

home fraud and abuse, increase protections for victims of telemarketing fraud, enhance safeguards for pension plans and health care benefit programs, and enhance penalties for crimes against seniors, and for other purposes.

S. 861

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 861, a bill to designate certain Federal land in the State of Utah as wilderness, and for other purposes.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S. 1510

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1510, a bill to revise the laws of the United States appertaining to United States cruise vessels, and for other purposes.

S. 2280

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2280, a bill to provide for the effective punishment of online child molesters.

S. 2718

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2718, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to introduce new technologies to reduce energy consumption in buildings.

S. 2887

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2887, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 3116

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3116, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to prevent circumvention of the sugar tariff-rate quotas.

S. 3139

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3139, a bill to ensure that no alien is removed, denied a benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act, or otherwise deprived of liberty, based on evidence that is kept secret from the alien.

S. 3152

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3152, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for distressed areas, and for other purposes.

S. 3242

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3242, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to encourage equity investment in rural cooperatives and other rural businesses, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 157—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO SHOULD ADHERE TO THE TERMS OF THE 1944 UTILIZATION OF WATERS OF THE COLORADO AND TIJUANA RIVERS AND OF THE RIO GRANDE TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. GRAMM) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 157

Whereas, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty on Water Utilization on February 3, 1944, to divide the waters of the Rio Grande and Colorado River systems, and;

Whereas, the Treaty required Mexico to deliver a minimum of 350,000 acre feet of water per year on a five year average from six Mexican tributaries, and;

Whereas, the Treaty required the United States to deliver a minimum of 1,500,000 acre feet of water per year from the Colorado River, and;

Whereas, the United States has never failed to meet its obligations under the Treaty, and;

Whereas, during the period of 1992-1997, Mexico failed to meet its obligations under the treaty by 1,024,000 acre feet, and;

Whereas, a recent study conducted by the Texas A&M University agriculture program has determined the economic impact to South Texas from this water loss due to non-compliance with the Treaty at \$441,000,000 per year;

Whereas, the Government of Mexico has not presented any plan to repay its entire water debt, as required by the Treaty; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that:*

(1) The President of the United States should promptly utilize the full power of his office to bring about compliance with the 1944 Treaty on Water Utilization in order that the full requirement of water be available for United States use during the next full crop season.

(2) The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission should work to bring about full compliance with the 1944 Treaty on Water Utilization and not accept any water debt or deficit repayment plan which does not provide for the full repayment of water owed.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 158—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING APPROPRIATE ACTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OF FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AGAINST JAPANESE COMPANIES THAT PROFITED FROM THE SLAVE LABOR THAT THOSE PERSONNEL WERE FORCED TO PERFORM FOR THOSE COMPANIES AS PRISONERS OF WAR OF JAPAN DURING WORLD WAR II

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CONRAD, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 158

Whereas from December 1941 to April 1942, members of the United States Armed Forces fought valiantly against overwhelming Japanese military forces on the Bataan peninsula of the Island of Luzon in the Philippines, thereby preventing Japan from accomplishing strategic objectives necessary for achieving early military victory in the Pacific during World War II;

Whereas after receiving orders to surrender on April 9, 1942, many of those valiant combatants were taken prisoner of war by Japan and forced to march 85 miles from the Bataan peninsula to a prisoner-of-war camp at former Camp O'Donnell;

Whereas, of the members of the United States Armed Forces captured by Imperial Japanese forces during the entirety of World War II, a total of 36,260 of them survived their capture and transit to Japanese prisoner-of-war camps to be interned in those camps, and 37.3 percent of those prisoners of war died during their imprisonment in those camps;

Whereas that march resulted in more than 10,000 deaths by reason of starvation, disease, and executions;

Whereas many of those prisoners of war were transported to Japan where they were forced to perform slave labor for the benefit of private Japanese companies under barbaric conditions that included torture and inhumane treatment as to such basic human needs as shelter, feeding, sanitation, and health care;

Whereas the private Japanese companies unjustly profited from the uncompensated labor cruelly exacted from the American personnel in violation of basic human rights;

Whereas these Americans do not make any claims against the Japanese Government or the people of Japan, but, rather, seek some measure of justice from the Japanese companies that profited from their slave labor;

Whereas they have asserted claims for compensation against the private Japanese companies in various courts in the United States;

Whereas the United States Government has, to date, opposed the efforts of these Americans to receive redress for the slave labor and inhumane treatment, and has not made any efforts to facilitate discussions among the parties;

Whereas in contrast to the claims of the Americans who were prisoners of war in Japan, the Department of State has facilitated a settlement of the claims made against private German businesses by individuals who were forced into slave labor by the Government of the Third Reich of Germany for the benefit of the German businesses during World War II: Now, therefore, be it