2724, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector.

S. 2787

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2787, a bill to permit United States persons to participate in the exploration for and the extraction of hydrocarbon resources from any portion of a foreign maritime exclusive economic zone that is contiguous to the exclusive economic zone of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3275

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3275, a bill to amend title 18, United States code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 3485

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3485, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 3508

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3508, a bill to authorize the Moving to Work Charter program to enable public housing agencies to improve the effectiveness of Federal housing assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 3529

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3529, a bill to ensure that new mothers and their families are educated about postpartum depression, screened for symptoms, and provided with essential services, and to increase research at the National Institutes of Health on postpartum depression.

S. 3547

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 3547, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds.

S. 3615

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3615, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to

provide for improved public health and food safety through enhanced enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 3659

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3659, a bill to reauthorize and improve the women's small business ownership programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 3662

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3662, a bill to amend the Credit Repair Organizations Act to establish a new disclosure statement, and for other purposes.

S. 3724

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3724, a bill to enhance scientific research and competitiveness through the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, and for other purposes.

S. 3738

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3738, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional standard deduction for real property taxes for nonitemizers.

S. 3742

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3742, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to encourage investment in the expansion of freight rail infrastructure capacity and to enhance modal tax equity.

S. 3764

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3764, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the coverage gap under the Medicare part D prescription drug program.

S. 3765

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3765, a bill to designate Lebanon under section 244(b) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act to permit nationals of Lebanon to be granted temporary protected status in the United States.

S. 3769

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3769, a bill to encourage multilateral cooperation and authorize a program of assistance to facilitate a peaceful transition in Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 97

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 97, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of

Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

S. RES. 224

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 224, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate supporting the establishment of September as Campus Fire Safety Month, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 407

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 407, a resolution recognizing the African American Spiritual as a national treasure.

S. RES. 494

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 494, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations.

S. RES. 513

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 513, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week beginning September 10, 2006, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week".

AMENDMENT NO. 4772

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4772 proposed to H.R. 5631, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4825

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4825 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5631, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4826

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4826 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5631, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4827

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4827 proposed to H.R. 5631, a

bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4827 proposed to H.R. 5631, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4827 proposed to H.R. 5631, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. INOUE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4827 proposed to H.R. 5631, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4827 proposed to H.R. 5631, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4827 proposed to H.R. 5631, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4827 proposed to H.R. 5631, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4827 proposed to H.R. 5631, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4827 proposed to H.R. 5631, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 4842

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4842 proposed to H.R. 5631, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4842 proposed to H.R. 5631, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 4843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4843 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5631, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4844

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4844 proposed to H.R. 5631, a bill making appropriations

for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4850

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4850 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5631, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REED:

S. 3784. A bill to provide wage parity for certain prevailing rate employees in Rhode Island; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Rhode Island Federal Worker Fairness Act of 2006. This bill will merge the Narragansett Bay wage area with the Boston, MA, wage area to provide Rhode Island Federal blue-collar workers with pay equity in the region. These workers include janitors, mechanics, machine tool operators, munitions and explosive operators, electricians, and engineers.

Federal employees within the Narragansett Bay wage area are paid under one of the lowest Federal wage system, FWS, pay scales while residing in an area with one of the highest costs of living. Significant disparities between Narragansett Bay wages and those in proximate wage areas raise serious questions about the fairness and equity of the Federal wage pay scales. The average wage grade worker in Rhode Island earns \$18.01 per hour compared to the same worker in Boston who earns \$20.25 per hour or an employee in Hartford who earns \$20.05 per hour. As a result, Rhode Island may be losing experienced Federal employees to the same jobs, at the same grade levels, just miles away because of better pay. Enacting this legislation would help the approximately 500 wage rate workers in Rhode Island better provide for their families, and it will ensure that Rhode Island keeps qualified and trained Federal workers.

Roughly 80 percent of all FWS employees in the United States work either in the Department of Defense or the Department of Veteran Affairs. Indeed, Naval Station Newport employs the most FWS workers in the Narragansett Bay area. These employees perform work that is important to our national security, and competitive compensation is the best way to ensure that these workers are qualified and effective. Merging these two wage areas would reduce the disparity between the salaries of these Federal workers and keep Federal workers in Rhode Island from abandoning their Government jobs for higher paying positions in Massachusetts and Connecticut.