

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 776. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase the floor for treatment as an extremely low DSH State to 3 percent in fiscal year 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 777. A bill to permanently extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. REID, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. GRAMM):

S. Res. 73. A resolution to commend James Harold English for his 23 years of service to the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DAYTON (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. Res. 74. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding consideration of legislation providing medicare beneficiaries with outpatient prescription drug coverage; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. KERRY)):

S. Res. 75. A resolution designating the week beginning May 13, 2001, as "National Biotechnology Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 39

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 39, a bill to provide a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 41

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit and to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit.

S. 60

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) were added as cosponsors of S. 60, a bill to authorize the Department of Energy programs to develop and implement an accelerated research and development program for

advanced clean coal technologies for use in coal-based electricity generating facilities and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide financial incentives to encourage the retrofitting, repowering, or replacement of coal-based electricity generating facilities to protect the environment and improve efficiency and encourage the early commercial application of advanced clean coal technologies, so as to allow coal to help meet the growing need of the United States for the generation of reliable and affordable electricity.

S. 133

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 231

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 231, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that seniors are given an opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and volunteers for certain programs.

S. 250

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 250, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 277

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to provide for teacher liability protection.

S. 350

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) were added as cosponsors of S. 350, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 350, supra.

S. 393

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 393, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage charitable contributions to public charities for use in medical research.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to provide Capitol-flown flags to the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that the Secretary of Health and Human Services provides appropriate guidance to physicians, providers of services, and ambulance providers that are attempting to properly submit claims under the medicare program to ensure that the Secretary does not target inadvertent billing errors.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to reduce the risk that innocent persons may be executed, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) 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. 554

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand medicare coverage of certain self-injected biologicals.

S. 656

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 656, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 659, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the labor costs relating to items

and services furnished in a geographically reclassified hospital for which reimbursement under the medicare program is provided on a prospective basis.

S. 706

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 706, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish programs to alleviate the nursing profession shortage, and for other purposes.

S. 739

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 739, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 63

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 63, a resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

S. RES. 68

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 68, a resolution designating September 6, 2001 as "National Crazy Horse Day."

S. CON. RES. 28

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 28, a concurrent resolution calling for a United States effort to end restrictions on the freedoms and human rights of the enclaved people in the occupied area of Cyprus.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 771. A bill to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the State of Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague, Senator BILL NELSON, to introduce legislation that will protect the coast of Florida in the future from the damages of offshore drilling.

In past Congresses, I have introduced similar legislation that sought to codify the annual moratorium on leasing in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico and ensure that state's receive all environmental documentation prior to making a decision on whether to allow drilling off of their shores.

Today, I am introducing legislation that takes these steps, plus several others. The Outer Continental Shelf Protection Act will protect Florida's fragile coastline from outer continental shelf leasing and drilling in three important ways.

First, we transform the annual moratorium on leasing and preleasing activity off the coast of Florida into a permanent ban covering planning areas in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, the Straits of Florida, and the Florida section of the South Atlantic.

Second, the Outer Continental Shelf Protection Act corrects an egregious conflict in regulatory provisions where an effected state is required to make a consistency determination for proposed oil and gas production or development under the Coastal Zone Management Act prior to receiving the Environmental Impact Statement, EIS, for them from the Mineral Management Service.

Our bill requires that the EIS is provided to affected states before they make a consistency determination, and it requires that every oil and gas development plan have an EIS completed prior to development.

Third, our bill buys back leases in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico which are an immediate threat to Florida's natural heritage and economic engine.

What does this bill mean for Florida? The elimination of preleasing activity and lease sales off the coast of Florida protects our economic and environmental future.

For years, I have taken my children and grandchildren to places like Grayton Beach so that they can appreciate the natural treasures and local cultures that are part of both their own heritage and that of the Florida Panhandle.

We have a solemn obligation to preserve these important aspects of our state's history for all of our children and grandchildren. Much of our identity as Floridians is tied to the thousands of miles of pristine coastline that surround most of our state.

The Florida coastline will not be safe if offshore oil and gas resources are developed. For example, a 1997 Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, study indicated that even in the absence of oil leakage, a typical oil rig can discharge between 6,500 and 13,000 barrels of waste per year. The same study also warned of further harmful impact on marine mammal populations, fish populations, and air quality.

In addition to leakages and waste discharges, physical disturbances caused by anchoring, pipeline placement, rig construction, and the re-suspension of bottom sediments can also be destructive. Given these conclusions, Floridians are unwilling to risk the environmental havoc that oil or natural gas drilling could wreak along the sensitive Panhandle coastline.

Because the natural beauty and diverse habitats of the Gulf of Mexico, the Florida Keys, and Florida's Atlantic Coast attract visitors from all over the world and support a variety of commercial activities, an oil or natural gas accident in these areas could have a crippling effect on the economy. In 1996, the cities of Panama City, Pensacola, and Fort Walton Beach reported \$1.5 billion in sales to tourists. Florida's fishing industry benefits from the fact that nearly 90 percent of reef fish caught in the Gulf of Mexico come from the West Florida continental shelf.

For the last several years, I have been working with my colleagues, former Senator Connie Mack and now Senator BILL NELSON, Congressman JOE SCARBOROUGH, and others to head off the threat of oil and natural gas drilling. In June of 1997, we introduced legislation to cancel six natural gas leases seventeen miles off of the Pensacola coast and compensate Mobil Oil Corporation for its investment. Five days after the introduction of that legislation and two months before it was scheduled to begin exploratory drilling off Florida's Panhandle, Mobil ended its operation and returned its leases to the federal government.

While that action meant that Panhandle residents faced one less economic and environmental catastrophe-in-the-making, it did not completely eliminate the threats posed by oil and natural gas drilling off Florida's Gulf Coast. Florida's Congressional representatives fight hard each year to extend the federal moratorium on new oil and natural gas leases in the Gulf of Mexico. But that solution is temporary.

Today we are introducing the Outer Continental Shelf Protection Act to make permanent our efforts to protect Florida's coastlines. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee to move this legislation forward and protect the coast of future generations of Floridians and visitors to Florida.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 772. A bill to permit the reimbursement of the expenses incurred by an affected State and units of local government for security at an additional non-governmental property to be secured by the Secret Service for protection of the President for a period of not to exceed 60 days each fiscal year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I introduce a bill to provide fair reimbursement to state and local law enforcement organizations for additional costs incurred by them in providing frequent assistance to the Secret Service to protect the President of the United States.

Of course, the Secret Service has the principal responsibility for protecting