Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3366 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3370

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAVITT) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3370 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3372

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3372 proposed to H.R. 4576, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 322—ENCOURAGING AND PROMOTING GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF FATHERS IN THEIR CHILDREN’S LIVES AND DESIGNATING JUNE 18, 2000, AS “RESPONSIBLE FATHER’S DAY”

Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GORBON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GREGG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MURkowski, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 322

Whereas 40 percent of children who live in households without a father have not seen their father in at least 1 year and 30 percent of such children have never visited their father’s home;

Whereas approximately 50 percent of all children born in the United States spend at least 1⁄2 of their childhood in a family without a father figure;

Whereas nearly 20 percent of children in grades 6 through 12 report that they have not had a meaningful conversation with even 1 parent in over a month;

Whereas 3 out of 4 adolescents report that “they do not have adults in their lives that model positive behaviors”;

Whereas many of the United States leading experts on family and child development agree that it is in the best interest of both children and the United States to encourage more two-parent, father-involved families to form and endure;

Whereas it is important to promote responsible fatherhood and encourage loving and healthy relationships between parents and their children in order to increase the chance that children will have two caring parents to help them grow up healthy and secure and not to—

(1) denigrate the standing or parenting efforts of single mothers, whose efforts are heroic;

(2) lessen the protection of children from abusive parents;

(3) cause children to remain in or enter into abusive relationships; or

(4) compromise the health or safety of a custodial parent;

Whereas children who are apart from their biological father are, in comparison to other children—

(1) 5 times more likely to live in poverty; and

(2) more likely to—

(A) bring weapons and drugs into the classroom;

(B) commit crime;

(C) drop out of school;

(D) be abused;

(E) commit suicide;

(F) abuse alcohol or drugs; and

(G) become pregnant as teenagers;

Whereas the Federal Government spends billions of dollars to address these social ills and very little to address the causes of such social ills;

Whereas violent criminals are overwhelmingly males who grew up without fathers;

Whereas the number of children living with only a mother increased from just over 5,000,000 in 1960, to just over 33,000,000 between 1981 and 1991 the percentage of children living with only 1 parent increased from 19 percent to 25 percent;

Whereas between 20 percent and 30 percent of families in poverty are headed by women who have suffered domestic violence during the past year and between 40 percent and 80 percent of women with children who receive welfare were abused at some time in their life;

Whereas millions of single mothers in the United States are heroically struggling to raise their children in safe, loving environments;

Whereas responsible fatherhood should always be acknowledged and promote values of non-violence;

Whereas child support is an important means by which a parent can take financial responsibility for a child and emotional support is an important means by which a parent can take social responsibility for a child;

Whereas children learn by example, community programs that help mold young men into positive role models for their children need to be encouraged;

Whereas promoting responsible fatherhood is not meant to diminish the parenting efforts of single mothers but rather to increase the likelihood that children will have 2 caring parents to help them grow up in loving environments; and

Whereas Congress has begun to take notice of this issue with legislation introduced in both the House of Representatives and the Senate to address the epidemic of fatherlessness; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the need to encourage active involvement of fathers in the rearing and development of their children;

(2) recognizes that while there are millions of fathers who serve as a wonderful caring presence for their children, there are children who father’s day who will have no one to celebrate with;

(3) urges fathers to participate in their children’s lives both financially and emotionally;

(4) encourages fathers to devote time, energy, and resources to their children;

(5) urges fathers to understand the level of responsibility required when fathering a child and to fulfill that responsibility;

(6) is committed to assist absent fathers become more responsible and engaged in their children’s lives;

(7) designates June 18, 2000, as “National Responsible Father’s Day”;

(8) calls upon fathers around the country to use the day to reconnect and redevote themselves to their children’s lives, to spend “National Responsible Father’s Day” with their children, and to explore their love and support for their children; and

(9) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe “National Responsible Father’s Day” with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED ON JUNE 6, 2000

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2000

COLLINS AMENDMENT NOS. 3175–3177

Ms. COLLINS proposed three amendments to the bill (H.R. 4576) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, which was previously submitted and intended to be proposed by her to the bill (S. 2593) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3175

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

SEC. . Of the funds made available in Title IV of this Act under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE—NAVY”, up to $2,000,000 may be made available for continued design and analysis under the reentry systems applications program for the advanced technology vehicle.

AMENDMENT NO. 3176

On page 199, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SEC. 8126. Of the amounts appropriated in title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE—NAVY”, up to $6,000,000 may be made available for the initial production of units of the ALGL/STRIKER to facilitate early fielding of the ALGL/STRIKER to special operations forces.

AMENDMENT NO. 3177

At the appropriate place in the substituted original text, insert the following:

SEC. . Of the funds appropriated in title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE—NAVY”, up to $6,000,000 may be made available to support spatio-temporal database research, visualization and user interaction testing, automated feature extraction research, and development of field-sensing devices, all of which are critical technology issues for smart maps and other intelligent spatial technologies.

COLLINS AMENDMENT NO. 3178

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BREAUX) proposed