CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

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of Regulations on Tobacco Products and Cigarette Filters and Tubes (HRIN151-A35) received on June 28, 2001, to the Committee on Finance.

EC–269. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diamond Mountain District Viticultural Area" (HRIN151-A10) received on June 28, 2001, to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:


INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGMAN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1107. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to prevent discrimination based on participation in labor disputes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. COLLINS):

S. 1108. A bill to authorize the transfer and conveyance of real property at the Naval Security Group Activity, Winter Harbor, Maine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1109. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the excise tax exemptions for aerial applicators of fertilizers or other substances; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 1110. A bill to require that the area of a zip code number shall be located entirely within a State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRAG (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGMAN, Mr. BURNS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DASCHEL, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NEELSON of Nebraska, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. WILLOUGHBY):

S. 1111. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the National Rural Development Partnership, for purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. FEDERICO, Mr. BINGMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. INOUYE):

S. 1112. A bill to provide Federal Perkins Loan cancellation for public defenders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1115. A bill to amend section 1562 of title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of Medall of Honor Roll special pension, to provide for an annual adjustment in the amount of that special pension, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1114. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUYE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1115. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INOUYE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1116. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased foreign assistance for tuberculosis prevention, treatment, and control; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1117. A bill to establish the policy of the United States for reducing the number of nuclear warheads in the United States and Russian arsenals, for reducing the number of nuclear weapons of those two nations that are on high alert, and for expanding and accelerating programs to prevent diversion and proliferation of Russian nuclear weapons, fissile materials, and nuclear expertise; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

By Mr. DODD:

S. 381. A bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act of 1940, and title 10, United States Code, to maximize the access of uniformed services voters and recently separated uniformed services voters to the polls, to ensure that each vote cast by such a voter is duly counted, and for other purposes.

S. 409. At the request of Mr. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the standards for compensation for Persian Gulf veterans suffering from certain undiagnosed illnesses, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. WASSERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for fairness and accuracy in high stakes educational decisions for students.

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to fully fund 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for programs under part B of such Act.

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 556, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to provide that the same health insurance premium conversion arrangements afforded to Federal employees be made available to Federal annuitants and members and retired members of the uniformed services.

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 570, a bill to establish a permanent Violence Against Women Office at the Department of Justice.

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senators from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 592, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicad and State children’s health insurance program.

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financing to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, supra.
At the request of Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, supra.

At the request of Mr. McCain, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Voinovich) was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing drugs by athletes, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Chafee, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Bayh) was added as a cosponsor of S. 830, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

At the request of Mrs. Hatchison, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. S. R. Barnes) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment for inpatient hospital services under the Medicare program and to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education.

At the request of Mr. Dayton, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Levin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates.

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. Graham) was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of certain expenses of rural letter carriers.

At the request of Mr. Reid, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Hutchinson) was added as a cosponsor of S. 866, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a national media campaign to reduce and prevent underage drinking in the United States.

At the request of Mr. Enzi, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. Stevens) was added as a cosponsor of S. 906, a bill to provide for protection of gun owner privacy and ownership rights, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Breaux, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Leahy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 920, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax to individuals who rehabilitate historic homes or who are the first purchasers of rehabilitated historic homes for use as a principal residence.

At the request of Mr. Harkin, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Leahy), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McConnell), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. Feingold), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Torricelli), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. Dayton), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Corzine) were added as cosponsors of S. 926, a bill to prohibit the importation of any article that is produced, manufactured, or grown in Burma.

At the request of Mrs. Clinton, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Biden) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 117, a resolution honoring John J. Downing, Brian Fahey, and Harry Ford, who lost their lives in the course of duty as firefighters.

At the request of Mr. Harkin, the names of the Senators from New Jersey (Mr. Corzine), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Durbin), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. Nelson) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 9, a concurrent resolution condemning the violence in East Timor and urging the establishment of an international war crimes tribunal for prosecuting crimes against humanity that occurred during that conflict.

At the request of Mr. Campbell, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. Santorum) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 234, a concurrent resolution congratulating the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the tenth anniversary of the reestablishment of their full independence.

At the request of Mr. Hagel, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. Kohl), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. Mikulski), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Corzine) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 53, concurrent resolution encouraging the development of strategies to reduce hunger and poverty, and to promote free market economies and democratic institutions, in sub-Saharan Africa.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. Harkin (for himself Mr. Wellstone, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. S. R. Barnes, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Dodd, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Levin, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Rockefeller and Mrs. Boxer).

S. 1107. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act to provide for a commission based in part on participation in labor disputes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. Harkin. Mr. President, I, along with 15 of my colleagues are introducing a bill today that addresses an issue we haven’t talked about enough in the Senate in recent years—but it’s a critically important issue that we cannot continue to ignore.

I’m talking about workers’ rights—specifically the erosion of a worker’s fundamental right to strike, to protect that right.

Today, we are introducing the Workplace Fairness Act. This may sound familiar to many of my colleagues here in the Senate. It was a bill my good friend and former colleague Senator Howard Metzenbaum from Ohio introduced in the 102nd and 103rd congress.

The Workplace Fairness Act would amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Railway Labor Act by prohibiting employers from hiring permanent replacement workers during a strike. It would also make it an unfair labor practice for an employer to refuse to allow a striking worker who has made an unconditional offer to return to go back to work.

Why do we need this legislation? Because right now, a right to strike is a right to be permanently replaced—to lose your job. Every cut-rate, cut-throat employer knows they can break a union if they are willing to play hardball and ruin the lives of the people who have made their company what it is. In my own state of Iowa—Titan Tire Company out of Des Moines, is trying to drive out the union workers with permanent replacements—the union has been on strike for three years now.

Over the past two decades, workers’ right to strike has too often been undermined by the destructive practice of hiring permanent replacement workers. Since the 1980s, permanent replacements have been used again and again to break unions and to shift the balance between workers and management.

Titan Tire just outside is just one of many examples. On May 1, 1998, the 650 members of the United Steelworkers of America, Local 164, who work in Des Moines Titan Tire plant, were forced into an Unfair Labor Practice Strike.

During the contract negotiations preceding this strike, Titan International Inc. President and CEO, Morry Taylor, attempted to eliminate pension and medical benefits and illegally move jobs and equipment out of the plant. He also forced employees to work excessive mandatory overtime, sometimes working people as many as 26 days in a row without a day off.

Well, the membership decided that Titan’s final offer was impossible to accept, and they voted to strike. Two