

S. 1490. A bill to establish terrorist lookout committees in each United States Embassy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1491. A bill to provide for the establishment and implementation of a fingerprint processing system to be used whenever a visa is issued to an alien; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself and Mr. MILLER):

S. 1492. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the tax relief sunset and to reduce the maximum capital gains rates for individual taxpayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 1493. A bill to forgive interest payments for a 2-year period on certain disaster loans to small business concerns in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BREAU, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1494. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to limit the use of the common name "catfish" in the market of fish; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1495. A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions concerning the liability associated with a release or threatened release of recycled oil; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 1496. A bill to clarify the accounting treatment for Federal income tax purposes of deposits and similar amounts received by a tour operator for a tour arranged by such operator; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1497. A bill to convey certain property to the city of St. George, Utah, in order to provide for the protection and preservation of certain rare paleontological resources on that property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1498. A bill to provide that Federal employees, members of the foreign service, members of the uniformed services, family members and dependents of such employees and members, and other individuals may retain for personal use promotional items received as a result of official Government travel; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. BOND, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAU, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mrs. CLIN-

TON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Res. 166. A resolution designating the week of October 21, 2001, through October 27, 2001, and the week of October 20, 2002, through October 26, 2002, as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. CARPER):

S. Res. 167. A resolution recognizing Ambassador Douglas "Pete" Peterson for his service to the United States as the first American ambassador to Vietnam since the Vietnam War; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2001

S. RES. 160

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FIRST), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator

from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 160, a resolution designating the month of October 2001, as "Family History Month."

SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

S. 1454

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 1454, a bill to provide assistance for employees who are separated from employment as a result of reductions in service by air carriers, and closures of airports, caused by terrorist actions or security measures.

S. RES. 160

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 160, a resolution designating the month of October 2001, as "Family History Month."

AMENDMENT NO 1599

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1599 intended to be proposed to S. 1438, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy,

to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1601

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1601 intended to be proposed to S. 1438, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

AMENDMENT NO. 1599

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1599 intended to be proposed to S. 1438, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, as for other purposes.

OCTOBER 3, 2001

S. 326

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, 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 and to permanently increase payments for such services that are furnished in rural areas.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to expand trade benefits to certain Andean countries, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits.

S. 686

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for energy efficient appliances.

S. 1017

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr.

SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1017, a bill to provide the people of Cuba with access to food and medicines from the United States, to ease restrictions on travel to Cuba, to provide scholarships for certain Cuban nationals, and for other purposes.

S. 1165

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1165, a bill to prevent juvenile crime, promote accountability by and rehabilitation of juvenile crime, punish and deter violent gang crime, and for other purposes.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of medicare cost contracts for 10 years.

S. 1236

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1236, a bill to reduce criminal gang activities.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to provide for the reauthorization of the breast cancer research special postage stamp, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War.

S. 1278

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1278, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a United States independent film and television production wage credit.

S. 1339

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1339, a bill to amend the Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000 to provide an asylum program with regard to American Persian Gulf War POW/MIAs, and for other purposes.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Rare Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

S. 1434

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1434, a bill to authorize the President to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to the passengers and crew of United Airlines flight 93 in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001.

S. 1444

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1444, a bill to establish a Federal air marshals program under the Attorney General.

S. 1454

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1454, a bill to provide assistance for employees who are separated from employment as a result of reductions in service by air carriers, and closures of airports, caused by terrorist actions or security measures.

S. 1465

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1465, a bill to authorize the President to provide assistance to Pakistan and India through September 30, 2003.

S. 1478

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1478, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to improve the treatment of certain animals, and for other purposes.

S. J. RES. 18

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. J. Res. 18, a joint resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

S. CON. RES. 70

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 70, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the "National Wash America Campaign."

S. CON. RES. 74

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 74, a concurrent resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Sikh-Americans

in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001.

AMENDMENT NO. 1820

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1820 proposed to S. 1438, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (by request):

S. 1488. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to make modifications in the veterans home loan guaranty program, to make permanent certain temporary authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Madam President, today I introduce legislation requested by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, as a courtesy to the Secretary and the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA. Except in unusual circumstances, it will be my practice to introduce legislation requested by the administration so that such measures will be available for review and consideration.

This "by-request" bill is titled the "Veterans' Benefits Act of 2001." It would, among other things, authorize a cost-of-living adjustment for fiscal year 2002 for VA disability compensation, make modifications the VA home loan guaranty program, and make permanent certain temporary authorities.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill and Secretary Principi's transmittal letter that accompanied the draft legislation be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill and the letter were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1488

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Benefits Act of 2001".

(b) **REFERENCES.**—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be con-

sidered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

(c) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Section 1. Short title; references to title 38, United States Code; table of contents.

**TITLE I—COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

Sec. 101. Increase in compensation rates and limitations.

Sec. 102. Rounding down of cost-of-living adjustments in compensation and DIC rates.

**TITLE II—HOUSING LOANS**

Sec. 201. Vendee loan authority.

Sec. 202. Loan fees.

Sec. 203. Procedures on default.

**TITLE III—TEMPORARY AUTHORITIES MADE PERMANENT**

Sec. 301. Income verification authority.

Sec. 302. Limitation on pension for certain recipients of medicaid-covered nursing home care.

Sec. 303. Health-care and medication copayments.

Sec. 304. Third-party insurance collections.

**TITLE I—COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

**SEC. 101. INCREASE IN COMPENSATION RATES AND LIMITATIONS.**

(a) **RATE ADJUSTMENT.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 2001, increase the dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

(b) **AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.**—The dollar amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are the following:

(1) **COMPENSATION.**—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.**—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1115(1) of such title.

(3) **CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.**—The dollar amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

(4) **NEW DIC RATES.**—The dollar amounts in effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1311(a) of such title.

(5) **OLD DIC RATES.**—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such title.

(6) **ADDITIONAL DIC FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES WITH MINOR CHILDREN.**—The dollar amount in effect under section 1311(b) of such title.

(7) **ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.**—The dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and 1311(d) of such title.

(8) **DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.**—The dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

(c) **DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.**—(1) The increase under subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar amounts specified in subsection (b) as in effect on November 30, 2001.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), each such amount shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 2001, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

(3) Each dollar amount increased pursuant to paragraph (2) shall, if not a whole dollar amount, be rounded down to the next lower whole dollar amount.

(d) **SPECIAL RULE.**—The Secretary may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases made under subsection (a), the

rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law 85-857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

(e) **PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.**—At the same time as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2002, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified in subsection (b) as increased under this section.

**SEC. 102. ROUNDING DOWN OF COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS IN COMPENSATION AND DIC RATES.**

(a) **COMPENSATION COLAS.**—Section 1104(a) is amended by striking out "fiscal years 1998 through 2002."

(b) **DIC COLAS.**—Section 1303(a) is amended by striking out "fiscal years 1998 through 2002."

**TITLE II—HOUSING LOANS**

**SEC. 201. VENDEE LOAN AUTHORITY.**

(a) **TERMINATION OF VENDEE LOAN AUTHORITY.**—Section 3733(a) is amended by striking out paragraphs (1) and (2) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

"(1) Prior to October 1, 2001, the Secretary may sell real property acquired by the Secretary as the result of a default on a loan guaranteed or made under this chapter with the purchase financed by a loan made by the Secretary."

(b) **INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AMENDMENT.**—Section 6103(I)(7)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, is amended by striking out "Clause (viii) shall not apply after September 30, 2003."

**SEC. 302. LIMITATION ON PENSION FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF MEDICAID-COVERED NURSING HOME CARE.**

Section 5503(f) is amended by striking out paragraph (7).

**SEC. 303. HEALTH CARE AND MEDICATION COPAYMENTS.**

(a) Section 1710 is amended by striking out "before September 30, 2002," in subsection (f)(2)(B).

(b) Section 1722A is amended by striking out subsection (d).

**SEC. 304. THIRD-PARTY INSURANCE COLLECTIONS.**

Section 1729 is amended by striking out "before October 1, 2002," in subsection (a)(2)(E).

THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
Washington, August 2, 2001.

Hon. RICHARD B. CHENEY,  
President of the Senate,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. VICE PRESIDENT: There is transmitted herewith a draft bill, the "Veterans' Benefits Act of 2001," to authorize a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for fiscal year (FY) 2002 in the rates of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), to make modifications in the veterans home loan guaranty program, to make permanent certain temporary authorities, and for other purposes. All of the bill's provisions are in support of the President's FY 2002 budget request for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). I request that this bill be referred to the appropriate committee for prompt consideration and enactment.

*Compensation and DIC COLA*

Section 101 of the draft bill would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase