

from HAWAII (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2764, a bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 and the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 to extend the authorizations of appropriations for the programs carried out under such Acts, and for other purposes.

S. 2787

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2787, a bill to reauthorize the Federal programs to prevent violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2866

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2866, a bill to provide for early learning programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2912

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senators from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2912, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to remove certain limitations on the eligibility of aliens residing in the United States to obtain lawful permanent residency status.

S. 2937

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2937, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to Medicare+Choice plans through an increase in the annual Medicare+Choice capitation rates and for other purposes.

S. 2938

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2938, a bill to prohibit United States assistance to the Palestinian Authority if a Palestinian state is declared unilaterally, and for other purposes.

S. 2967

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2967, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate competition in the electric power industry.

S. 2999

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2999, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the regulatory processes used by the Health Care Financing Administration to administer the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 3007

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senators from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as cosponsors of S. 3007, a bill to provide for

measures in response to a unilateral declaration of the existence of a Palestinian state.

S. 3009

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3009, a bill to provide funds to the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement.

S. 3030

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3030, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for executive agencies to conduct annual recovery audits and recovery activities, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 304

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 304, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans' contributions to the country and the designation of the week that includes Veterans Day as "National Veterans Awareness Week" for the presentation of such educational programs.

S. RES. 330

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH), were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 330, a resolution to designating the week beginning September 24, 2000, as "National Amputee Awareness Week."

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

STEM CELL RESEARCH ACT OF 2000

BROWNBACK AMENDMENTS NOS. 4154-4162

(Ordered referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions)

Mr. BROWNBACK submitted nine amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 2015) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to human embryonic stem cells; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 4154

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . PROHIBITION ON EXPORTATION OF HUMAN EMBRYOS.

The Secretary of Commerce shall prohibit the export (as such term is defined in section 16 of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App 2415)) from the United States of any human embryo or part thereof.

AMENDMENT No. 4155

On page 1, line 6, strike "Sec.".

AMENDMENT No. 4156

On page 1, line 6, strike "2.".

AMENDMENT No. 4157

On page 1, line 6, strike "Research".

AMENDMENT No. 4158

On page 1, line 6, strike "on".

AMENDMENT No. 4159

On page 1, line 6, strike "Human".

AMENDMENT No. 4160

On page 1, line 6, strike "Embryonic".

AMENDMENT No. 4161

On page 1, line 6, strike "Stem".

AMENDMENT No. 4162

On page 1, line 6, strike "Cells".

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2000

ABRAHAM AMENDMENT NO. 4163

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 2796) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . APPLICATION TO GREAT LAKES.

(a) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—Section 1109(c) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 1962d-20(d)) is amended to read as follows:

"(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) GREAT LAKES STATE.—The term 'Great Lakes State' means each of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, and Wisconsin.

"(2) DIVERSION.—The term 'diversion' includes exports of bulk fresh water.

"(3) BULK FRESH WATER.—The term 'bulk fresh water' means fresh water extracted in amounts intended for transportation outside the United States by commercial vessel or similar form of mass transportation, without further processing."

(b) ADDITIONAL FINDING.—Section 1109 (b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 1962d-20) is amended by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), and by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

"(2) to encourage the Great Lakes States, in consultation with the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, to develop and implement a mechanism that provides a common conservation standard embodying the principles of water conservation and resource improvement for making decisions concerning the withdrawal and use of water from the Great Lakes Basin;"

(c) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of the Congress that the Secretary of State should work with the Canadian Government to encourage and support the Provinces in the development and implementation of a mechanism and standard concerning the withdrawal and use of water from the Great Lakes Basin consistent with those mechanisms and standards developed by the Great Lakes States.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on

Wednesday, September 27, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Building to conduct a hearing on S. 2052, a bill to establish a demonstration project to authorize the integration and coordination of Federal funding dedicated to community, business, and the economic development of Native American communities to be followed immediately by a business meeting to mark up pending committee bills.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President I ask unanimous consent that Ms. Kimbriel Dean be allowed on the floor for the duration of my remarks.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to David Sarokin, a fellow on my staff, during the pendency of S. 2045, the H-1B visa bill.

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

MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5203

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 5203 is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5203) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to sections 103(a)(2), 103(b)(2), and 213(b)(2)(C) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce the public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for retirement security.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading, and I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION ACT OF 2000

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives to accompany H.R. 2909.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, H.R. 2909, entitled "An Act to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children in Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and for other purposes," with an amendment.

Mr. ENZI. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate agree to the amendment of the House.

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

Mr. LEAHY. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. ENZI. I yield.

Mr. LEAHY. Regarding the last bill that went through, I want to take a moment to compliment a colleague of mine from Massachusetts, Congressman DELAHUNT, who has worked so hard and so diligently. It will give me a great deal of pleasure to tell him it has passed. I thank my friend.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I am extremely pleased that today the Senate is giving advice and consent to the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption, and approval to the related implementing legislation.

The Senate's approval of these measures will send both of them to the President for his signature. This is good news for American parents looking to adopt overseas, and good news for the thousands of orphaned children overseas looking for loving homes.

This treaty is important for a very simple reason—it will help facilitate international adoptions and provide important safeguards for children and adoptive parents. It is a good thing when the government can make things easier for its citizens—in this case, adoptive parents. An adoption is a joyous occasion, but the current system can be confusing and present uncertainties.

The Hague Convention establishes a uniform system for adopting children from other countries—so that both adoptive parents and biological parents have the assurance that an adoption is being done right. The Hague Convention and the implementing bill also establish mechanisms for improved governmental oversight for international adoptions—in order to guard against fraud and other problems associated with such adoptions.

The implementing legislation is the product of compromise between a number of people—the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator HELMS, Senator LANDRIEU, Senator BROWNBACK, and myself, and several people in the other body, including Chairman BEN GILMAN, and Representative SAM GEJDENSON, BILL DELAHUNT, and DAVE CAMP. None of us got all that we wanted. But I believe we have a good product here. I want to express my appreciation to them and their staffs for the hard work that went into the drafting of this bill. Several people in the executive branch, too numerous to mention, also contributed greatly to this bill.

Now the hard work of putting the promise of the Hague Convention into reality begins. The executive branch will have much to do in implementing this treaty, and Congress will have a duty to oversee this work closely. But today we are taking an important step for parents and children—a step about which we can all be proud.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—TREATIES

Mr. ENZI. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive

session to consider the following treaties on today's Executive Calendar:

Nos. 15, 17, 18, and 19.

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

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Treaty Document No. 105-1, Convention On Protection of Children and Co-operation In Respect of Intercountry Adoption;

Treaty Document No. 106-8, Convention (No. 176) Concerning Safety and Health in Mines;

Treaty Document No. 106-14, Food Aid Convention 1999;

Treaty Document No. 105-48, Inter-American Convention On Sea Turtles.

Mr. ENZI. I further ask unanimous consent that the treaties be considered as having passed through their various parliamentary stages up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification; all committee provisos, reservations, understandings, and declarations be considered agreed to.

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

The treaties will be considered to have passed through their various parliamentary stages up to and including the resolutions of ratification.

The resolutions of ratification read as follows:

CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND COOPERATION IN RESPECT OF INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein), That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, adopted and opened for signature at the conclusion of the seventeenth session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law on May 29, 1993 (Treaty Doc. 105-51) (hereinafter, "The Convention"), subject to the declarations of subsection (a) and subsection (b).

(a) DECLARATIONS.—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declarations, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification.

(1) NON-SELF EXECUTING CONVENTION.—The United States declares that the provisions of Articles 1 through 39 of the Convention are non self-executing.

(2) PERFORMANCE OF REQUIRED FUNCTIONS.—The United States declares, pursuant to Article 22(2), that in the United States the Central Authority functions under Articles 15-21 may also be performed by bodies or persons meeting the requirements of Articles 22(2)(a) and (b). Such bodies or persons will be subject to federal law and regulations implementing the Convention as well as state licensing and other laws and regulations applicable to providers of adoption services. The performance of Central Authority functions by such approved adoption service providers would be subject to the supervision of the competent federal and state authorities in the United States.

(b) DECLARATIONS.—The Senate's advice and consent is subject to the following declarations, which shall be binding on the President:

(1) DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENT.—The President shall not deposit the instrument of ratification for the Convention until such time as the federal law implementing the Convention is enacted and the United States is able to carry out all the obligations of the Convention, as required by its implementing legislation.