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[Mr. BURNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the personal exemption amount.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. KASTEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that standards of identity for milk include certain minimum standards regarding milk solids, and for other purposes.

S. 1111

At the request of Mr. MITCHELL, the names of the Senator from California [Mr. CRANSTON], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], and the Senator from Colorado [Mr. WIRTH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1111, a bill to protect the Public from Health Risks from Radiation Exposure from Low-Level Radioactive Waste, and for other purposes.

S. 1156

At the request of Mr. PACKWOOD, the names of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] and the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1156, a bill to provide for the protection and management of certain areas on public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and lands withdrawn from the public domain managed by the Forest Service in the States of California, Oregon, and Washington; to ensure proper conservation of the natural resources of such lands, including enhancement of habitat; to provide assistance to communities and individuals affected by management decisions on such lands; to facilitate the implementation of land management plans for such public domain lands and federal lands elsewhere; and for other purposes.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Georgia [Mr. FOWLER] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to make eligibility standards for the award of the Purple Heart currently in effect applicable to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were taken prisoners or taken captive by a hostile foreign government or its agents or a hostile force before April 25, 1962, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 130

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Connecticut [Mr. LIEBERMAN] and the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. CHAFEE] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 130, a joint resolution to designate the second week in June as "National Scleroderma Awareness Week."

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 131

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 131, a joint resolution designating October 1991 as "National Down Syndrome Awareness Month."

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 136

At the request of Mr. RIEGLE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 136, a joint resolution to authorize the display of the POW-MIA flag on flagstaffs at the national cemeteries of the United States, and for other purposes.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 151

At the request of Mr. RIEGLE, the name of the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 151, a joint resolution to designate October 6, 1991, and October 6, 1992, as "German-American Day."

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 27

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. DURENBERGER] and the Senator from Maine [Mr. COHEN] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 27, a concurrent resolution urging the Arab League to terminate its boycott against Israel, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURING COMPETITION ACT

PRESSLER AMENDMENTS NOS. 277 THROUGH 279

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. PRESSLER submitted three amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 173) to permit the Bell Telephone Cos. to conduct research on, design, and manufacture telecommunications equipment, and for other purposes, as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 277

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNICATION ACT OF 1934.

Section 220(d) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 220(d) is amended by deleting "$6,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$10,000".

AMENDMENT No. 278

On page 12, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"(k) No Bell Telephone Company or affiliate may purchase or use in the provision of any regulated service, any equipment which it or any affiliate manufactures.".

On page 12, line 3, strike out "(k)" and insert in lieu thereof "(l)".

AMENDMENT No. 279

On page 12, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or any other law and before the commencement of any manufacturing activity by any Regional Bell Telephone Company or any Regional Bell Telephone Company affiliate, the Commission shall not later than 180 days after enactment of this subsection, promulgate rules and standards necessary to ensure that—

"(1) State regulatory commissions have adequate financial records systems in place to ensure detection of anti-competitive abuses by monopoly local telephone service exchanges where business crosses State lines; and

"(2) the various State regulatory commissions are authorized to enter into regulatory compacts with one another to detect regulatory abuses, and that such commissions are vested with subpoena authority for access to financial records of a Bell Telephone company or any affiliate

On page 12, line 3, strike out "(k)" and insert in lieu thereof "(1)".

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I rise today to file three amendments for possible consideration when we take up S. 173. I submit these amendments in an effort to encourage discussion from all sides on this issue, and I welcome comments or suggestions from any interested parties.

The first amendment would require the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that State regulators have adequate financial records systems in place to detect any anticompetitive activities of local telephone service exchanges where their business crosses State lines. In addition, it would ensure that State regulatory commissions are authorized to enter into regulatory compacts with other State regulatory commissions to assist in detecting any regulatory abuses. Finally, it would assure that State regulatory commissions are vested with subpoena authority to access the financial records of a Bell telephone company or any affiliate. These tools are intended to give State and Federal regulators the tools they need to protect the interests of ratepayers.

The second amendment would provide for an increase in the fine for a violation of the Communications Act by any telephone company that fails or refuses to keep accounts, records, and memoranda on the books in the manner prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission.

My third amendment prohibits a practice known as self-dealing. This occurs when a monopoly utility owns a manufacturing operation and buys exclusively for itself the product it needs in its networks. Ratepayers, both consumers and businesses, are deprived of competition that should exist for those product sales. Equipment competitions could be shut out of the Bell markets—sales worth billions of dollars a year. The history of the last 7½ years demonstrates that competition in telecommunications equipment produces more R&D, new and better products, and lower prices. This amendment would prohibit self-dealing and encourage continued competition in the telecommunications equipment markets.

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