

S. 877

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH] was added as a cosponsor of S. 877, a bill to amend section 353 of the Public Health Service Act to exempt physician office laboratories from the clinical laboratory requirements of that section.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. CHAFFEE, the name of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of black revolutionary war patriots.

S. 1220

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1220, a bill to provide that Members of Congress shall not be paid during Federal Government shutdowns.

S. 1675

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KERRY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators, and for other purposes.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. EXON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1963, a bill to establish a demonstration project to study and provide coverage of routine patient care costs for Medicare beneficiaries with cancer who are enrolled in an approved clinical trial program.

S. 1978

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. HEFLIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1978, a bill to establish an Emergency Commission To End the Trade Deficit.

S. 2034

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2034, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make certain changes to hospice care under the Medicare Program.

S. 2040

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SPECTER] were added as cosponsors of S. 2040, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide a penalty for the use of a controlled substance with the intent to rape, and for other purposes.

S. 2053

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. HELMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 2053, a bill to strengthen narcotics reporting requirements and to require the imposition of certain sanctions on countries that fail to take

effective action against the production of and trafficking in illicit narcotics and psychotropic drugs and other controlled substances, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 274

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Washington [Mrs. MURRAY], the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. DODD], the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. FORD], the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS], and the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 274, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the outstanding achievements of NetDay96.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 71—RELATIVE TO THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE

Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. NUNN, Mr. COATS, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. HELMS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 71

Whereas oppression and persecution of religious minorities around the world has emerged as one of the most compelling human rights issues of the day. In particular, the worldwide persecution and martyrdom of Christians persists at alarming levels. This is an affront to the international moral community and to all people of conscience.

Whereas in many places throughout the world, Christians are restricted in or forbidden from practicing their faith, victimized by a "religious apartheid" that subjects them to inhumane, humiliating treatment, and in certain cases are imprisoned, tortured, enslaved, or killed;

Whereas severe persecution of Christians is also occurring in such countries as Sudan, Cuba, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, China, Pakistan, North Korea, Egypt, Laos, Vietnam, and certain countries in the former Soviet Union, to name merely a few;

Whereas religious liberty is a universal right explicitly recognized in numerous international agreements, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

Whereas Pope John Paul II recently sounded a call against regimes that "practice discrimination against Jews, Christians, and other religious groups, going even so far as to refuse them the right to meet in private for prayer," declaring that "this is an intolerable and unjustifiable violation not only of all the norms of current international law, but of the most fundamental human freedom, that of practicing one's faith openly," stating that this is for human beings "their reason for living";

Whereas the National Association of Evangelicals in January 1996 issued a "Statement of Conscience and Call to Action," subsequently commended or endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. They pledged to end their "silence in the face of the suffering of all those persecuted for their religious faith" and "to do what is in our power to the end that the government of the United States

will take appropriate action to combat the intolerable religious persecution now victimizing fellow believers and those of other faiths";

Whereas the World Evangelical Fellowship has declared September 29, 1996, and each annual last Sunday in September, as an international day of prayer on behalf of persecuted Christians. That day will be observed by numerous churches and human rights groups around the world;

Whereas the United States of America since its founding has been a harbor of refuge and freedom to worship for believers from John Winthrop to Roger Williams to William Penn, and a haven for the oppressed. To this day, the United States continues to guarantee freedom of worship in this country for people of all faiths;

Whereas as a part of its commitment to human rights around the world, in the past the United States has used its international leadership to vigorously take up the cause of other persecuted religious minorities. Unfortunately, the United States has in many instances failed to raise forcefully the issue of anti-Christian persecution at international conventions and in bilateral relations with offering countries; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring—

(1) unequivocally condemns the egregious human rights abuses and denials of religious liberty to Christians around the world, and calls upon the responsible regimes to cease such abuses; and

(2) strongly recommends that the President expand and invigorate the United States' international advocacy on behalf of persecuted Christians, and initiate a thorough examination of all United States' policies that affect persecuted Christians; and

(3) encourages the President to proceed forward as expeditiously as possible in appointing a White House Special Advisor on religious persecution; and

(4) recognizes and applauds a day of prayer on Sunday, September 29, 1996, recognizing the plight of persecuted Christians worldwide.

SENATE RESOLUTION 293—SALUTING THE SERVICE OF HOWARD O. GREENE, JR. TO THE U.S. SENATE

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. FORD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COVERDELL, and Mr. FRIST) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 293

Whereas Howard O. Green, Jr. has served the United States Senate since January 1968.

Whereas Mr. Greene has during his Senate career served in the capacities of Doorkeeper, Republican Cloakroom Assistant, Assistant Secretary for the Minority, Secretary for the Minority, Secretary for the Majority, culminating in his election as Senate Sergeant-at-Arms during the 104th Congress.

Whereas throughout his Senate career Mr. Greene has been a reliable source of advice and counsel to Senators and Senate staff alike.

Whereas Mr. Greene's institutional knowledge and legislative skills are well known and respected.

Whereas Mr. Greene's more than 28 years of service have been characterized by a deep and abiding respect for the institution and