INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. Wyden (for himself and Mr. Sununu):

S. 1128. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for increased rebates under the Medicaid program for prescription drugs that are directly advertised to consumers, to require other Federal programs purchasing or reimbursing for such drugs to establish, pay for, and reimburse mechanisms that reduce the costs of those drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. Stabenow (for herself, Ms. Landrieu, and Mr. Levin):

S. 1045. A bill to treat the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November as a legal public holiday for purposes of Federal employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1139. A bill to authorize the exchange of the Bridge in the State of Delaware as the property of the Secretary of the Interior for the property of the State of Delaware; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. Sununu:

S. 1130. A bill to provide authorizations of appropriations for certain development banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1131. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for increased rebates under the Medicare program for prescription drugs that are directly advertised to consumers, to require other Federal programs purchasing or reimbursing for such drugs to establish, pay for, and reimburse mechanisms that reduce the costs of those drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. Clinton (for herself, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Corzine, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Durbin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr.arkin, Mr. Inouye, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Landrieu, Mr. Levin, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Mikulski, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Obama, Mr. Reed, Mr. Salazar, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Lautenberg, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Rockefeller):

S. 1142. A bill to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. Boxer:

S. 1146. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to monitor and investigate gas prices for anti-competitive circumstances; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. Rockefeller (for himself, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Burns, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Bunning, and Ms. Cantwell):

S. 1147. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the expensing of broadband Internet access expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. Mikulski (for herself, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Bingaman, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Corzine, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Inouye):

S. 1148. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment under the medicare program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Isakson (for himself and Mr. Kennedy):

S. 1149. A bill to amend the Federal Employees’ Compensation Act to cover services provided to injured Federal workers by physician assistants and nurse practitioners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. Clinton:

S. 1150. A bill to increase the security of radiation sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. McCain (for himself and Mr. Lieberman):

S. 1151. A bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradable allowances, to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and reduce dependence upon foreign oil, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. Snowe (for herself, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Collins):

S. 1152. A bill to amend title III of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Bunning (for himself and Mr. Thomas):

S. 1153. A bill to provide Federal financial incentives for deployment of advanced coal-based generation technologies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. Collins (for herself and Ms. Snowe):

S. 1154. A bill to extend the Acadian National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved recreational facilities for visitors and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMPSEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1155. A bill to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Federal agenies and programs and to recommend the elimination or realignment of duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1156. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the credit period for electricity produced from certain facilities, to extend the credit period for electricity produced from certain facilities at certain facilities, to extend the credit for electricity produced from certain renewable resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1157. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat gold, silver, platinum, and palladium, in either coin or bar form, in manner as equities and mutual funds for purposes of maximum capital gains rate for individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1158. A bill to impose a 6-month moratorium on terminations of certain plans instituted under section 222 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 in cases in which reorganization of contributing sponsors is sought in bankruptcy or insolvency; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CRAM, Mr. LOTT, Mr. Kyl, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1159. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase, increase, and make permanent the exclusion from income for amounts received under qualified group legal services plan; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 158. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week beginning September 11, 2005, as 'National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week'; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. Res. 159. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association and its members vital contribution to the oil and gas industry of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress on the Purple Heart; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Con. Res. 40. A concurrent resolution recognizing and commending the President and the governments of other countries that have participated in the Proliferation Security Initiative for the historic efforts and successes of the Proliferation Security Initiative in reducing the threat posed by illicit trafficking in weapons of mass destruction, their means of delivery, and related materials, on the occasion of the second anniversary of the establishment of the Proliferation Security Initiative; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 20

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce the number of abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 103

At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 103, a bill to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations.

S. 327

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the tip credit to certain employers and to promote tax compliance.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DE MINT) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 392, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

S. 418

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 418, a bill to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to amend title VII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 593

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of S. 593, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries.

S. 603

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclaimers of all consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURkowski) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) were added as cosponsors of S. 642, a bill to support certain national youth organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 793, a bill to establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels into the waters of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 844

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S.