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S. 25, a bill to stop the waste of taxpayer funds on activities by Government agencies to encourage its employees or officials to accept homosexuality as a legitimate or normal lifestyle.

S. 304

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the transportation fuels tax applicable to commercial aviation.

S. 377

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] and the Senator from New Hampshire [Mr. SMITH] were added as cosponsors of S. 377, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide clarification for the deductibility of expenses incurred by a taxpayer in connection with the business use of the home.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana [Mr. BREAU] was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax exemption for health risk pools.

S. 673

At the request of Mrs. KASSEBAUM, the names of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] and the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] were added as cosponsors of S. 673, a bill to establish a youth development grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for programs of research regarding Parkinson's disease, and for other purposes.

S. 715

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania [Mr. SANTORUM] was added as a cosponsor of S. 715, a bill to provide for portability of health insurance, guaranteed renewability, high risk pools, medical care savings accounts, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1265

At the request of Mr. THURMOND the names of the Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL], and the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1265 proposed to S. 652, an original bill to provide for a pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1265 proposed to S. 652, supra.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION AND DEREGULATION ACT OF 1995

FEINSTEIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1269

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. LOTT) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 652) to provide for a pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 145, below line 23, add the following:

SEC. 407A. SCRAMBLING OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT ADULT VIDEO SERVICE PROGRAMMING.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Part IV of title VI (47 U.S.C. 551 et seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 641. SCRAMBLING OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT ADULT VIDEO SERVICE PROGRAMMING.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—In providing sexually explicit adult programming or other programming that is indecent and harmful to children on any channel of its service primarily dedicated to sexually-oriented programming, a multichannel video programming distributor shall fully scramble or otherwise fully block the video and audio portion of such channel so that one not a subscriber to such channel or programming does not receive it.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Until a multichannel video programming distributor complies with the requirement set forth in subsection (a), the distributor shall limit the access of children to the programming referred to in that subsection by not providing such programming during the hours of the day (as determined by the Commission) when a significant number of children are likely to view it.

(c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term "scramble" means to rearrange the content of the signal of the programming so that audio and video portion of the programming cannot be received by persons unauthorized to receive the programming."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

FEINSTEIN (AND KEMPTHORNE) AMENDMENT NO. 1270

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. KEMPTHORNE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 652, supra; as follows:

On page 55, strike out line 4 and all that follows through page 55, line-12.

ROBB AMENDMENT NO. 1271

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ROBB submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 652, supra; as follows:

On page 146, below line 14, add the following:

SEC. 409. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS BY CHILDREN TO OBSCENE AND INDECENT MATERIAL ON ELECTRONIC INFORMATION NETWORKS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress—

(1) to encourage the voluntary use of tags in the names, addresses, or text of electronic files containing obscene, indecent, or mature text or graphics that are made available to the public through public information networks in order to ensure the ready identification of files containing such text or graphics;

(2) to encourage developers of computer software that provides access to or interface with a public information network to develop software that permits users of such software to block access to or interface with text or graphics identified by such tags; and

(3) to encourage the telecommunications industry and the providers and users of public information networks to take practical actions (including the establishment of a board consisting of appropriate members of such industry, providers, and users) to develop a highly effective means of preventing the access of children through public information networks to electronic files that contain such text or graphics.

(b) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Commerce shall take appropriate steps to make information on the tags established and utilized in voluntary compliance with subsection (a) available to the public through public information networks.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the tags established and utilized in voluntary compliance with this section. The report shall—

(1) describe the tags so established and utilized;

(2) assess the effectiveness of such tags in preventing the access of children to electronic files that contain obscene, indecent, or mature text or graphics through public information networks; and

(3) provide recommendations for additional means of preventing such access.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term "public information network" means the Internet, electronic bulletin boards, and other electronic information networks that are open to the public.

(2) The term "tag" means a part or segment of the name, address, or text of an electronic file.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

SMALL BUSINESS TAX ISSUES

• Mr. BOND, Mr. President, a few weeks ago the Senate made good on its historic opportunity to balance our Nation's budget, and we voted to save our children and tomorrow's children from a burden that they did not cause and do not deserve. The American people made their position on this issue crystal clear—a balanced budget is their top priority.

Even many of those who have long-standing interests in tax relief, including the small business owners that I hear from as chairman of the Committee on Small Business, do not want tax cuts at the expense of a balanced budget. One poll conducted by a nationwide organization representing over 600,000



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