

services provided to certain medicare-eligible veterans.

S. 459

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the names of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] were added as cosponsors of S. 459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the State ceiling on private activity bonds.

S. 494

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] and the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] were added as cosponsors of S. 494, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the medicaid program.

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 494, *supra*.

S. 521

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 521, a bill to amend part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for a waiver of or reduction in the matching funds requirement in the case of fiscal hardship.

S. 531

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Ohio [Mr. DEWINE], the Senator from New York [Mr. SCHUMER], and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CLELAND] were added as cosponsors of S. 531, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Rosa Parks in recognition of her contributions to the Nation.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the exemption amounts used to calculate the individual alternative minimum tax for inflation since 1993.

S. 562

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. CLELAND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 562, a bill to provide for a comprehensive, coordinated effort to combat methamphetamine abuse, and for other purposes.

S. 575

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the names of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] and the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 575, a bill to redesignate the National School Lunch Act as the "Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act."

S. 595

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma

[Mr. NICKLES] was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a graduated response to shrinking domestic oil and gas production and surging foreign oil imports, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. HAGEL] and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 3, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland [Mr. SARBANES] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 19, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal investment in biomedical research should be increased by \$2,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2000.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 53

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. BYRD] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 53, a resolution to designate March 24, 1999, as "National School Violence Victims' Memorial Day."

### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

#### NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE ACT OF 1999

##### COCHRAN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 69

Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. WARNER) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 257) to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack; as follows:

On page 2, line 11, insert before the period at the end the following: "with funding subject to the annual authorization of appropriations and the annual appropriation of funds for National Missile Defense".

##### DORGAN AMENDMENTS NOS. 70-71

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DORGAN submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 257, *supra*; as follows:

##### AMENDMENT NO. 70

On page 2, strike line 7 and all that follows and insert the following:

It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to deploy as soon as is technologically possible an effective National Missile Defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack (whether accidental, unauthorized, or deliberate); and

(2) that deployment of the system shall be carried out in a manner that—

(A) balances such deployment with the deployment or utilization of other measures to protect the United States against attack by weapons of mass destruction; and

(B) gives appropriate consideration to the cooperative relationship between the United States and Russia regarding a reduction in the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction.

#### AMENDMENT No. 71

On page 2, strike line 7 and all that follows and insert the following:

(a) POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.—It is the policy of the United States to develop for potential deployment an effective National Missile Defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack (whether accidental, unauthorized, or deliberate).

(b) POLICY FOR DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.—It is the policy of the United States to deploy a National Missile Defense system only if that system—

(1) is well managed, proven under rigorous and repeated testing, and cost-effective when assessed within the context of other requirements relating to the national security interest of the United States;

(2) is deployed in concert with a variety of additional measures to protect the United States against attack by weapons of mass destruction, including efforts toward arms reduction and weapons nonproliferation;

(3) enhances strategic stability; and

(4) is deployed in a manner that contributes to a cooperative relationship between the United States and Russia with respect to a reduction in the dangers to both countries posed by weapons of mass destruction.

### NOTICES OF HEARINGS

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is "Educating the Disadvantaged." For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on Wednesday, March 17, 1999 in SR-328A at 8 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the current status of the federal crop insurance program and explore the various proposals to expand and/or restructure the program.

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a Executive Session of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 1999, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430