

electricity from wind, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for information technology training expenses paid or incurred by the employer, and for other purposes.

S. 458

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to modernize and improve the Federal Home Loan Bank System, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to encourage the timely development of a more cost effective United States commercial space transportation industry, and for other purposes.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 484, a bill to provide for the granting of refugee status in the United States to nationals of certain foreign countries in which American Vietnam War POW/MIAs or American Korean War POW/MIAs may be present, if those nationals assist in the return to the United States of those POW/MIAs alive.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 5

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 5, a concurrent resolution expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood.

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 5, *supra*.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), and the Senator from

Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 11, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the fair and equitable implementation of the amendments made by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996.

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 11, *supra*.

SENATE RESOLUTION 19

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 19, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal investment in biomedical research should be increased by \$2,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2000.

SENATE RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 26, a resolution relating to Taiwan's Participation in the World Health Organization.

SENATE RESOLUTION 34

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 34, a resolution designating the week beginning April 30, 1999, as "National Youth Fitness Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 47

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 47, a resolution designating the week of March 21 through March 27, 1999, as "National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 48

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBAKES), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Massachusetts

(Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 48, a resolution designating the week beginning March 7, 1999, as "National Girl Scout Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 53

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 53, a resolution to designate March 24, 1999, as "National School Violence Victims' Memorial Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 55—MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO CERTAIN SENATE COMMITTEES FOR THE 106TH CONGRESS

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 55

Resolved, That notwithstanding the provisions of S. Res. 400 of the 95th Congress, or the provisions of rule XXV, the following shall constitute the membership on those Senate committees listed below for the 106th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Specter (Chairman), Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Craig, Mr. Hutchinson of Arkansas, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Graham of Florida, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Wellstone, and Mrs. Murray.

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Grassley (Chairman), Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Craig, Mr. Burns, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Santorum, Mr. Hagel, Ms. Collins, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Hutchinson of Arkansas, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Reid of Nevada, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Reed of Rhode Island, Mr. Bayh, Mrs. Lincoln, and Mr. Bryan.

Committee on Indian Affairs: Mr. Campbell (Chairman), Mr. Murkowski, Mr. McCain, Mr. Gorton, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Inouye (Vice Chairman), Mr. Conrad, Mr. Reid of Nevada, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Wellstone, and Mr. Dorgan.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problems: Mr. Bennett (Chairman), Mr. Kyl, Mr. Smith of Oregon, Ms. Collins, Mr. Stevens (ex-officio), Mr. Dodd (Vice Chairman), Mr. Moynihan, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Byrd (ex-officio).

SENATE RESOLUTION 56—RECOGNIZING MARCH 2 AS "NATIONAL READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY," AND ENCOURAGING READING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. ROBB) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 56

Whereas reading is a fundamental part of life and every American should be given the chance to experience the many joys it can bring;

Whereas National Read Across America Day calls for every child in every American

community to celebrate and extoll the virtue of reading on the birthday of America's favorite Doctor—Dr. Seuss;

Whereas National Read Across America Day is designed to show every American child that reading can be fun, and encourages parents, relatives and entire communities to read to our nation's children;

Whereas National Read Across America Day calls on every American to take time out of their busy day to pick up a favorite book and read to a young boy or girl, a class or a group of students;

Whereas reading is a catalyst for our children's future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and our nation's ability to compete in the global economy;

Whereas the distinguished Chairman Jim Jeffords and Ranking Member Ted Kennedy of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in reading through their participation in the Everybody Wins! program;

Whereas Chairman Jim Jeffords has been recognized for his leadership in reading by Parenting Magazine;

Whereas prominent sports figures such as National Read Across America Day Honorary Chairman Cal Ripken of the Baltimore Orioles baseball team, Sandy Alomar of the Cleveland Indians, and members of the Atlanta Falcons football team have dedicated substantial time, energy and resources to encourage young people to experience the joy and fun of reading;

Whereas the 105th Congress made an historic commitment to reading through the passage of the Reading Excellence Act which focused on traditionally successful phonics instruction, tutorial assistance grants for at-risk kids, and literacy assistance for parents;

Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes March 2, 1999 as National Read Across America Day; and

(2) expresses its wishes that every child in every American city and town has the ability and desire to read throughout the year, and receives the parental and adult encouragement to succeed and achieve academic excellence.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

RELATIVE TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY-RELATED PROBLEM

BENNETT (AND DODD) AMENDMENT NO. 30

Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. DODD) proposed an amendment to the resolution (S. Res. 7) to amend Senate Resolution 208 of the 105th Congress to increase funding of the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology-related Problems; as follows:

On page 1, line 5, strike "both places" and insert "the second place".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 in SD-106 at 9:00 a.m. The pur-

pose of this meeting will be to review federal child nutrition programs.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Medical Necessity: From Theory to Practice. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to Mark-up the Committee's Budget Views & Estimates letter to the Budget Committee for FY 2000 Indian programs. (The Joint Hearing with the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on American Indian Trust Management Practices in the Department of the Interior will immediately follow). The Meeting/Hearing will be held in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 202/224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Subcommittee on Aging will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 1999, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Older Americans Act: Oversight and Overview. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, will be held on Thursday, March 4, 1999, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is "the New SAFE Act." For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing on "The President's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Request for the Small Business Administration." The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will be broadcast live on the Internet from our homepage address: <http://www.senate.gov/sbc>

For further information, please contact Paul Cooksey at 224-5175.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 2, 1999. The purpose of this meeting will be to review Federal child nutrition programs.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in open session, to receive testimony on the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2000 and the future years defense plan.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 2, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to consider the President's budget for FY2000 for the Department of the Interior.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on "Medical Necessity: From Theory to Practice" during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to receive the legislative presentations of the Veterans of World War I of the USA, Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, and the Blinded Veterans Association. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM SPECIAL

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special