

Consumer Affairs and heard heart breaking testimony about scam artists—targeting the elderly—who are maybe the worst criminals on the planet. They target people, who in the twilight of their lives may lose their life savings, their independence and their dignity. I held events in Missouri, with the regional director of the Federal Trade Commission, educating those most venerable to these schemes on how to avoid becoming a victim. According to the National Consumers League, seniors are the target for more than 20 percent of Internet fraud. Although this is lower than the 56 percent of seniors targeted by unscrupulous telemarketers, the number will only increase as more and more of our seniors begin to use the Internet.

I strongly believe that education is crucial. That is why this bill also containing provisions giving the FTC the charge of educating our elderly. They currently have the largest network of information on fraud schemes. Through their Sentinel website, they have connected law enforcement agencies all over the world—giving them the ability to act quickly. In addition, they currently have the network in place designed to educate consumers on all areas of consumer protection law.

The bill I am introducing today will expand current law to include the same crimes committed over the Internet. As now, fraud cases would be divided between the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice.

Mr. President. We cannot allow the criminals to stay ahead of the law. Internet crimes are being quickly developed and identified. We must make sure they are just as quickly stopped. We must provide the legal framework to insist that these criminals do not slip through the system due to a loophole.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 3043. A bill to close loopholes in the firearms laws which allow the unregulated manufacture, assembly, shipment, or transportation of firearms or firearm parts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

GUN PARTS TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2000

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Gun Parts Trafficking Act of 2000.

For years, I have fought along with many of my colleagues against the gun violence that has plagued America. We have sought to keep firearms from the hands of children and those who would use them to do harm. After long debate, we succeeded in enacting a ban on assault weapons as well as the Brady bill requiring a criminal background check at the time of a firearms purchase—positive steps in the effort to protect our communities from gun violence.

Gun violence, however, continues to have a devastating impact on our nation. The statistics have been well documented, but bear repeating. In 1997 alone, more than 32,000 Americans were

shot and killed. Fourteen children die from gunfire every day. The economic toll of firearms deaths and injuries on our country—\$33 billion each year—is astronomical.

In light of these staggering figures it seems obvious that we must do more, including regulating guns like any other consumer product. But while we look forward, we must also be mindful of attempts by some to subvert the progress we have made.

Gun dealers are exploiting a loophole in current law that allows them to sell, through the US mail, gun kits containing virtually every single item needed to build an automatic weapon. When we enacted a ban on these deadly automatic weapons, we exempted automatic weapons legally owned prior to the ban. We also allowed replacement parts to be legally sold so that these grand-fathered weapons could be repaired by their owners, and we allowed these parts to be shipped through the mail.

These provisions, however, have been exploited and replacement part kits that can convert a legally owned firearm into an illegal automatic weapon are readily available and heavily advertised in numerous publications. Some of these kits even go so far as to provide a template that shows how to make this conversion. This is a flagrant effort to evade the laws of the United States. This activity must be stopped in order to maintain the integrity of our ban on assault weapons and protect our communities from gun violence. Legislation is needed that provides simple, common-sense measures to remedy the glaring loopholes in current law.

To that end, I am introducing the Gun Parts Trafficking Act of 2000, legislation designed to close the loopholes in existing law and end the sale of kits designed to convert legally owned firearms into illegal automatic weapons. The bill will expand the definition of “firearm” to include the main components of the weapon and will prohibit the manufacture or assembly of guns by an individual who does not have a license to do so.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the Gun Parts Trafficking Act and ask unanimous consent that the full text of the legislation be printed in the RECORD following my statement.

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

S. 3043

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 “Gun Parts Trafficking Act of 2000”.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST SHIPMENT OR TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARM PARTS, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

Section 921(a)(3) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “or (D) any destructive device.” and inserting “(D) any destructive device; or (E) any parts or com-

bination of parts that when assembled on a frame or receiver would constitute a firearm, as defined in this paragraph.”.

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION AGAINST MANUFACTURE OR ASSEMBLY OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS OTHER THAN LICENSED MANUFACTURERS.

Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(z) It shall be unlawful for any person other than a licensed manufacturer to manufacture or assemble a firearm.”.

SEC. 4. INCREASE IN FEE FOR LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE FIREARMS.

Section 923(a)(1)(B) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “\$50” and inserting “\$500”.

SEC. 5. PROHIBITION AGAINST POSSESSION OR TRANSFER OF CERTAIN COMBINATIONS OF MACHINEGUN REPLACEMENT PARTS.

Section 5845(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (National Firearms Act) is amended in the 2nd sentence by striking “designed and intended solely and exclusively, or combination of parts designed and intended,” and inserting “or combination of parts designed and intended”.

SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by this Act shall apply to conduct engaged in after the 60-day period that begins with the date of the enactment of this Act.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 317

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion for gain from the sale of farmland which is similar to the exclusion from gain on the sale of a principal residence.

S. 459

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the State ceiling on private activity bonds.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the activities of the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to research on autism.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1020, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S. 1536

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1536, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend authorizations of appropriations for programs under the Act, to modernize programs and services for older individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1729

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1729, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails, and for other purposes.

S. 2044

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2044, a bill to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for domestic violence programs through the voluntary purchase of specially issued postage stamps.

S. 2341

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2341, a bill to authorize appropriations for part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to achieve full funding for part B of that Act by 2010.

S. 2413

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2413, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests.

S. 2528

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2528, a bill to provide funds for the purchase of automatic external defibrillators and the training of individuals in advanced cardiac life support.

S. 2644

At the request of Mr. GORTON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2644, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand medicare coverage of certain self-injected biologicals.

S. 2700

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2700, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2725

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2725, a bill to provide for a system of sanctuaries for chimpanzees that have been designated as being no longer needed in research conducted or supported by the Public Health Service, and for other purposes.

S. 2758

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2758, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of outpatient prescription drugs under the medicare program.

S. 2835

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2835, a bill to provide an appropriate transition from the interim payment system for home health services to the prospective payment system for such services under the medicare program.

S. 2874

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2874, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provision taxing policyholder dividends of mutual life insurance companies and to repeal the policyholders surplus account provisions.

S. 2894

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2894, a bill to provide tax and regulatory relief for farmers and to improve the competitiveness of American agricultural commodities and products in global markets.

S. 2936

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2936, a bill to provide incentives for new markets and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 3007

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3007, a bill to provide for measures in response to a unilateral declaration of the existence of a Palestinian state.

S. 3016

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3016, to amend the Social Security Act to establish an outpatient prescription drug assistance program for low-income medicare beneficiaries and medicare beneficiaries with high drug costs.

S. 3020

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the names of the Senator from Virginia

(Mr. ROBB), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 3020, a bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to revise its regulations authorizing the operation of new, low-power FM radio stations.

S. 3021

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3021, a bill to provide that a certification of the cooperation of Mexico with United States counterdrug efforts not be required in fiscal year 2001 for the limitation on assistance for Mexico under section 490 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 not to go into effect in that fiscal year.

S. 3035

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3035, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to create an independent and nonpartisan commission to assess the health care needs of the uninsured and to monitor the financial stability of the Nation's health care safety net.

S. RES. 304

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 304, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the development of educational programs on veterans' contributions to the country and the designation of the week that includes Veterans Day as "National Veterans Awareness Week" for the presentation of such educational programs.

S. RES. 355

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), and the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 355, a resolution commending and congratulating Middlebury College.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 135—RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE EDUCATION FOR ALL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ACT OF 1975

Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DODD, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ENZI, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. HUTCHINSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. CON. RES. 135

Whereas the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-