

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1855. A bill to establish age limitations for airmen; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 1856. A bill to amend title 28 of the United States Code to authorize Federal district courts to hear civil actions to recover damages or secure relief for certain injuries to persons and property under or resulting from the Nazi government of Germany; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1857. A bill to provide for conveyance of certain Navajo Nation lands located in northwestern New Mexico and to resolve conflicts among the members of such Nation who hold interests in allotments on such lands; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 1858. A bill to revitalize the international competitiveness of the United States-flag maritime industry through tax relief; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 1859. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to taxpayers investing in economically distressed rural communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 1860. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand income averaging to small agriculture-related businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1861. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide comprehensive tax relief for small family farmers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 1862. A bill entitled "Vermont Infrastructure Bank Program"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1863. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an incentive to small businesses to establish and maintain qualified pension plans by allowing a credit against income taxes for contributions to, and start-up costs of, the plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 1864. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit to primary health providers who establish practices in health professional shortage areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1865. A bill to provide grants to establish demonstration mental health courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. REID, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 1866. A bill to redesignate the Coastal Barrier Resources System as the "John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System"; considered and passed.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S.J. Res. 37. A joint resolution urging the President to negotiate a new base rights

agreement with the Government of Panama in order for United States Armed Forces to be stationed in Panama after December 31, 1999; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. LOTT):

S. Res. 220. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the February 2000 deployment of the U.S.S. Eisenhower Battle Group and the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit to an area of potential hostilities and the essential requirements that the battle group and expeditionary unit have received the essential training needed to certify the warfighting proficiency of the forces comprising the battle group and expeditionary unit; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### STATEMENTS OF INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1851. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that seniors are given an opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and volunteers for certain programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### THE SENIORS AS VOLUNTEERS IN OUR SCHOOLS ACT OF 1999

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I introduce the "Seniors As Volunteers in Our Schools Act of 1999," a bill which will be an important step in ensuring that our schools provide a safe and caring place for our children to learn and grow. This bill will help build lasting partnerships between our local school systems, our children and our country's growing number of senior citizens.

Under the bill, school administrators and teachers are encouraged to use qualified seniors as volunteers in federally funded programs and activities authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA.) It specifically encourages the use of seniors as volunteers in the safe and drug free schools programs, Indian education programs, the 21st Century Community before- and after-school programs and gifted and talented programs. I believe the best way to get older Americans to serve as volunteers is to ask them. My bill does just that.

The Seniors as Volunteers in Our Schools Act creates no new programs; rather it suggests another allowable use of funds already allocated. The discretion whether to take advantage of this new resource continues to remain solely with the school systems.

Studies show that consistent guidance by a mentor or caring adult can help reduce teenage pregnancy, substance abuse and youth violence. Evi-

dence also shows that the presence of adults on playgrounds, and in hallways and study halls, stabilizes the learning environment. And recently, the Colorado School Safety Summit, convened by Governor Bill Owens, recommended connecting each child to a caring adult as a way to reduce youth violence.

Our country is in the midst of an age revolution. There are twice as many older adults today as there were 30 years ago. America now possesses not only the largest, but also the healthiest, best-educated, and most vigorous group of seniors in history.

In the years ahead, an increasing number of us will be living decades longer than our own parents and grandparents. We need to think of those extra years of life as a resource. I believe seniors can be role models and share the wisdom, experience, and skills they have acquired over a lifetime of learning.

I know firsthand of the importance of mentoring based on my own experiences as a teacher. A mentor can have a profound positive impact on a child's life.

What better way to expand the number of mentors than to invite our seniors/elders to volunteer in schools? What better way to make our schools safer for our children than to have more adults visibly involved?

I do not expect this legislation to solve all the problems confronting our schools today. But, I see it as a practical way to help make our schools safer, more caring places for our children. If our institutions create opportunities that allow them to make a genuine contribution, I believe America's growing senior population can play an important role in supporting our nations' schools. And, older adults have what the working-age population lacks: time.

I urge my colleagues to support passage of this legislation.

I ask unanimous consent that the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1851

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Seniors as Volunteers in Our Schools Act".

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.).

#### SEC. 3. GOVERNOR'S PROGRAMS.

Section 4114(c) (20 U.S.C. 7114(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (11), by striking "and" after the semicolon;