

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. REID, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. CHAFEE):

S.J. Res. 9. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the United States Agency for International Development relating to the restoration of the Mexico City Policy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide meaningful campaign finance reform through requiring better reporting, decreasing the role of soft money, and increasing individual contribution limits, and for other purposes.

S. 96

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 96, a bill to ensure that employees of traveling sales crews are protected under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and under other provisions of law.

S. 125

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 125, a bill to provide substantial reductions in the price of prescription drugs for medicare beneficiaries.

S. 149

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to provide authority to control exports, and for other purposes.

S. 193

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 193, a bill to authorize funding for Advanced Scientific Research Computing Programs at the Department of Energy for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

S. 198

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) 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. 202

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 202, a bill to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts as “Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts”.

S. 255

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to require that

health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 256

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, a bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding by new mothers.

S. 258

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of annual screening pap smear and screening pelvic exams.

S. 264

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 264, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand coverage of bone mass measurements under part B of the medicare program to all individuals at clinical risk for osteoporosis.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 281, a bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for partnerships in character education.

S. 350

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 350, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, and for other purposes.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to grant a Federal Charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky

(Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to improve the National Writing Project.

S. 409

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the standards for compensation for Persian Gulf veterans suffering from certain undiagnosed illnesses, and for other purposes.

S. 410

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include assistance for victims of dating violence.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend part F of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and refocus civic education, and for other purposes.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable education opportunity tax credit.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 501, a bill to amend titles IV and XX of the Social Security Act to restore funding for the Social Services Block Grant, to restore the ability of States to transfer up to 10 percent of TANF funds to carry out activities under such block grant, and to require an annual report on such activities by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 512, a bill to foster innovation and technological advancement in the development of the Internet and electronic commerce, and to assist the States in simplifying their sales and use taxes.

S. 517

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 548, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide enhanced reimbursement for, and expanded capacity to, mammography services under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of it.

S. RES. 16

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 16, a resolution designating August 16, 2001, as "National Airborne Day."

AMENDMENT NO. 112

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL), and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 112 proposed to S. 27, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 568. A bill to amend the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to respond to the severe economic losses being incurred by crop producers, livestock and poultry producers, and greenhouse operators as a result of the sharp increase in energy costs or input costs from energy sources; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, 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. 568

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

SECTION 1. EMERGENCY RELIEF FROM HIGH ENERGY COSTS FOR CROP PRODUCERS, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCERS, AND GREENHOUSE OPERATORS.

Section 815 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-55), is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking "paragraph (2)" and inserting "paragraph (2) and subsection (c)(2)";

(2) in subsections (b)(2) and (d), by striking "subsection (c)(2)" each place it appears and inserting "subsection (c)(1)(B)";

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(B) by striking "Assistance" and inserting the following:

"(1) LOSSES DUE TO DAMAGING WEATHER AND RELATED CONDITIONS.—Assistance"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) ECONOMIC LOSSES DUE TO HIGHER ENERGY COSTS.—The Secretary shall also provide assistance under this section to crop producers, livestock and poultry producers, and greenhouse operators for any severe increased operating costs that the producers and operators have experienced, or are likely to experience, during calendar year 2000 or 2001 as the result of an increase in energy costs or input costs from energy sources.;" and

(4) in subsection (e), by striking "Assistance" and inserting "Except as provided in subsection (c)(2), assistance".

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 569. A bill entitled the "Health Care Access Improvement Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the "Health Care Access Improvement Act of 2001." This bill is designed to dramatically expand rural America's access to modern health care.

The Health Care Access Improvement Act creates a significant tax incentive, which encourages doctors, dentists, physician assistants, licensed mental health providers, and nurse practitioners to establish practices in underserved areas. Until now, rural areas have not been able to compete with the financial draw of urban settings and therefore have had trouble attracting medical professionals to their communities. The \$1,000 per month tax credit will allow health care workers to enjoy the advantages of rural life without drastic financial sacrifices. But the real winners in this bill are the thousands of Americans whose access to health care is almost impossible due to a lack of doctors and dentists in small town America.

There are nine counties in the great state of Montana which do not have even one doctor. In these rural settings, agriculture is often the only employer. Farming and ranching is hard, dangerous work. Serious injuries can

happen in an instant. And while Montanans have always been known as a heartier breed of people, we get sick too. It is unreasonable to expect the farmer who has had a run-in with an auger or the elderly rancher's widow to drive two hours or more to get stitched up or to have a crown on a tooth replaced. As doctors, dentists, physicians assistants, mental health providers, and nurse practitioners are attracted to the more urban areas, Montanans and others in isolated communities will suffer. We must do what we can to ensure that these health care providers come to rural America, we must give them some incentive to practice in these smaller communities so that citizens living in these areas can finally enjoy the medical treatment they deserve.

This problem is not unique to my State of Montana, alone. In fact, throughout the United States, we continue to experience scarcity in all or parts of 2,692 counties. In rural areas, serious shortages exist in the supply of primary care practitioners and specialty care practitioners. This is precisely the reason why this bill is so important.

Twenty-nine health care organizations believe strongly in this legislation, as well. They actively support the introduction of this legislation to provide a tax credit to health care providers establishing practices in underserved areas because they realize it will help thousands of health care providers make decisions to establish their practices in America's underserved communities. So many communities whose access to qualified health care professionals has been a constant "revolving door" will be greatly helped by this tax credit. Mr. President, I hold here in my hand a letter on behalf of these various groups which I ask to be inserted in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks.

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

(See exhibit 1.)

Mr. BURNS. It is important to note that less than 11 percent of the nation's physicians are practicing in non-metropolitan areas, less than 11 percent. This is a significant number, folks. We owe it to the men, women, children, elderly and families living in these non-urban communities to take steps necessary to increase this percentage and get more health care providers to their communities.

The Department of Health and Human Services uses a ratio of one primary care physician per 3,500 population as the standard for a primary care Health Professional Shortage Area, HPSA. More than 20 million Americans live in rural and frontier HPSAs. Most of the State of Montana is beyond rural, it's frontier. As of 1997, more than 2,200 physicians were needed nationwide to satisfy these non-metropolitan primary care HPSAs shortages. I think this bill is a step in the right direction.