

States of the Appalachian region to give with the one hand and take away with the other.

Under this bill, States will still be required to provide the standard 20 percent matching share for Federal funds for the completion of these highways, as is the case for all major Federal aid highway programs. The bill authorizes the Secretary to distribute such sums as are necessary for the completion of the Appalachian Development Highway System.

The Appalachian Regional Commission, with the cooperation of the Federal Highway Administration, is currently updating its estimate for the cost to complete the system. I anticipate that when this bill is incorporated into next year's highway legislation, it will identify and authorize the appropriate dollar figure that results from this ongoing study.

I should point out, Mr. President, that the administration shares my goal for the completion of the Appalachian Development Highway System in the near term. I recently wrote to the President regarding my concern in this area.

OMB Director, Alice Rivlin, responding for the President, stated that it is the administration's goal to complete the construction of the system by the year 2005. In response to my questions during a recent Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee hearing, Secretary Pena also signaled his support and cooperation.

Therefore, I urge all of my colleagues to support this legislation. Our entire Nation has benefited from the improvements brought about by the Appalachian Development Highway System and so, too, will we all benefit from its completion in the near future.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 1882. A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to include medical foods as a specific item for which coverage may be provided under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

MEDICAL FOODS LEGISLATION

• Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I introduce legislation that will clarify the ability of fee-for-service plans in the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program [FEHBP] to provide coverage for medical foods.

Medical foods are a liquid formula given to a patient under the supervision of a doctor in cases where patients cannot take solid foods to meet their nutritional needs. Medical foods are often used for patients with AIDS or patients undergoing chemotherapy and have difficulty taking solid foods.

So this bill would amend title 5 of the United States Code to include medical foods specifically in the list of items and services that can be covered by fee-for-service plans serving FEHBP beneficiaries. This legislation would not mandate coverage of medical foods. It simply clarifies that fee-for-service

plans can provide coverage for medical foods.●

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 684

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, the name of the Senator from Nevada [Mr. BRYAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 684, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for programs of research regarding Parkinson's disease, and for other purposes.

S. 794

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] were added as cosponsors of S. 794, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to facilitate the minor use of a pesticide, and for other purposes.

S. 949

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 949, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to permit an individual to be treated by a health care practitioner with any method of medical treatment such individual requests, and for other purposes.

S. 1095

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the names of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] and the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1095, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend permanently the exclusion for educational assistance provided by employers to employees.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to amend certain provisions of law relating to child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 1400

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1400, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to issue guidance as to the application of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to insurance company general accounts.

S. 1477

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1477, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and for other purposes.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] and the Senator from Alabama [Mr. HEFLIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1506, a bill to provide for a reduction in regulatory costs by maintaining Federal average fuel economy standards applicable to automobiles in effect at current levels until changed by law, and for other purposes.

S. 1632

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1632, a bill to prohibit persons convicted of a crime involving domestic violence from owning or possessing firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 1669

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL] and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of S. 1669, a bill to name the Department of Veterans' Affairs medical center in Jackson, MS, as the "G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Department of Veterans' Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. EXON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1674, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the applicability of the first-time farmer exception.

S. 1729

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from California [Mrs. FEINSTEIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1729, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to stalking.

S. 1740

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. GREGG], the Senator from Missouri [Mr. ASHCROFT], the Senator from Washington [Mr. GORTON], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT], and the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] were added as cosponsors of S. 1740, a bill to define and protect the institution of marriage.

S. 1808

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1808, a bill to amend the Act of October 15, 1966 (80 stat. 915), as amended, establishing a program for the preservation of additional historic property throughout the Nation, and for other purposes.

S. 1816

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1816, a bill to expedite waiver approval for the Wisconsin Works plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1844

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas

[Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1844, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act to direct a study of the opportunities for enhanced water-based recreation and for other purposes.

S. 1856

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to establish a commission to study and provide recommendations on restoring solvency in the Medicare Program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

S. 1879

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. CHAFEE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1879, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for 501(c)(3) bonds a tax treatment similar to governmental bonds, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 263

At the request of Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 263, a resolution relating to church burning.

SENATE RESOLUTION 265—
RELATING TO CHURCH BURNINGS

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. PELL, Mr. SIMON, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 265

Whereas, there have been at least 156 fires in houses of worship across the nation since October 1991;

Whereas, there have been at least 35 fires of suspicious origin at churches serving African-American communities in the last 18 months;

Whereas, these churches and houses of worship are a vital part of the life of these communities;

Whereas, intentionally burning churches or other houses of worship is a very heinous crime;

Whereas, intentionally burning churches, when done to intimidate any American from the free exercise of his or her rights as an American, is inconsistent with the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, which guarantees every American the right to the free exercise of his or her religion, and which ensures that Americans can freely and peaceably assemble together; and,

Whereas, intentionally burning churches, when done to intimidate any American from the free exercise of his or her rights, is a serious national problem that must be expeditiously and vigorously addressed.

Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, That—

(1) the Senate condemns arson and other acts of desecration against churches and

other houses of worship as being totally inconsistent with fundamental American values; and,

(2) the Senate believes investigation and prosecution of those who are responsible for fires at churches or other houses of worship, and especially any incidents of arson whose purpose is to divide communities or to intimidate any Americans, should be a high national priority.

SENATE RESOLUTION 266—TO CONGRATULATE THE CHICAGO BULLS

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN (for herself and Mr. SIMON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 266

Whereas the Chicago Bulls at 72-10, posted the best regular season record in the history of the National Basketball Association;

Whereas the Bulls roared through the playoffs, sweeping the Miami Heat and defeating the New York Knicks in five games; before sweeping the Orlando Magic to return to the NBA Finals for the first time in two years;

Whereas the Bulls displayed a potent offense, and what some consider to be their best defense ever, throughout the playoffs before beating the Seattle SuperSonics to win their fourth franchise NBA championship;

Whereas head coach Phil Jackson, who won his first Coach of the Year award, and the entire coaching staff skillfully led the Bulls through a record 72-win season and a 15-3 playoff run;

Whereas Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, and Dennis Rodman all were named to the NBA's "All-Defensive Team", the first time in 13 years that three players from the same team have been so named;

Whereas Michael Jordan, in his first full season after coming out of retirement, won his record eighth scoring title, his fourth Most Valuable Player award, and was again named playoff most valuable player (for the fourth time);

Whereas Scottie Pippen again exhibited his outstanding offensive and defensive versatility, proving himself to be one of the best all-around players in the NBA;

Whereas the quickness, tireless defensive effort, and athleticism of the colorful Dennis Rodman, who won his fifth straight rebounding title, keyed a Bulls front line that led the league in rebounding;

Whereas veteran guard Ron Harper, in shutting down many of the league's top point guards throughout the playoffs, demonstrated the defensive skills that have made him a cornerstone of the league's best defense;

Whereas center Luc Longley frustrated many of the all-star caliber centers that he faced in this year's playoffs while at times providing a much needed scoring lift;

Whereas Toni Kukoc, winner of the league's "Sixth Man" award, displayed his awesome variety of offensive skills in both assisting on, and hitting, several big shots when the Bulls needed them most;

Whereas the laser-like three-point shooting of career three-point field goal percentage leader Steve Kerr sparked many a Bulls rally;

Whereas the outstanding shooting of Jud Buechler and Bill Wennington, and the tenacious defense of Randy Brown, each of whom came off the bench to provide valuable contributions, were an important part of each Bulls victory;

Whereas John Salley and James Edwards provided valuable contributions throughout

the season and the playoffs, both on and off the court, at times giving the Bulls the emotional lift they needed; and

Whereas the regular season contributions of second year forward Dickey Simpkins and rookie forward Jason Caffey, and the constant emotional lift provided by the injured Jack Haley, both on the court and in practice, again demonstrated the total devotion of Bulls personnel to the team concept that has made the Bulls into one of the most devastating basketball forces of modern times: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the Chicago Bulls on winning the 1996 National Basketball Association championship.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

GRASSLEY AMENDMENT NO. 4047

Mr. GRASSLEY proposed an amendment to the bill (S.1745) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1997 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title X add the following:

SEC. . FORCE MODERNIZATION FUNDED BY REDUCTIONS IN SPENDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS.

(a) FUNDING FREEZE AT PROGRAMMED LEVEL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the total amount expended for infrastructure programs for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2001 does not exceed \$145,000,000,000.

(b) USE OF SAVINGS FOR FORCE MODERNIZATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall take the actions necessary to program for procurement for force modernization for the fiscal years referred to in subsection (a) the amount of the savings in expenditures for infrastructure programs that is derived from actions taken to carry out that subsection.

(c) PROTECTION OF PROGRAM FOR SPARE PARTS AND TRAINING.—In formulating the future-years defense programs to be submitted to Congress in fiscal year 1997 (for fiscal year 1998 and following fiscal years), fiscal year 1998 (for fiscal year 1999 and following fiscal years), fiscal year 1999 (for fiscal year 2000 and following fiscal years), and fiscal year 2000 (for fiscal year 2001 and following fiscal years), the Secretary shall preserve the growth in programmed funding for spare parts and training for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 that is provided in the future-years defense program that was submitted to Congress in fiscal year 1996.

(d) REDUCTIONS TO BE SHOWN IN FISCAL YEAR 1998 FUTURE-YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM.—The future-years defense program submitted to Congress in fiscal year 1997 shall reflect the programming for the reduction in expenditures for infrastructure programs that is necessary to carry out subsection (a) and the programming for force modernization that is required by subsection (b).

(e) GAO REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 1998 FUTURE-YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM.—The Comptroller General shall review the future-years defense program referred to in subsection (c)