

## AMENDMENT NO. 3558

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3558 intended to be proposed to S. 2522, an original bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 3569

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3569 proposed to S. 2522, an original bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 326—DESIGNATING THE COWBOY POETRY GATHERING IN ELKO, NEVADA, AS THE “NATIONAL COWBOY POETRY GATHERING”

Mr. BRYAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

## S. RES. 326

Whereas working cowboys and the ranching community have contributed greatly to the establishment and perpetuation of western life in the United States;

Whereas the practice of composing verses about life and work on the range dates back to at least the trail drive era of the late 19th century;

Whereas the Cowboy Poetry Gathering has revived and continues to preserve the art of cowboy poetry by increasing awareness and appreciation of this tradition-based art form;

Whereas the reemergence of cowboy poetry through highlights recitation traditions that are a central form of artistry in communities throughout the West and promotes popular poetry and literature to the general public;

Whereas the Cowboy Poetry Gathering serves as a bridge between urban and rural people by creating a forum for the presentation of art and for the discussion of cultural issues in a humane and non-political manner;

Whereas the Western Folklife Center in Reno, Nevada, established and hosted the inaugural Cowboy Poetry Gathering in January of 1985;

Whereas since its inception 16 years ago, some 200 similar local spin-off events are now held in communities throughout the West; and

Whereas it is proper and desirable to recognize Elko, Nevada, as the original home of the Cowboy Poetry Gathering: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate designates the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, as the “National Cowboy Poetry Gathering”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 327—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENTS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE CRIMES COMMITTED IN THOSE COUNTRIES IN THE NAME OF FAMILY HONOR AND TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF THOSE CRIMES

Mr. REID submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

## S. RES. 327

Whereas thousands of women around the world are killed and maimed each year in the name of family “honor”;

Whereas the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, 56th Session, January 2000, working with the Special Rapporteurs on violence against women and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, received reports of so-called “honor killings” from numerous countries, including Bangladesh, Jordan, India, Pakistan, Ecuador, Uganda, and Morocco, and noted that such killings take many forms, such as flogging, forced suicide, stoning, beheading, acid-throwing, and burning;

Whereas, according to the 1999 report of the Department of State on human rights, so-called “crimes of honor” in Bangladesh include acid-throwing and whipping of women accused of moral indiscretion;

Whereas authorities in Bangladesh expect as many as 200 honor killings in that country in 2000;

Whereas thousands of Pakistani women, including young girls, are stabbed, burned, or maimed every year by husbands, fathers, and brothers who accuse them of dishonoring their family by being unfaithful, seeking a divorce, or refusing an arranged marriage;

Whereas Jordan, which had 20 reported honor killings in 1998, still has laws reducing the penalty for or exempting perpetrators of honor crimes, and the Jordanian parliament has twice failed to repeal those laws;

Whereas the King of Jordan has taken the commendable action of establishing Jordan’s Royal Commission on Human Rights, chaired by the Queen of Jordan, primarily to address obstacles, including the persistence of honor crimes, that prevent women and children from exercising their basic human rights;

Whereas more than 5,000 dowry deaths occur every year in India, according to the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), which reported in 1997 that a dozen women die each day in kitchen fires, disguised as accidents, because their husbands’ families are dissatisfied over the size of the women’s dowries;

Whereas women accused of adultery in Afghanistan, the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, and a host of other countries are subject to a maximum penalty of death by stoning;

Whereas, even though honor killings may be outlawed, law enforcement and judicial systems often fail properly to investigate, arrest, and prosecute offenders, and laws frequently permit such reductions in sentences or exemptions from prosecution to those who kill in the name of honor that the results are typically token punishments, impunity, and continued violence against women; and

Whereas the right to life is the most fundamental of all rights and must be guaranteed to every individual without discrimination,

and the perpetuation of honor killings and dowry deaths is a deliberate violation of women’s human rights that should be universally condemned: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the President, through the United States Agency for International Development, should work with law enforcement and judicial agencies of foreign governments to encourage the adoption of legal system reforms that provide for the effective investigation and prosecution of crimes known as “honor crimes”;

(2) the President, through the United States Agency for International Development, should make available to local organizations in foreign countries sufficient resources to provide refuge and rehabilitation for women who are victims of honor crimes and to sustain their children;

(3) the Secretary of State, when preparing annual country reports on human rights practices, should include information relating to the incidence of honor violence in foreign countries, the steps taken by foreign governments to address the problem of honor violence, and all relevant actions taken by the United States, whether through diplomacy or foreign assistance programs, to reduce the incidence of honor violence and increase investigations and prosecutions of such crimes;

(4) the President should—

(A) communicate to the United Nations the concern over the high rate of honor-related violence toward women in foreign countries worldwide; and

(B) request that the appropriate United Nations bodies, in consultation with relevant nongovernmental organizations, propose actions to be taken to encourage those countries to demonstrate strong efforts to end such violence; and

(5) the President and the Secretary of State should, through direct communication with leaders of countries where honor killings, dowry deaths, and related practices are endemic—

(A) convey the most serious concerns of the United States about these gross violations of human rights; and

(B) urge the leaders of those countries to investigate and prosecute as murders all such acts with a view to punishing the perpetrators of those acts to the maximum extent provided under law for other murders in those countries.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPECTER (AND HARKIN)  
AMENDMENT NO. 3590

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 4577) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause, and insert the following: