

provision impinges on freedoms protected by the first amendment. And, the first amendment has no greater champion than the distinguished majority leader and certainly myself. I have worked to ensure that this provision will not violate the Constitution or place inappropriate restrictions on cherished first amendment freedoms. Nothing in this provision prohibits the free exercise of religion or speech, or impinges on the freedom of association. Moreover, nothing in the Constitution provides the right to engage in violence against fellow citizens. Aiding and financing terrorist bombings is not constitutionally protected activity. Additionally, I have to believe that honest donors to any organization would want to know if their contributions were being used for such scurrilous purposes.

Our bill provides for numerous other needed improvements in the law to fight the scourge of terrorism, including the authorization of in additional appropriations—nearly \$1.6 billion—to Federal law enforcement to beef up counterterrorism efforts and increasing the maximum rewards permitted for information concerning international terrorism.

I would note that many of the provisions in this bill enjoy broad, bipartisan support and, in several cases, have passed the Senate on previous occasions. Indeed, many of the provisions in this bill have the active support of the Clinton administration. And I believe, as the President reads this bill, he will support the whole bill.

The people of the United States and around the world must know that this is an issue that transcends politics and political parties. Our resolve in this matter must be clear: our response to the terrorist threat, and to acts of terrorism, will be certain, swift, and unified.

Mr. President, ours is a free society. Our liberties, the openness of our institutions, and our freedom of movement are what make America a Nation we are willing to defend. These freedoms are cherished by virtually every American.

But this freedom is not without its costs. Because we are so open, we are vulnerable to those who would take advantage of our liberty to inflict terror on us. The horrific events of last week in Oklahoma City tragically demonstrate the price we pay for our liberty. Indeed, anyone who would do such an act, and call it a defense of liberty, mocks that word.

We must now redouble our efforts to combat terrorism and to protect our citizens. A worthy first step in the enactment of these sound provisions to provide law enforcement with the tools to fight terrorism.

Again, I thank our majority leader. Without him, we would not be this far along. Without him, this bill would not be nearly as good. Without his leadership, it probably would have grave difficulties. But with his leadership and

with the work that he and his staff have put in, along with staff of other members of the Judiciary Committee, we have a bill that we believe is sound. We believe it is efficient. We believe it is fair. We believe it takes care of constitutional rights and liberties. And we believe that it will solve the problem in the future and give law enforcement the tools and the teeth in order to take the big bite of out of terrorism worldwide, but especially in our country that needs to be taken.

I urge all of our colleagues to support this legislation and again I thank our distinguished majority leader.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 45

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 45, a bill to amend the Helium Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to sell Federal real and personal property held in connection with activities carried out under the Helium Act, and for other purposes.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM], and the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] were added as cosponsors of S. 240, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to establish a filing deadline and to provide certain safeguards to ensure that the interests of investors are well protected under the implied private action provisions of the act.

S. 256

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] 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. 434

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 434, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deductibility of business meal expenses for individuals who are subject to Federal limitations on hours of service.

S. 571

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY] and the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] were added as cosponsors of S. 571, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to terminate entitlement of pay and allowances for members of the Armed Forces who are sentenced to confinement and a punitive discharge or dismissal, and for other purposes.

S. 726

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New York

[Mr. D'AMATO] was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to amend the Iran-Iraq Arms Non-Proliferation Act of 1992 to revise the sanctions applicable to violations of that act, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 112—COMMENDING THE SENATE ENROLLING CLERK UPON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. DOLE (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 112

Whereas Brian Hallen will retire from the United States Senate after almost 30 years of Government service;

Whereas he served the United States Senate for over 20 years; the last 9 years as the Enrolling Clerk;

Whereas his dedication to the United States Senate resulted in the computerization of the engrossing and enrolling process;

Whereas he has performed the duties of his office with remarkable diligence, perseverance, efficiency and intelligence;

Whereas he has faithfully performed his duties serving all Members of the Senate and House of Representatives with great professional integrity; and

Whereas Brian Hallen has earned the respect, affection and esteem of the United States Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate commends Brian Hallen for his long, faithful and exemplary service to his country and to the Senate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Brian Hallen.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE COMMON SENSE LEGAL STANDARDS REFORM ACT OF 1995; COMMON SENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM ACT OF 1995

MCCONNELL (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 603

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mrs. KASSEBAUM) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 596 proposed by Mr. GORTON to the bill (H.R. 956) to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the pending amendment, add the following new title:

TITLE ___—HEALTH CARE LIABILITY REFORM

SEC. ___01. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Health Care Liability Reform and Quality Assurance Act of 1995".

Subtitle A—Health Care Liability Reform

SEC. ___11. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) EFFECT ON HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COSTS.—The civil justice system of the United States is a costly and inefficient mechanism for resolving claims of health care liability and compensating injured patients and the problems associated with the current