

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. CORZINE:

S. 1682. A bill to designate buildings 315, 318, and 319 located at the William J. Hughes Technical Center of the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlantic City, New Jersey, as the "Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1683. A bill to amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to permit States to use administrative funds to pay costs relating to the processing, transporting, and distributing to eligible recipient agencies of donated wild game; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CARPER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. FRIST):

S. 1684. A bill to provide a 1-year extension of the date for compliance by certain covered entities with the administrative simplification standards for electronic transactions and code sets issued in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1685. A bill to meet the needs of children when preparing for and responding to acts of terrorism; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1686. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1687. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty with respect to Diclofop; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1688. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty with respect to Thidiazuron; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1689. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty with respect to Deltamethrin; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1690. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty with respect to Phenmedipham; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1691. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty with respect to Desmedipham; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1692. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty with respect to Ethofumesate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1693. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty with respect to Tralomethrin; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1694. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on buctril; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1695. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on bronate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1696. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on asulox; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1697. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on cyclanilide; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1698. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on iprodione; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1699. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on foramsulfuron; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1700. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on acetamiprid; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1701. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on fosetyl-A1; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1702. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on endosulfan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1703. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ethoprop; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1704. A bill to amend the Clayton Act to make the antitrust laws applicable to the elimination or relocation of major league baseball franchises; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SPECTER):

S.J. Res. 29. A joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to designate September 11 as Patriot Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 198

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 198, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, non-native weeds on public and private land.

S. 673

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 673, a bill to establish within the executive branch of the Government an interagency committee to review and coordinate United States non-proliferation efforts in the independent states of the former Soviet Union.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a grant

program for providing financial assistance for local rail line relocation projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of items and services provided to medicare beneficiaries residing in rural areas.

S. 1058

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1058, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for farmers and the producers of biodiesel, and for other purposes.

S. 1201

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1201, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for S corporation reform, and for other purposes.

S. 1271

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1271, a bill to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small business concerns with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for equitable reimbursement rates under the medicare program to Medicare+Choice organizations.

S. 1500

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1500, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax and other incentives to maintain a vibrant travel and tourism industry, to keep working people working, and to stimulate economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to extend and amend the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program under subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social

Security Act, to provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with new authority to support programs mentoring children of incarcerated parents, to amend the Foster Care Independent Living Program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for educational and training vouchers for youths aging out of foster care, and for other purposes.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to improve procedures with respect to the admission to, and departure from, the United States of aliens.

S. 1661

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to set up a certification system for research facilities that possess dangerous biological agents and toxins, and for other purposes.

S. 1671

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1671, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide for duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) for certain hand-knotted or hand-woven carpets and leather gloves.

S. 1673

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1673, a bill to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011.

S. 1675

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to authorize the President to reduce or suspend duties on textiles and textile products made in Pakistan until December 31, 2004.

S. CON. RES. 44

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. CON. RES. 44, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

S. CON. RES. 79

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. CON. RES. 79, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that public schools may display the words “God Bless America” as an expression of support for the Nation.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 1682. A bill to designate buildings 315, 318, and 319 located at the William

J. Hughes Technical Center of the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlantic City, New Jersey, as the “Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex”; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to honor one of the finest Senators to represent my State of New Jersey, Frank R. Lautenberg. My bill would designate specific buildings located at the Federal Aviation Administration’s William J. Hughes Technical Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey as the “Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex.”

Designating these buildings as the Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex would be an appropriate tribute to Senator Lautenberg. No one has been a greater champion for transportation interests in the United States Senate. Senator Lautenberg consistently made transportation a top priority and served for many years as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, as well as serving on the Environment and Public Works Committee. Over the years, he accumulated a long list of related accomplishments.

For example, he authored legislation to ban smoking on all flights within the United States, which provides relief from secondhand smoke to thousands of air travelers annually. He was a staunch defender of Amtrak, successfully led efforts to protect its funding in the face of those who oppose our national passenger rail system, and developed landmark legislation to authorize the issuance of bonds to support high speed rail. He also wrote the law that increases the legal drinking age from 18 to 21, which has been credited with saving countless lives on our nation’s highways.

I also would note that Senator Lautenberg played an important role in supporting the Technical Center in Atlantic City, so it is especially appropriate that he be honored at the Center.

Senator Lautenberg always worked hard to steer Federal funds to New Jersey for both road and rail projects, and had considerable success. These projects have been immensely important in easing traffic congestion in New Jersey, our Nation’s most densely populated State. As a member of the committees that will reauthorize the transportation bill, the Environment and Public Works and Banking Committees, I hope to continue Senator Lautenberg’s legacy in this area. In particular, I am hoping to work for funding of a new commuter rail tunnel across the Hudson River that would link New Jersey and Midtown Manhattan.

Beyond his many successes in the area of transportation, Frank Lautenberg had many other accomplishments during his 18-year career in the Senate. He authored legislation barring people convicted of domestic violence from

owning a gun. He wrote the Right-to-Know Act, which requires companies to disclose the chemicals they produce and store. He wrote the Public and Assisted Housing Drug Elimination Act, which has made a huge difference in improving the lives of residents of public housing. Also, as the Ranking Member of the Senate Budget Committee, he played a major role in debates over fiscal policy, and in the development of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which helped lead to our first budget surpluses after a long history of deficits.

Designating these buildings as the Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex is a small but important way we can pay tribute to a man who has contributed so much to our State and our Nation. I personally am honored to serve as his successor in the Senate, and I hope that the Congress will act quickly on this important legislation.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1682

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF FRANK R. LAUTENBERG AVIATION SECURITY COMPLEX.

Buildings 315, 318, and 319 located at the William J. Hughes Technical Center of the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlantic City, New Jersey, shall be known and designated as the “Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex”.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the buildings referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Frank R. Lautenberg Aviation Security Complex.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1683. A bill to amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to permit States to use administrative funds to pay costs relating to the processing, transporting, and distributing to eligible recipient agencies of donated wild game; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, since September 11 we have all seen the generous spirit of volunteerism in our communities. Americans have given blood, donated to soup kitchens and clothing drives, all in record numbers. Although this tragedy has heightened the levels of giving, Americans were helping each other through the tough times long before September 11. I rise today to recognize one type of program that is helping to feed families caught up in the economic downturn.

Take Tim Powers. Tim lives in Lisbon, IA. During the week, he works hard at Whitetails Unlimited, but on the weekends, Tim runs a game donation program. First, Tim negotiates with local butchers for reduced rates on the meat processing. Then, he