

leaves little room for creative adaptation of spaces in existing buildings in existing village centers.

TAFTSVILLE

When the Postal Service advertised to lease a new, larger space for the Taftsville Post Office, housed for 65 years in the general store, people in town voiced their opposition. One resident wrote a letter to the Editor of the New York Times that focused attention on the issue. In a compromise praised by locals, an addition to the rear of the store was built to house expanded postal facilities. Village residents care about preserving village post offices as centers of community life, and will work to find solutions, if given the chance.

HUNTINGTON

Development plans were well underway to move the post office out of Huntington village to a new building before the general public was aware of the proposal. When residents found out, many voiced objection and they identified a larger, historic building in the village that could serve the Postal Service's need for expanded space. Plans are now being developed to help fund the purchase and rehab of the building for post office and other commercial use. Residents note that lack of early notification polarized the community and slowed progress of the proposed in-town solution.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, post office relocations are not only occurring in Vermont, but all across the country. My colleagues will quickly discover similar examples in their own states where the removal of the post office has harmed the economic vitality of the downtown area, deprived citizens without cars of access, and contributed to urban sprawl.

The basic premise for this legislation is to give the individuals in a community a voice in the process of a proposed relocation, closing or consolidation of a post office. This community voice has been lacking in the current process. This bill does not give the citizenry the ultimate veto power over a relocation, closing or consolidation. Instead, the bill sets up a process that makes sure community voices and concerns are heard and taken into account by the Postal Service.

Additionally, this act will require the Postal Service to abide by local zoning laws and the historic preservation rules regarding federal buildings. Because it is a federal entity, the Postal Service has the ability to override local zoning requirements. In some cases this has led to disruption of traffic patterns, a rejection of local safety standards, and concerns about environmental damage from problems such as storm water management.

Mr. President, post offices in Vermont and across the nation are centers of social and business interaction. In communities where post offices are located on village greens or in downtowns, they become integral to these communities' identities. I believe that this legislation will strengthen the federal-local ties of the Postal Service, help preserve our downtowns, and combat the problem of sprawl. I urge my colleagues to join Senator BAUCUS and I in support of this important legislation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 89

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 89, a bill to prohibit discrimination against individuals and their family members on the basis of genetic information, or a request for genetic services.

S. 356

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. FAIRCLOTH) 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 medicare programs.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) 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. 1124

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1124, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes.

S. 1132

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1132, a bill to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument to include the lands within the headwaters of the Upper Alamo Watershed which drain into the Monument and which are not currently within the jurisdiction of a Federal land management agency, to authorize purchase or donation of those lands, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. FAIRCLOTH), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1251, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of private activity bonds which may be issued in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from North Caro-

lina (Mr. FAIRCLOTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of low-income housing credits which may be allocated in each State, and to index such amount for inflation.

S. 1260

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor 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 name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1571

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) 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. 1579

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1579, a bill to amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to extend the authorizations of appropriations for such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1618

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1618, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the protection of consumers against "slamming" by telecommunications carriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1723

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1723, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to assist the United States to remain competitive by increasing the access of the United States firms and institutions of higher education to skilled personnel and by expanding educational and training opportunities for American students and workers.

S. 1724

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1724, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the information reporting requirement relating to the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credits imposed on educational institutions and certain other trades and businesses.

S. 1758

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1915

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish requirements concerning the operation of fossil fuel-fired electric utility steam generating units, commercial and industrial boiler units, solid waste incineration units, medical waste incinerators, hazardous waste combustors, chlor-alkali plants, and Portland cement plants to reduce emissions of mercury to the environment, and for other purposes.

S. 1970

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1970, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

S. 1983

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1983, a bill to amend section 991(a) of title 28, United States Code, to require certain members of the United States Sentencing Commission to be selected from among individuals who are victims of a crime of violence.

S. 1992

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1992, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the \$500,000 exclusion of a gain on the sale of a principal residence shall apply to certain sales by a surviving spouse.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 30, a joint resolution designating March 1, 1998 as "United States Navy Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day," and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 207

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 207, a resolution commemorating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
RESTRUCTURING AND REFORM
ACT OF 1998THOMPSON (AND FRIST)
AMENDMENT NO. 2337

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. THOMPSON (for himself and Mr. FRIST) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (H.R. 2676) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 392, after line 24, add:

**SEC. 3714. CLARIFICATION OF STATE AUTHORITY
TO TAX COMPENSATION PAID TO
CERTAIN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**

(a) FORT CAMPBELL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

**"§115. Limitation on State authority to tax
compensation paid to individuals perform-
ing services at Fort Campbell, Kentucky**

"Pay and compensation paid to an individual for personal services at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, shall be subject to taxation by the State or any political subdivision thereof of which such employee is a resident."

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 4 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"115. Limitation on State authority to tax compensation paid to individuals performing services at Fort Campbell, Kentucky."

(b) FACILITIES ON THE COLUMBIA AND MISSOURI RIVERS.—Section 111 of title 4, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a) GENERAL RULE.—" before "The United States" the first place it appears, and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED AT FEDERAL HYDRO-ELECTRIC FACILITIES LOCATED ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER.—Pay or compensation paid by the United States for personal services as an employee of the United States at a hydro-electric facility—

"(1) which is owned by the United States,

"(2) which is located on the Columbia River, and

"(3) portions of which are within the States of Oregon and Washington,

shall be subject to taxation by the State or any political subdivision thereof of which such employee is a resident.

"(c) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED AT FEDERAL HYDRO-ELECTRIC FACILITIES LOCATED ON THE MISSOURI RIVER.—Pay or compensation paid by the United States for personal services as an employee of the United States at a hydro-electric facility—

"(1) which is owned by the United States,

"(2) which is located on the Missouri River, and

"(3) portions of which are within the States of South Dakota and Nebraska,

shall be subject to taxation by the State or any political subdivision thereof of which such employee is a resident."

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to pay and compensation paid after the date of the enactment of this Act.

BROWNBACK AMENDMENT NO. 2338

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 2676) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Tax Code Termination Act".

**SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF INTERNAL REVENUE
CODE OF 1986.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—No tax shall be imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986—

(1) for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 2001, and

(2) in the case of any tax not imposed on the basis of a taxable year, on any taxable event or for any period after December 31, 2001.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to taxes imposed by—

(1) chapter 2 of such Code (relating to tax on self-employment income),

(2) chapter 21 of such Code (relating to Federal Insurance Contributions Act), and

(3) chapter 22 of such Code (relating to Railroad Retirement Tax Act).

SEC. 3. NEW FEDERAL TAX SYSTEM.

(a) STRUCTURE.—The Congress hereby declares that any new Federal tax system should be a simple and fair system that—

(1) applies a low rate to all Americans,

(2) provides tax relief for working Americans,

(3) protects the rights of taxpayers and reduces tax collection abuses,

(4) eliminates the bias against savings and investment,

(5) promotes economic growth and job creation, and

(6) does not penalize marriage or families.

(b) TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION.—In order to ensure an easy transition and effective implementation, the Congress hereby declares that any new Federal tax system should be approved by Congress in its final form not later than July 4, 2001.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, May 6, 1998 at 10 a.m. on tribal sovereign immunity, focusing on torts. The hearing will be held in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. COLLINS, Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, will hold a hearing on "Safety of Food Imports."

This hearing will take place on Thursday, May 14, 1998, at 9:30 a.m., in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Timothy J. Shea of the subcommittee staff at 224-3721.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEETCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ROTH, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. on the nomination of Deborah Kilmer to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.