

not about the politics of pro-life and pro-choice. It is legislation that addresses a far more fundamental issue—our intolerance, as a civilized community, to allow this unparalleled cruelty to continue.

I thank Senator SANTORUM for his heartfelt dedication and determination to making this issue a priority for the Senate this session. His sincere, passionate speeches delivered during floor debate spoke directly to the hearts of his colleagues and to the American people.

This is the second time the Senate has voted on an override of a Clinton veto of a prohibition on partial-birth abortion. The will of both Houses of Congress, and of the American people is clear. I am dedicated to passing the partial-birth abortion ban, as I know are most of my colleagues in the Senate. We will continue this fight until we have succeeded, and I urge the Senate leadership to make the ban on partial-birth abortions the first piece of legislation we take up in the 106th Congress.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 18, 1998, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 128. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the enrolled joint resolution was signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND) on September 21, 1998.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THOMPSON, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 2675: A bill to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit proposed legislation under which group universal life insurance and group variable universal life insurance would be available under chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-337).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2493) to establish a mechanism by which the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior can provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal lands (Rept. No. 105-338).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 730: A bill to make retroactive the entitlement of certain Medal of Honor recipients to the special pension provided for persons

entered and recorded on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor Roll (Rept. No. 105-339).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1021: A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that consideration may not be denied to preference eligibles applying for certain positions in the competitive service, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-340).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 2273: A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 1998, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities, and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-341).

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. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. MACK, and Mr. FAIRCLOTH):

S. 2502. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for protection of certain original designs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 2503. A bill to establish a Presidential Commission to determine the validity of certain land claims arising out of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo of 1848 involving the descendants of persons who were Mexican citizens at the time of the Treaty; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2504. A bill to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. KEMPTHORNE):

S. 2505. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to the Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station in Gooding County, Idaho, to the University of Idaho; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. HATCH):

S.J. Res. 56. A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress in support of the existing Federal legal process for determining the safety and efficacy of drugs, including marijuana and other Schedule I drugs, for medicinal use; read the first time.

By Mr. KYL (for Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. HATCH)):

S.J. Res. 57. A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress in support of the existing Federal legal process for determining the safety and efficacy of drugs, including marijuana and other Schedule I drugs, for medicinal use; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

STATEMENT ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. MACK, and Mr. FAIRCLOTH):

S. 2502. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for protection of certain original designs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE VESSEL HULL DESIGN PROTECTION ACT OF 1998

● Mr. BREAUX, Mr. President, today I introduce a bill cosponsored by Senators MACK and FAIRCLOTH entitled the Vessel Hull Design Protection Act of 1998. This bill will attempt to stop a very troubling problem facing America's marine manufacturers—the unauthorized copying of boat hull designs. Such piracy threatens the integrity of the United States marine manufacturing industry and the safety of American boaters.

A boat manufacturer invests significant resources in creating a safe, structurally sound, high performance boat hull design from which a line of vessels can be manufactured. Standard practice calls for manufacturing engineers to create a hull model, or "plug", from which they cast a "mold". This mold is then used for mass production of boat hulls. Unfortunately, those intent on pirating such a design can simply use a finished boat hull to develop their own mold. This copied mold can then be used to manufacture boat hulls identical in appearance to the original line, and at a cost well below that incurred by the original designer.

This so-called "hull splashing" is a significant problem for consumers, manufacturers, and boat design firms. American consumers are defrauded in the sense that they do not benefit from the many aspects of the original hull design that contribute to its structural integrity and safety, and they are not aware that the boat they have purchased has been copied from an existing design. Moreover, if original manufacturers are undersold by these copies, they may no longer be willing to invest in new, innovative boat designs—boat designs that could provide safer, less expensive, quality watercraft for consumers.

In the past, a number of States have enacted anti-boat-hull-copying, or "plug mold", statutes to address the problem of hull splashing. These States include my State of Louisiana, as well as Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. However, a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Bonito Boats v. Thundercraft Boats, Inc.*, 489 U.S. 141 (1989), invalidated these State statutes on the basis that they infringed on the federal government's exclusive jurisdiction over the protection of intellectual property. In essence, the Supreme Court held that vessel hull design protection may be a legitimate goal, but it is Congress' job to provide it, not the States. The legislation we are introducing today is designed to do that job.

Such initiatives as this one are not new to Congress. In 1984, Congress acted to protect the unique nature of design work when it passed the Semiconductor Chip Protection Act. This act was designed to protect the mask works of semiconductor chips, which are essentially the molds from which