

(f) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Task Force may secure directly from any department or agency of the United States information necessary to enable it to carry out this section. Upon request of the Attorney General, the head of that department or agency shall furnish that information to the Task Force.

(g) REPORTS.—

(1) DEADLINE.—Not later than December 31, 2002, and not later than December 31 of each year thereafter in which the Task Force is in existence, the Attorney General shall submit a report to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of the Senate containing the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Task Force. Each report shall also measure and evaluate how much progress the Task Force has made, how much work remains, how long the remaining work will take to complete, and the cost of completing the remaining work.

(2) DELEGATION.—The Attorney General may delegate to the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, the responsibility for preparing and transmitting any such report.

(h) LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall make such legislative recommendations as the Attorney General deems appropriate—

(A) to implement the recommendations of the Task Force; and

(B) to obtain authorization for the appropriation of funds, the expenditure of receipts, or the reprogramming of existing funds to implement such recommendations.

(2) DELEGATION.—The Attorney General may delegate to the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, the responsibility for preparing and transmitting any such legislative recommendations.

(i) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate on a date designated by the Attorney General as the date on which the work of the Task Force has been completed.

(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2001 through 2003.

SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL BORDER MANAGEMENT COOPERATION.

It is the sense of the Congress that the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of the Treasury, should consult with affected foreign governments to improve border management cooperation.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased to cosponsor this bill, which will help protect both America's economy and our relationship with Canada. In particular, citizens of states all across our Northern Border should breathe a sigh of relief that we appear to be close to finding a legislative solution to a potentially serious problem brewing along our border with Canada.

This bill will replace section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act (IIRIRA). Section 110 would mandate that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) establish an automated system to record the entry and exit of all aliens in order to track their movements within the United States and to determine those who "overstay" their visas. The system has not yet been implemented.

By requiring an automated system for monitoring the entry and exit of "all aliens," this provision requires that INS and Customs agents stop each vehicle or individual entering or exiting the United States at all ports of entry. Canadians, U.S. permanent residents and many others who are not currently required to show documentation of their status would likely either have to carry some form of identification or fill out paperwork at the points of entry.

This sort of tracking system would be costly to implement along the Northern Border, especially since there is no current system or infrastructure to track the departure of citizens and others leaving the United States.

Section 110 would also lead to excessive and costly traffic delays for those living and working near the border. These delays would surely have a negative impact on the \$2.4 billion in goods and services shipped annually from Vermont to Canada and would likely reduce the \$120 million per year which Canadians spend in Vermont.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service Data Management Improvement Act will replace the existing Section 110 with a new provision that requires the Attorney General to implement an "integrated entry and exit data system." This system would simply integrate the arrival and departure data which already is authorized or required to be collected under current law, and which is in electronic format within databases held by the Justice and State Departments. The INS would not be required to take new steps to collect information from those entering and leaving the country, meaning that Canadians will have the same ability to enter the United States as they do today.

This bill will ensure that tourists and trade continue to freely cross the border, without additional documentation requirements. This bill will also guarantee that more than \$1 billion daily cross-border trade is not hindered in any way. Just as importantly, Vermonters and others who cross our nation's land borders on a daily basis to work or visit with family or friends should be able to continue to do so without additional border delays.

This is an issue that I have worked on ever since section 110 was originally adopted in 1996. In 1997, along with Senator ABRAHAM and others, I introduced the "Border Improvement and Immigration Act of 1997." Among other things, that legislation would have (1) specifically exempted Canadians from any new documentation or paperwork requirements when crossing the border into the United States; (2) required the Attorney General to discuss the development of "reciprocal agreements" with the Secretary of State and the governments of contiguous countries to collect the data on visa overstayers;

and (3) required the Attorney General to increase the number of INS inspectors by 300 per year and the number of Customs inspectors by 150 per year for the next three years, with at least half of those inspectors being assigned to the Northern Border.

I also worked with Senator ABRAHAM, Senator KENNEDY, and other Senators to obtain postponements in the implementation date for the automated system mandated by section 110. We were successful in those attempts, delaying implementation until March 30, 2001. But delays are by nature only a temporary solution; in the legislation we introduce today, I believe we have found a permanent solution that allows us to keep track of the flow of foreign nationals entering and leaving the United States without crippling commerce or our important relationship with Canada. That is why I am proud to support this legislation, and why I urge prompt action.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 74

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 74, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 345

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor 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. 801

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 801, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 890

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 890, a bill to facilitate the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units or irregular forces in Laos.

S. 1159

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1159, a bill to provide grants and contracts to local educational agencies to initiate, expand, and improve physical education programs for all kindergarten through 12th grade students.

S. 1459

At the request of Mr. MACK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts

(Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1459, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect the right of a medicare beneficiary enrolled in a Medicare+Choice plan to receive services at a skilled nursing facility selected by that individual.

S. 1594

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1594, a bill to amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2018

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the update factor used in making payments to PPS hospitals under the medicare program.

S. 2045

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H-1B nonimmigrant aliens.

S. 2060

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2060, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, supra.

S. 2297

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2297, a bill to reauthorize

the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

S. 2365

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) 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. 2394

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2394, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize indirect graduate medical education payments.

S. 2407

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 2407, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the record of admission for permanent residence in the case of certain aliens.

S. 2408

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2408, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to the Navajo Code Talkers in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 2417

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2419

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2419, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

S. 2486

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH) was added as a cosponsor 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. 60

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Indiana

(Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) were added as cosponsors of S.Con.Res. 60, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. *Wisconsin* and all those who served aboard her.

S.J. RES. 44

At the request of Mr. HATCH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 44, a joint resolution supporting the Day of Honor 2000 to honor and recognize the service of minority veterans in the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

SENATE RESOLUTION 308—CONGRATULATING THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 308

Whereas International House at 500 Riverside Drive, New York City, was founded in 1924 as a residence and program center for graduate students and trainees from all nations;

Whereas International House was created to allow diverse peoples from around the world the opportunity to live together in a shared cultural and intellectual environment, and enable its residents and members to understand and better appreciate people of divergent backgrounds; and

Whereas in the last 75 years International House has grown from this fundamental concept to become an internationally recognized institution, serving as a vital resource for the global academic, business, professional, and artistic communities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends International House for its distinguished service to the people of the United States and all citizens of the world in the promotion of global understanding and world peace and extends congratulations to International House on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

DOMENICI AMENDMENT NO. 3156

Mr. BURNS (for Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN)) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 2521) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 44 line 6, strike "\$136,000,000" and replace with "\$221,000,000"; and on page 44