

“(D) PRODUCER MILK PRICES IN CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA.—The price of milk received by producers located in Clark County, Nevada—

“(i) shall not be subject to any order issued under this section or any other regulation by the Secretary; and

“(ii) shall solely be regulated by the State of Nevada and the Nevada State Dairy Commission.”.

BAUCUS AMENDMENT NO. 1559

Mr. KOHL (for Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1233, supra as follows:

On page 76, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

SEC. . The Senate finds that—

(1) agricultural producers in the United States compete effectively when world markets are not distorted by government intervention;

(2) the elimination of barriers to competition in world markets for agricultural commodities is in the interest of producers and consumers in the United States;

(3) the United States must provide leadership on the opening of the agricultural markets in upcoming multilateral World Trade Organization negotiations;

(4) countries that import agricultural commodities are more likely to liberalize practices if they are confident that their trading partners will not curtail the availability of agricultural commodities on world markets for foreign policy purposes; and

(5) a multilateral commitment to use the open market, rather than government intervention, to guarantee food security would advance the interests of the farm community of the United States.

(b) It is the sense of the Senate that members of the World Trade Organization should undertake multilateral negotiations to eliminate policies and programs that distort world markets for agricultural commodities.

KOHL AMENDMENT NO. 1560

Mr. KOHL proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1233, supra as follows:

On page 13, line 13, strike “\$6,401,000” and insert in lieu thereof “\$6,901,000”.

On page 13, line 16, strike “\$14,625,000” and insert in lieu thereof “\$14,125,000”.

HARKIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1561

Mr. KOHL (for Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. WELLSTONE)) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1233, supra as follows:

Amend page 22, line 26 by increasing the dollar figure by \$2,000,000.

Amend page 9, line 8 by reducing the dollar figure by \$2,000,000.

Amend page 9, line 15 by striking the line and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “2225); *Provided further*, That university research shall be reduced below the fiscal year 1999 level by \$2,000,000.”

LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL CEMETERY FOR VET- ERANS IN THE ATLANTA, GEOR- GIA, METROPOLITAN AREA

SPECTER (AND ROCKEFELLER) AMENDMENT NO. 1562

Mr. COCHRAN (for Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER)) pro-

posed an amendment to the bill (S. 695) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area; as follows:

On page 3, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

(4) A national cemetery in the Detroit, Michigan, metropolitan area to serve the needs of veterans and their families.

(5) A national cemetery in the Sacramento, California, metropolitan area to serve the needs of veterans and their families.

On page 4, strike lines 3 and 4 and insert the following:

Florida, metropolitan area;

(4) in the case of the national cemetery to be established under paragraph (4) of that subsection, appropriate officials of the State of Michigan and appropriate officials of local governments in the Detroit, Michigan, metropolitan area;

(5) in the case of the national cemetery to be established under paragraph (5) of that subsection, appropriate officials of the State of California and appropriate officials of local governments in the Sacramento, California, metropolitan area; and

(6) appropriate officials of the United States, in—

On page 4, after line 15, add the following:

SEC. 2. USE OF FLAT GRAVE MARKERS.

(a) AUTHORITY TO USE FLAT GRAVE MARKERS AT SANTA FE NATIONAL CEMETERY.—Notwithstanding section 2404(c)(2) of title 38, United States Code, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may provide for flat grave markers at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, New Mexico.

(b) REPORT COMPARING USE OF FLAT GRAVE MARKERS AND UPRIGHT GRAVE MARKERS.—(1) Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report assessing the advantages and disadvantages of the use by the National Cemetery Administration of flat grave markers and upright grave markers.

(2) The report under paragraph (1) shall set forth the advantages and disadvantages of the use of each type of grave marker referred to in that paragraph, and shall include criteria to be utilizing in determining whether to prefer the use of one such type of grave marker over the other.

In the amendment to the title, strike “in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area” and all that follows through “metropolitan area” and insert the following: “in various locations in the United States, and for other purposes”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday August 4, 1999. The purpose of this meeting will be discuss the farm crisis.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, August 4, 1999, at 2:15 p.m. on fraud against seniors.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to meet to mark up S. 1090, the Superfund Program Completion Act of 1999, Wednesday, August 4, 9:00 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 4, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 4, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing on S. 299, to elevate the Director of the Indian Health Service to an Assistant Secretary for Indian Health within the Department of Health and Human Services; and S. 406, a bill to allow tribes to bill directly for Medicaid and Medicare; To be followed by a business meeting, to consider pending legislation. The hearing/business meeting will be held in room 485, Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet for a hearing re Department of Justice Nominations, during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, at 8:30 a.m., in SD628.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet for a hearing re Pipeline Drugs: Proposed Remedies for Relief in S. 1172, during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., in SD628.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet for a hearing re Annual Refugee Consultation during the session of

the Senate on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, at 2:00 p.m., in SD628.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, at 9:15 a.m., to receive testimony on committee funding resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem be permitted to meet on August 4, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., or the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, EXPORT AND TRADE PROMOTION AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion and the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a joint hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, August 4, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:15 p.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to review the performance management process under the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act by the National Park Service.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, RESTRUCTURING AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee Sub-

committee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia be permitted to meet on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, at 10:30 a.m., for a hearing on Overlap and Duplication in the Federal Food Safety System.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY WEEK

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, during the week of August 30–September 3 we will celebrate Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Week. As a strong and vigorous supporter of Federal initiatives to strengthen our safety and environmental laws and protect our workers and citizens, I am pleased to take this opportunity to draw my colleagues' attention to this important occasion and to take a few moments to reflect on and bring greater awareness of workplace and community health and safety issues to the public.

Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Week is sponsored by the American Industrial Hygiene Association. This is the first annual celebration of this event and the goal is to highlight workplace and community health issues. This year's theme, "Protecting Your Future . . . Today," shows the far-reaching nature of occupational and environmental safety's impact on the public.

One of the major issues concerning workplace safety is Ergonomics. Ergonomics is the science of fitting the job to the worker. It is the solution to a host of physical problems brought about by over-exertion or repetitive stress. More than 650,000 Americans suffer serious injuries and illnesses due to work-related musculoskeletal disorders each year, accounting for more than 34 percent of all lost-workday injuries and illnesses, and costing employers \$15–20 billion annually in direct workers' compensation costs.

There is sound scientific evidence linking musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) to work. Last summer, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) found "compelling evidence" that workplace modifications can reduce the risk of injury. A 1997 review of 600 studies by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health drew similar conclusions. For the average worker, the back takes the brunt of the injuries. About 4 out of 10 injuries involve strains and sprains, most of them back-related. The Department of Labor recently reported that injuries and illnesses for construction laborers, carpenters, welders and cutters increased by a total of 8,000 cases. Additionally,

truck drivers suffer more than their share of injuries, including approximately 145,000 work-related injuries or illnesses each year.

Although many injuries occur in the workplace, our concern does not end there. OEHS Week's second important emphasis is safety in the community and home. Protecting and improving our environment, our parks and wildlife refuges, and natural resources have been among my highest priorities since I was first elected to the Congress. I have fought for, and helped enact, every major piece of legislation to enhance environmental quality—the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, and Superfund, to name a few. OEHS Week is designed to heighten awareness about several vital community health concerns including carbon monoxide poisoning, indoor air quality, and noise exposure.

In my view, a clean environment is a legacy we leave for future generations. After all, our natural resources—our farmlands and forests, water, air, and our wildlife—are the foundation of our country's present and future well-being and quality of life. We are making progress in the effort to clean up the Chesapeake Bay—our nation's largest and most productive estuary. But much more work needs to be done to revitalize this national treasure and I have introduced legislation to amend the Federal Water Pollution Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Additionally, I have introduced a bill to implement pilot projects in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina to address problems associated with toxic microorganisms in tidal and non-tidal wetlands and waters.

As we approach over 100 years of celebrating Labor Day, it is appropriate that we focus our attention on the safety of workers while in a workplace environment and on their safety and environmental concerns while away from the job site. This 1st annual Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Week truly represents a spotlight on the total quality of life of working Americans. •

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VERMONT HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I am honored to congratulate the Vermont Housing Finance Agency on its 25th Anniversary of providing Vermonters with access to safe, decent and affordable housing.

In 1974, the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, VHFA, was established to ensure that Vermonters of a variety of different backgrounds have access to affordable housing. Over many years of finding innovative ways to finance and stimulate the preservation and development of affordable housing, VHFA