

rights have been documented by the State Department, and by human rights organizations such as Americas Watch and Amnesty International.

Like other political refugees, Central Americans and Haitians have come to this country with a strong love of freedom and a strong commitment to democracy. They have settled in many parts of the United States. They have established deep roots in our communities, and their children, that have been born here, are U.S. citizens. Wherever they have settled, they have made lasting contributions to the economic vitality and diversity of our communities and our nation.

Citizens in these countries are now working hard to establish democracy in their nations. President Clinton and Secretary Albright have repeatedly stated that it is America's long-standing foreign policy to ensure the continuing stability and viability of emerging, yet still fragile, democracies in Central America and Haiti. The Central American and Haitian communities in the United States have contributed substantially to this goal, sending hundreds of millions of dollars to their native lands. These funds have played a critical role in stabilizing these countries' economies as they make the transition to democracy, at no cost to the U.S. taxpayer.

The State Department has documented the potential adverse consequences of reducing the flow of these funds. From a U.S. foreign policy and humanitarian standpoint, these amounts have taken on added importance. These funds have become a primary source of income for families who lost their jobs as a result of the hurricanes that ravaged these countries last year. Repatriating thousands of Central Americans and Haitians will impose a substantial additional burden on these countries. It will also diminish the ability of Central Americans and Haitians in the U.S. to contribute financially to rebuilding their countries. Allowing Central Americans and Haitians to remain here as legal residents will enable them to continue to provide assistance that will contribute substantially to vital economic recovery and reconstruction.

This legislation will provide qualified Salvadorans, Guatemalans, Hondurans and Haitians with the opportunity to become permanent residents of the U.S. To qualify for this relief, they must have lived in this country since December 1995. By approving the Central American and Haitian Parity Act, we can finally bring an end to the shameful decades of disparate treatment that has existed.

This is an issue of basic fairness. The United States has a long and noble tradition of providing safe haven to refugees. Over the years, we have enacted legislation to guarantee safe haven for Hungarians, Cubans, Yugoslavs, Viet-

namese, Laotians, Cambodians, Poles, Chinese, and many others.

This Congress has the opportunity to right the shameful wrongs that Central American and Haitian refugees have suffered. This bill offers the full protection of our laws to these victims of persecution in their fight for democracy. Congress has a duty to offer the same protection to Central Americans and Haitians that we have offered over the years to other refugees fleeing from repressive regimes. This bill does what is fair, what is right, and what is just.

We should do all we can to end the current flagrant discrimination under our immigration laws. Central American and Haitian refugees deserve protection too—the same protection we gave to Nicaraguans and Cubans. We need to pay more than lip service to the fundamental principle of equal protection of the laws.

Since its introduction in the House of Representatives, the Central American and Haitian Parity Act has received important bipartisan support. I am optimistic that it will receive similar support in the Senate. It deserves to be enacted as soon as possible.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 88

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 88, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to exempt disabled individuals from being required to enroll with a managed care entity under the Medicaid program.

S. 514

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to improve the National Writing Project.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to provide for the establishment and operation of asthma treatment services for children, and for other purposes.

S. 824

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to improve educational sys-

tems and facilities to better educate students throughout the United States.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 935, a bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize research to promote the conversion of biomass into biobased industrial products, and for other purposes.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1020, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S. 1029

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1029, a bill to amend title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for digital education partnerships.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat airports like airports under the exempt facility bond rules.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a new prospective payment system for Federally-qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

S. 1310

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modify the interim payment system for home health services, and for other purposes.

S. 1368

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1368, a bill to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and related laws to strengthen the protection of native biodiversity and ban clearcutting on Federal land, and to designate certain Federal land as ancient forests, roadless areas, watershed protection areas, special areas, and Federal boundary areas where logging and other intrusive activities are prohibited.

S. 1384

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1384, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national folic acid education program to prevent birth defects, and for other purposes.

S. 1419

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1419, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate May as "National Military Appreciation Month."

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to promote economic growth and opportunity by increasing the level of visas available for highly specialized scientists and engineers and by eliminating the earnings penalty on senior citizens who continue to work after reaching retirement age.

S. 1452

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1452, a bill to modernize the requirements under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards of 1974 and to establish a balanced consensus process for the development, revision, and interpretation of Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes.

S. 1472

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1472, a bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to modify employee contributions to the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Retirement System to the percentages in effect before the statutory temporary increase in calendar year 1999, and for other purposes.

S. 1478

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1478, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas.

S. 1483

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr.

CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1483, a bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 with respect to export controls on high performance computers.

S. 1488

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1488, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices.

S. 1498

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1498, a bill to amend chapter 55 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize equal overtime pay provisions for all Federal employees engaged in wildland fire suppression operations.

S. 1499

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1499, a bill to title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote the coverage of frail elderly medicare beneficiaries permanently residing in nursing facilities in specialized health insurance programs for the frail elderly.

S. 1550

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1550, a bill to extend certain Medicare community nursing organization demonstration projects.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1568, a bill imposing an immediate suspension of assistance to the Government of Indonesia until the results of the August 30, 1999, vote in East Timor have implemented, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 34, a concurrent resolution relating to the observance of "In Memory" Day.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 56

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 56, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of "family friendly" programming on television.

SENATE RESOLUTION 99

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 99, a resolution designating November 20, 1999, as "National Survivors for Prevention of Suicide Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 118, a resolution designating December 12, 1999, as "National Children's Memorial Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 163

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 163, a resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to study the causes of firearms violence in America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 172

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 172, a resolution to establish a special committee of the Senate to address the cultural crisis facing America.

SENATE RESOLUTION 179

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 179, a resolution designating October 15, 1999, as "National Mammography Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 181

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 181, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the situation in East Timor.

SENATE RESOLUTION 183

At the request of Mr. ASHCROFT, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 183, a resolution designating the week beginning on September 19, 1999, and ending on September 25, 1999, as National Home Education Week.

AMENDMENT NO. 1572

At the request of Mr. DEWINE his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 1572 proposed to H.R. 2466, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1642

At the request of Mr. DEWINE his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 1642 proposed to H.R. 2466, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1643

At the request of Mr. DEWINE his name was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 1643 proposed to H.R. 2466, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

HELMS (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 1658

Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. NICKLES) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 2084; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The survival of American culture is dependent upon the survival of the sacred institution of marriage.

(2) The decennial census is required by section 2 of article 1 of the Constitution of the United States, and has been conducted in every decade since 1790.

(3) The decennial census has included marital status among the information sought from every American household since 1880.

(4) The 2000 decennial census will mark the first decennial census since 1880 in which marital status will not be a question included on the census questionnaire distributed to the majority of American households.

(5) The United States Census Bureau has removed marital status from the short form census questionnaire to be distributed to the majority of American households in the 2000 decennial census and placed that category of information on the long form census questionnaire to be distributed only to a sample of the population in that decennial census.

(6) Every year more than \$100,000,000,000 in Federal funds are allocated based on the data collected by the Census Bureau.

(7) Recorded data on marital status provides a basic foundation for the development of Federal policy.

(8) Census data showing an exact account of the numbers of persons who are married, single, or divorced provides critical information which serves as an indicator on the prevalence of marriage in society.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the United States Census Bureau—

(1) has wrongfully decided not to include marital status on the census questionnaire to be distributed to the majority of Americans for the 2000 decennial census; and

(2) should include marital status on the short form census questionnaire to be distributed to the majority of American households for the 2000 decennial census.

CRAIG AMENDMENT NO. 1659

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CRAIG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following: "The Secretary will make available \$6,000,000 from the Public Lands Program for safety and capacity improvements to public land access highway U.S. 89 from West Forest Boundary to Bishoff Canyon in Idaho."

THOMAS (AND ENZI) AMENDMENT
NO. 1660

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

SEC. . No monies may be made available to implement the cost sharing provisions of Section 5001(b) of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century with regard to Section 5117(b)(5) of that Act.

DASCHLE (AND JOHNSON)
AMENDMENT NO. 1661

Mr. SHELBY (for Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON)) proposed an

amendment to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

SEC. ____ TEMPORARY AIR SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS.

(a) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to carry out section 47114(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code, may be available for apportionment to an airport sponsor described in subsection (b) in fiscal year 2000 in an amount equal to the amount apportioned to that sponsor in fiscal year 1999.

(b) COVERED AIRPORT SPONSORS.—An airport sponsor referred to in subsection (a) is an airport sponsor with respect to whose primary airport the Secretary of Transportation found that—

(1) passenger boardings at the airport fell below 10,000 in the calendar year used to calculate the apportionment;

(2) the airport had at least 10,000 passenger boardings in the calendar year prior to the calendar year used to calculate apportionments to airport sponsors in a fiscal year; and

(3) the cause of the shortfall in passenger boardings was a temporary but significant interruption in service by an air carrier to that airport due to an employment action, natural disaster, or other event unrelated to the demand for air transportation at the affected airport.

COLLINS AMENDMENT NO. 1662

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill, H.R. 2084, supra; as follows:

On page 91, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 342. (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a commission to be known as the Airline Deregulation Study Commission (in this section referred to as the "Commission").

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

(A) COMPOSITION.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Commission shall be composed of 15 members of whom—

(i) 5 shall be appointed by the President;

(ii) 5 shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, upon the recommendation of the Majority and Minority leaders of the Senate; and

(iii) 5 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(B) MEMBERS FROM RURAL AREAS.—

(i) REQUIREMENT.—Of the individuals appointed to the Commission under subparagraph (A)—

(I) one of the individuals appointed under clause (i) of that subparagraph shall be an individual who resides in a rural area; and

(II) two of the individuals appointed under each of clauses (ii) and (iii) of that subparagraph shall be individuals who reside in a rural area.

(ii) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION.—The appointment of individuals under subparagraph (A) pursuant to the requirement in clause (i) of this subparagraph shall, to the maximum extent practicable, be made so as to ensure that a variety of geographic areas of the country are represented in the membership of the Commission.

(C) DATE.—The appointments of the members of the Commission shall be made not