

**TITLE III—GENERIC PHARMACEUTICALS  
AND MEDICARE REFORM**

**SEC. 301. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING A  
PREFERENCE FOR THE USE OF GE-  
NERIC PHARMACEUTICALS UNDER  
THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

It is the sense of the Senate that legislative language requiring, to the extent feasible, a preference for the safe and cost-effective use of generic pharmaceuticals should be considered in conjunction with any legislation that adds a comprehensive prescription drug benefit to the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).•

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself  
and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2502. A bill to establish in the Office of the Architect of the Capitol the position of Director of Fire Safety and Protection to assume responsibility for fire safety and protection activities of the Architect of the Capitol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

UNITED STATES CAPITOL FIRE PROTECTION ACT  
Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation, together with my colleague, Senator MIKULSKI, to enhance fire safety and protection in the United States Capitol and the buildings within the Capitol Complex.

Last year, in response to a request made by congressional employees under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, the General Counsel of the Office of Compliance conducted a fire safety inspection of the Capitol Complex. The resulting report, the Report on Fire Safety Inspections of Congressional Buildings, outlined an alarming number of fire code violations in the U.S. Capitol, as well as the House and Senate Office Buildings. The report identified significant fire code violations existing throughout every one of these buildings, including, but not limited to, "lack of fire barriers to retard the spread of fire and smoke, inadequate exit signs and exit capacity, deficient emergency lighting, limited sprinkler coverage, and dangerous storage of flammable and toxic materials." Furthermore, in March, the Office of Compliance issued eight citations ordering the Architect of the Capitol, who is responsible for fire safety and protection within the Complex, to take action to increase fire alarm and sprinkler systems testing and improve the training of staff in the handling of hazardous materials.

My legislation seeks to address these fire code violations by improving upon the expertise and accountability of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol with regard to fire safety. The measure establishes a position to be appointed by and responsible to the Architect to meet his responsibility for fire safety and protection within the Capitol Complex. The Director of Fire Safety and Protection will work to ensure that all properties under the jurisdiction of the Architect, including the U.S. Capitol,

House and Senate Office Buildings, Library of Congress, U.S. Botanical Gardens, and the Capitol Power Plant, meet the applicable codes and standards established by the National Fire Protection Association. The Director will be responsible for conducting regular inspections of the properties, as well as their fire alarm and protection systems, and training employees of the Architect of the Capitol in the proper use and maintenance of these systems and the storage of hazardous chemicals and materials. This legislation would also require the Director to make semiannual reports to the Congress on the progress of his or her efforts in making the Capitol Complex fire-safe.

As a longtime advocate for historic preservation, I want to stress that this legislation recognizes the historic nature of the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Architect and provides the Director with the flexibility necessary to ensure that the properties are preserved and rehabilitated in such a manner to retain their historical and architectural significance.

Mr. President, the United States Capitol Fire Protection Act is an important step in addressing a critical situation. I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

**ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS**

S. 2

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 344

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a safe harbor for determining that certain individuals are not employees.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 345, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to remove the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 505, a bill to give gifted and talented students the opportunity to develop their capabilities.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to provide for injunctive relief in Federal district court to enforce

State laws relating to the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquor.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to implement the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercounty Adoption, and for other purposes.

S. 702

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 702, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 729

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 729, a bill to ensure that Congress and the public have the right to participate in the declaration of national monuments on federal land.

S. 832

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 832, a bill to extend the commercial space launch damage indemnification provisions of section 70113 of title 49, United States Code.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1361, a bill to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1690

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1690, a bill to require the United States to take action to provide bilateral debt relief, and improve the provision of multilateral debt relief, in order to give a fresh start to poor countries.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN)

were added as cosponsors of S. 1921, a bill to authorize the placement within the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of a plaque to honor Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service.

S. 2044

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2044, a bill to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for domestic violence programs through the voluntary purchase of specially issued postage stamps.

S. 2070

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2070, a bill to improve safety standards for child restraints in motor vehicles.

S. 2071

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system.

S. 2112

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2112, a bill to provide housing assistance to domestic violence victims.

S. 2183

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2183, a bill to ensure the availability of spectrum to amateur radio operators.

S. 2217

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2217, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Museum of the American Indian of the Smithsonian Institution, and for other purposes.

S. 2224

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2224, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to encourage summer fill and fuel budgeting programs for propane, kerosene, and heating oil.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2231, a bill to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech.

S. 2280

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2280, a bill to provide for the effective punishment of online child molesters.

S. 2287

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2287, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environment Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 2297

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) were added as cosponsors of S. 2297, a bill to reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

S. 2299

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2299, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to continue State Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) allotments for fiscal year 2001 at the levels for fiscal year 2000.

S. 2320

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2320, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit for health insurance costs, and for other purposes.

S. 2330

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services.

S. 2365

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2365, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 15 percent reduction in payment rates under the prospective payment system for home health services.

S. 2367

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2367, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under the Act.

S. 2417

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Washington, (Mr. GORTON) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2417, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase funding for State nonpoint source pollution control programs and for other purposes.

S. 2477

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2477, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide additional safeguards for beneficiaries with representative payees under the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program or the Supplemental Security Income program.

S. 2486

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2486, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to benefits under the TRICARE program; to extend and improve certain demonstration programs under the Defense Health Program; and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 84

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 84, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the naming of aircraft carrier CVN-77, the last vessel of the historic "Nimitz" class of aircraft carriers, as the U.S.S. LEXINGTON.

AMENDMENT NO. 3103

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3103 intended to be proposed to S. 2, a bill to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

SENATE RESOLUTION 302—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION SHOULD CONSIDER CURRENT SYSTEMS THAT PROVIDE BETTER, MORE COST EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY TRANSPORT BEFORE PROMULGATING ANY FINAL RULE REGARDING THE DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance: