

their part of the bargain—now the government has a responsibility to do likewise. The legislation we introduce today is a Senate companion to House legislation introduced by Representative J.C. WATTS. Congressman WATTS has put a great deal of effort and leadership into this issue and I applaud his efforts.

Military retirees are the only Federal Government personnel who have been prevented from using their employer-provided health care once they reach Medicare-eligible age. In the past, Medicare-eligible retirees have received health care in military treatment facilities on a "space available" basis. However, cutbacks in health care funding, force reductions and base closures are forcing many Medicare-eligible retirees out of the military medical system. The legislation we have introduced today would correct this inequity by giving all military retirees health care coverage equal to our FEHBP health plan or the option to enroll in FEHBP. As you know, Mr. President, FEHBP is the same plan in which you, I, and all our colleagues and staff in the Congress, have the option of enrolling. FEHBP is a successfully administered health benefits plan. The least we can do is offer to our nation's military retirees the same choices in health care as are available to us. I dare say they deserve it.

This legislation would do more than allow access to FEHBP to retirees. It would also allow retirees experiencing difficulties with the TRICARE/CHAMPUS health plans. Due to TRICARE/CHAMPUS reimbursement rates, which are 15 percent below Medicare reimbursement rates, many doctors do not participate in TRICARE/CHAMPUS. When a military hospital has no space available for a military retiree, the retiree is referred to a private facility. If a private facility does not accept TRICARE/CHAMPUS, the retiree is left waiting for available space in a military hospital. This is unjust. Under this legislation, military retirees who cannot receive under TRICARE/CHAMPUS the same level of care provided under FEHBP have the option of enrolling in FEHBP. Again, Mr. President, these are the same options available to us as federal employees.

Mr. President, the Congress understands the need to fix the military health care system. Just last year in the 1998 Defense Authorization Act, this body recognized through an amendment I proudly cosponsored, the moral obligation we have incurred to provide health care to members and former members of the Armed Forces who are entitled to retired or retainer pay. This is a huge undertaking and important considerations such as the cost of such an endeavor must be made. While this legislation places caps on annual spending, providing those with funding concerns concrete numbers which to work, I firmly believe we can ill-afford not to honor the promises our nation made to these men and women.

Mr. President, this nation has long stood by the men and women who have fought for, and secured, our country's freedom. Without these soldiers America would not stand today as the world's example of democracy and cornerstone of freedom. We owe it to our nation, to our nation's military retirees and to ourselves to make the small sacrifice that passage of this bill would require.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 1964. A bill to provide for the sale of certain public land in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to the Clark County Department of Aviation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE IVANPAH VALLEY AIRPORT PUBLIC LANDS
TRANSFER ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise to introduce The Ivanpah Valley Airport Public Lands Transfer Act for myself and Senator BRYAN, which provides for the sale of public lands in the Ivanpah Valley, Nevada, to the Clark County Department of Aviation.

Mr. President, Las Vegas Valley has the fastest growing population in the United States. Fifty percent of the visitors to Las Vegas come through McCarran Airport. This percentage is increasing as Las Vegas grows and increases in importance as an international travel destination.

Mr. President, Las Vegas Valley needs to begin developing other airports to accommodate passenger, air cargo, and charter flights. It is inevitable that McCarran Airport is reaching its capacity.

Mr. President, Las Vegas Valley has a unique opportunity to combine 6,650 acres of public land with up to \$400 million in private capital to provide a new publicly-owned and operated airport for Clark County. The Ivanpah Valley Airport site is located about 30 miles south of Las Vegas and would provide a secondary, southern gateway to the Las Vegas metropolitan area. Of the total acreage, about 2,000 acres will be developed for the airport and the balance will be developed as an industrial center. The Ivanpah Valley Airport will be integrated into a global air cargo distribution network.

Mr. President, let me assure you that this is not a giveaway of public lands. My bill requires Clark County to pay fair market value for the land. Additionally, even though private dollars will be used to help develop this complex, the airport will remain publicly-owned and managed.

Mr. President, I request unanimous consent that the Ivanpah Valley Airport Public Lands Transfer Act be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 1964

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Ivanpah Valley Airport Public Land Transfer Act".

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE TO CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 202 and 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712, 1713), the Secretary of the Interior shall convey, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the public land identified for disposition on the map entitled "Ivanpah Valley, Nevada-Airport Selections", numbered _____, and dated _____, to the Department of Aviation of Clark County, Nevada, for the purpose of developing an airport facility and infrastructure.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Secretary shall ensure that the map described in subsection (a) is on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Director, and the Las Vegas District, of the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) PHASED CONVEYANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convey the public land described in subsection (a) in small parcels over a period of up to 20 years, as is required to carry out the phased construction and development of the airport facility and infrastructure.

(2) APPRAISAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall ensure that an appraisal of the fair market value is conducted for each parcel of public land to be conveyed.

(3) PAYMENT OF FAIR MARKET VALUE.—A parcel shall be conveyed by the Secretary on payment by the Department of Aviation of Clark County, Nevada, to the Secretary, of the fair market value of the parcel, as determined under paragraph (2).

(d) WITHDRAWAL.—The public land described in subsection (a) is withdrawn from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 356

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 356, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to assure access to emergency medical services under group health plans, health insurance coverage, and the medicare and medicaid programs.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to restore the link between the maximum amount of earnings by blind individuals permitted without demonstrating ability to engage in substantial gainful activity and the exempt amount permitted in determining excess earnings under the earnings test.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to establish an Office of

Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution, and for other purposes.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 852, a bill to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles.

S. 981

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to provide for analysis of major rules.

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, *supra*.

S. 1080

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1080, a bill to amend the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 to provide for the coordination and implementation of a national aquaculture policy for the private sector by the Secretary of Agriculture, to establish an aquaculture development and research program, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to take into account newly developed renewable energy-based fuels and to equalize alternative fuel vehicle acquisition incentives to increase the flexibility of controlled fleet owners and operators, and for other purposes.

S. 1255

At the request of Mr. COATS, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1255, a bill to provide for the establishment of demonstration projects designed to determine the social, civic, psychological, and economic effects of providing to individuals and families with limited means an opportunity to accumulate assets, and to determine the extent to which an asset-based policy may be used to enable individuals and families with limited means to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

S. 1260

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1260, a bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes.

S. 1305

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the names of the Senator from New York

(Mr. MOYNIHAN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1305, a bill to invest in the future of the United States by doubling the amount authorized for basic scientific, medical, and pre-competitive engineering research.

S. 1325

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1325, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1325, *supra*.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a demonstration project to evaluate the feasibility of using the Federal Employees Health Benefits program to ensure the availability of adequate health care for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries under the military health care system.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1360, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify and improve the requirements for the development of an automated entry-exit control system, to enhance land border control and enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1392

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1392, a bill to provide for offsetting tax cuts whenever there is an elimination of a discretionary spending program.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1406, a bill to amend section 2301 of title 38, United States Code, to provide for the furnishing of burial flags on behalf of certain deceased members and former members of the Selected Reserve.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, and for other purposes.

S. 1421

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Caro-

lina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional support for and to expand clinical research programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1571

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1571, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age.

S. 1608

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1608, a bill to provide for budgetary reform by requiring the reduction of the deficit, a balanced Federal budget, and the repayment of the national debt.

S. 1621

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1621, a bill to provide that certain Federal property shall be made available to States for State use before being made available to other entities, and for other purposes.

S. 1643

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1643, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay for one year implementation of the per beneficiary limits under the interim payment system to home health agencies and to provide for a later base year for the purposes of calculating new payment rates under the system.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to reauthorize and make reforms to programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

S. 1677

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1677, a bill to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act.

S. 1758

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. FAIRCLOTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1758, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests.

S. 1759

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New Mexico

(Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1759, a bill to grant a Federal charter to the American GI Forum of the United States.

S. 1825

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1825, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide sufficient funding to assure a minimum size for honor guard details at funerals of veterans of the Armed Forces, to establish the minimum size of such details, and for other purposes.

S. 1903

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1903, a bill to prohibit the return of veterans memorial objects to foreign nations without specific authorization in law.

S. 1957

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1957, a bill to provide regulatory assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 65, a concurrent resolution calling for a United States effort to end restriction on the freedoms and human rights of the enslaved people in the occupied area of Cyprus.

SENATE RESOLUTION 175

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 175, a bill to designate the week of May 3, 1998 as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 197

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 197, a resolution designating May 6, 1998, as "National Eating Disorders Awareness Day" to heighten awareness and stress prevention of eating disorders.

SENATE RESOLUTION 199

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 199, a resolution designating the last week of April of each calendar year as "National Youth Fitness Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 211—EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE

Mr. FAIRCLOTH (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FORD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GLENN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 211

Whereas Terry Sanford served his country with distinction and honor for all of his adult life;

Whereas Terry Sanford served his country in World War II, where he saw action in 5 European campaigns and was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart;

Whereas as Governor of North Carolina from 1961 to 1965, Terry Sanford was a leader in education and racial tolerance and was named by Harvard University as 1 of the top 10 Governors of the 20th Century;

Whereas as President of Duke University, Terry Sanford made the University into a national leader in higher education that is today recognized as one of the finest universities in the United States; and

Whereas Terry Sanford served with honor in the United States Senate from 1987 to 1993 and championed the solvency of the social security system: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable

Terry Sanford and expresses its condolences to the Sanford family, especially Margaret Rose, his wife of over 55 years; and

(2) expresses its profound gratitude to the Honorable Terry Sanford and his family for the service that he rendered to his country.

SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL.

The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable Terry Sanford.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE EDUCATION SAVINGS ACT FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

MOSELEY-BRAUN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2292

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN (for herself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBB, Mr. GLENN, Mr. REID, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 2646) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after "SECTION", and insert the following:

1. SHORT TITLE; AMENDMENT TO 1986 CODE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Public School Improvement Tax Act of 1998".

(b) AMENDMENT TO 1986 CODE.—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 considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; amendment to 1986 Code; table of contents.

TITLE I—TAX INCENTIVES FOR EDUCATION

Sec. 101. Expansion of incentives for public schools.

Sec. 102. Exclusion from gross income of education distributions from qualified State tuition programs.

Sec. 103. Extension of exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance.

Sec. 104. Additional increase in arbitrage rebate exception for governmental bonds used to finance education facilities.

Sec. 105. Exclusion of certain amounts received under the National Health Corps Scholarship program.

Sec. 106. Treatment of qualified public educational facility bonds as exempt facility bonds.

TITLE II—REVENUE

Sec. 201. Clarification of deduction for deferred compensation.