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dent, I ask unanimous consent to have my name added as a cosponsor of S. 2057 introduced by the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and S. 2073 and S. 2074 introduced by the minority leader (Mr. DIRKSEN), and others. I ask further that my name be included as a sponsor on the next printing of these bills.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DIRKSEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, at their next printing, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. HARTKE), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. PELL), and the Senator from Washington (Mr. MAGNUSON) be added as cosponsors of the bills S. 2073 to prohibit the use of interstate facilities, including the mails, for the transporting of certain materials to minors; and S. 2074 to prohibit the use of interstate facilities including the mails for the transportation of salacious advertising.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, in recent months there has been a tremendous increase in the amount of unsolicited obscene and pornographic literature being sent through the U.S. mails. I have received a great many protests from my constituents in Montana and I think the situation has reached such a magnitude that it demands some action on the part of the Federal Government. While I recognize certain constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and the first amendment, I think that there can be some controls established through legislation.

First of all, it is important to protect children against this kind of traffic in smut. Also, I see no reason why the average citizen should have to put up with this kind of unsolicited material through the mail. I am certain that no one has the absolute answer but it is my hope that the appropriate committees of Congress will now give every consideration to the necessary control measures. Whatever laws may be enacted, I hope that the responsibility for keeping this material out of the mail will be placed on the sender and not the unsuspecting box holder.

Last week several bills were introduced in the Senate which provide an excellent basis for further discussion. Mr. Presi-