

We, Ron J. Corbett, Speaker of the House and Mary E. Kramer, President of the Senate; Elizabeth A. Isaacson, Chief Clerk of the House, and Mary Pat Gunderson, Secretary of the Senate, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Seventy-seventh General Assembly.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 281. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a mechanism for taxpayers to designate \$1 of any overpayment of income tax, and to contribute other amounts, for use by the United States Olympic Committee; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 282. A bill to establish a recurring bi-annual Olympic commemorative coins program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 283. A bill to establish a Commission on Structural Alternatives for the Federal Courts of Appeals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. COATS):

S. 284. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve safety at public railway-highway crossings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 285. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any distribution from a qualified State tuition program used exclusively to pay qualified higher education expenses incurred by the designated beneficiary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BOND, Mr. KYL, Mr. FRIST, Mr. NICKLES, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. COATS, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 286. 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; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 287. A bill to require congressional approval before any trade agreements entered into under the auspices of the World Trade Organization; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 288. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide families with estate tax relief, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 289. A bill to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior Road and Huron Road in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 290. A bill to establish a visa waiver pilot program for nationals of Korea who are traveling in tour groups to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BYRD:

S.J. Res. 15. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the intent of the Constitution to neither prohibit nor require public school prayer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. BREAUX):

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THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC CHECKOFF ACT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, today I bring to the Senate the United States Olympic Checkoff Act. This bill would provide significant—and needed—new funding for our Nation's amateur athletic movement. This will present a way for Americans to show support for the United States Olympic Committee, the USOC, and for our amateur athletes. Simply by checking a box on their tax returns, American taxpayers could designate a dollar from their refunds to go to the USOC, or they could enclose a contribution to the USOC when they mail their tax forms. This concept is similar to the existing Presidential checkoff. It is different though, in that this deduction for the Olympic Committee would come from the taxpayers' own money, their refunds or their contributions, and not from the money destined for the Federal Treasury.

The Amateur Sports Act of 1978 made the USOC the central coordinating body for amateur sports in the United States. The responsibilities of the act, that is the responsibilities given by the act to the USOC, include training and selecting athletes to represent the United States at international competitions and, equally important, encouraging athletic activities for all amateur athletes in the United States through grassroots sports opportunities.

What the Amateur Sports Act does not do is authorize Federal funding of the USOC. In almost every other nation in the world, Olympic and amateur sports receive substantial government funding. That is not true in our country. The USOC's primary means of raising money to support U.S. athletes and to carry out the purposes of the act is through charging sponsors a fee to use the words "Olympics" or "Olympiad," and to display the Olympic symbol of five interlocking rings. Sponsors' fees do not come close to providing the funds necessary to train our growing legions of athletes. Our athletes at the grassroots level are not getting a fair

chance to be competitive with their counterparts from nations that provide funding from government sources.

My bill would create a new trust fund in the Treasury called the United States Olympic Trust Fund. The amounts voluntarily contributed by Americans would be deposited into the trust fund. At least once quarterly, the Secretary of Treasury would distribute the amounts in the trust fund to the USOC, after deducting reasonable administrative costs.

I look forward to working with the Senate Finance Committee and all of the Senate and the House to achieve enactment of this valuable legislation in this Congress. I hope this bill will be welcomed by all Americans who believe in the importance of our country's athletic programs.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "United States Olympic Checkoff Act".

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF OVERPAYMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TRUST FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter A of chapter 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to returns and records) is amended by adding at the end the following new part:

"PART IX—DESIGNATION OF OVERPAYMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TRUST FUND "SEC. 6097. AMOUNTS FOR UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TRUST FUND.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each taxpayer's return for the taxable year of the tax imposed by chapter 1, such taxpayer may designate that—

"(1) \$1 of any overpayment of such tax for such taxable year, and

"(2) any cash contribution which the taxpayer includes with such return, be paid over to the United States Olympic Trust Fund.

"(b) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a joint return showing any overpayment of \$2 or more, each spouse may designate \$1 of such overpayment under subsection (a)(1).

"(c) MANNER AND TIME OF DESIGNATION.—A designation under subsection (a) may be made with respect to any taxable year only at the time of filing the return of the tax imposed by chapter 1 for such taxable year. Such designation shall be made on the first page of the return.

"(d) OVERPAYMENTS TREATED AS REFUNDED.—For purposes of this title, any overpayment of tax designated under subsection (a) shall be treated as being refunded to the taxpayer as of the date prescribed for filing the return of tax imposed by chapter 1 (determined without regard to extensions) or, if later, the date the return is filed."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of parts for subchapter A of chapter 61 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"Part IX. Designation of overpayments and contributions for United States Olympic Trust Fund."

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable