

S. 2151, a bill to clarify Federal law to prohibit the dispensing or distribution of a controlled substance for the purpose of causing, or assisting in causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual.

S. 2199

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2199, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to establish a Marine Mammal Rescue Grant Program, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 50, a joint resolution to disapprove the rule submitted by the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services on June 1, 1998, relating to surety bond requirements for home health agencies under the medicare and medicaid programs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 88

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 88, a concurrent resolution calling on Japan to establish and maintain an open, competitive market for consumer photographic film and paper and other sectors facing market access barriers in Japan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 193

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. KEMPTHORNE), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 193, a resolution designating December 13, 1998, as "National Children's Memorial Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 237

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 237, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the situation in Indonesia and East Timor.

AMENDMENT NO. 2405

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2405 proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 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.

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2405 proposed to S. 2057, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 2407

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2407 proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 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.

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2407 proposed to S. 2057, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 2809

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2809 intended to be proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 2832

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2832 intended to be proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 2833

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2833 intended to be proposed to S. 2057, an original bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 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.

SENATE RESOLUTION 253—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATIVE TO TEXAS FARMERS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Mr. GRAMM (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

S. RES. 253

Whereas, the statewide economic impact of the drought on Texas agriculture could be more than \$1.7 billion in losses, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service;

Whereas, the direct loss of income to agricultural producers is \$517 million, which will

lead to a loss of another \$1.2 billion in economic activity for the state;

Whereas, the National Weather Service has reported that all 10 climatic regions in the State of Texas have received below average rainfall from March through May, a critical time in the production of corn, cotton, sorghum, wheat, and forage;

Whereas, the total losses for Texas cotton producers have already reached an estimated \$157 million;

Whereas, nearly half of the State of Texas' rangelands as of May 31, 1998, was rated as "poor" or "very poor" as a result of the lack of rain;

Whereas, the value of lost hay production in the State of Texas will approach an estimated \$175 million statewide, leading to an economic impact of \$582 million;

Whereas, dryland fruit and vegetable production losses in East Texas have already been estimated at \$33 million;

Whereas, the early rains in many parts of Texas produced a large quantity of forage that is now extremely dry and a dangerous source of fuel for wildfires;

Whereas, the Texas Forest Service has indicated that over half the state is in extreme or high danger of wildfires due to the drought conditions.

*Resolved*, That it is the Sense of the Senate of the United States that the Secretary of Agriculture streamline the drought declaration process to provide necessary relief as quickly as possible; that the Secretary of Agriculture ensure that local Farm Service Agency offices are equipped with full time and emergency personnel in drought-stricken areas to assist producers with disaster loan application packages; that the Secretary of Agriculture instruct the United States Forest Service to assist the State of Texas and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in pre-positioning fire fighting equipment and other appropriate resources in affected Texas counties; that the Secretary of Agriculture authorize haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program acreage; that the Secretary of Agriculture convene experts within the Department to develop and implement an emergency plan to help prevent wildfires and to overcome the economic impact of the continuing drought so the Department of Agriculture can provide assistance in a rapid and efficient manner for producers who are suffering from drought conditions.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

LEAHY AMENDMENT NO. 2932

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 2057) to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 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 appropriate place insert the following:

**SEC. 232. LANDMINES.**

(a) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—(1) Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated in