

THE CONGRESSIONAL PENSION DISCLOSURE ACT
OF 1995

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I introduce S. 355 which would require the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make publicly available information relating to the pensions of Members of Congress. Under this legislation, these officers would be required in the course of their semiannual reports to the Congress to clearly set forth information relating to the following:

First, the individual pension contributions of Members;

Second, an estimate of annuities which they would receive based on the earliest possible date they would be eligible to receive annuity payments by reason of retirement; and

Third, any other information necessary to enable the public to accurately compute the Federal retirement benefits of each Member based on various assumptions of years of service and age of separation from service by reason of retirement.

The purpose of this legislation is simply to afford citizens their rightful opportunity of learning how public funds are being utilized. The taxpayers are not only entitled to know the various forms of compensation being paid to their elected officials, they are also entitled to make decisions about the reasonableness of such compensation.

My bill, S. 355, would make this information conveniently available to the public. The public does not begrudge Members of Congress reasonable pensions. Before that assessment can intelligently be made, however, the public needs to have better access to information than they currently have. •

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 55

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. AKAKA] was added as a cosponsor of S. 55, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 91

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. COHEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 91, a bill to delay enforcement of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 until such time as Congress appropriates funds to implement such act.

S. 216

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. ROTH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 216, a bill to repeal the reduction in the deductible portion of expenses for business meals and entertainment.

S. 218

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Virginia

[Mr. WARNER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 218, a bill to repeal the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, and for other purposes.

S. 252

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 252, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. INHOFE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to repeal certain prohibitions against political recommendations relating to Federal employment, to reenact certain provisions relating to recommendations by Members of Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY], the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAU] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to extend eligibility for veterans' burial benefits, funeral benefits, and related benefits for veterans of certain service in the U.S. merchant marine during World War II.

S. 256

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Kansas [Mrs. KASSEBAUM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish procedures for determining the status of certain missing members of the Armed Forces and certain civilians, and for other purposes.

S. 287

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 287, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow homemakers to get a full IRA deduction.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to amend the Federal Power Act to modify an exemption relating to the territory for the sale of electric power of certain electric transmission systems, and for other purposes.

S. 303

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG] and the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. INOUE] were added as cosponsors of S. 303, a bill to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers, and for other purposes.

S. 304

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL] and the Senator from North

Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 304, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the transportation fuels tax applicable to commercial aviation.

S. 326

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to prohibit U.S. military assistance and arms transfers to foreign governments that are undemocratic, do not adequately protect human rights, are engaged in acts of armed aggression, or are not fully participating in the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms.

S. 328

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Delaware [Mr. ROTH], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT] and the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 328, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for an optional provision for the reduction of work-related vehicle trips and miles traveled in ozone nonattainment areas designated as severe, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] and the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 18, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections for Federal, State, and local office.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

MURKOWSKI (AND LOTT) AMENDMENT NO. 230

(Ordered referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.)

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. LOTT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (S. 333) to direct the Secretary of Energy to institute certain procedures in the performance of risk assessments in connection with environmental restoration activities, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the bill add the following:

SEC. 11. AMENDMENT OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER II—RISK ASSESSMENTS

“§ 621. Definitions

“In this subchapter—

“(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ has the meaning stated in section 551(1).

“(2) BENEFIT.—The term ‘benefit’ means the reasonably identifiable significant benefits, including social and economic benefits,