

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 582. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 583. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve nutrition assistance for working families and the elderly, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. DODD):

S. 584. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. 585. A bill to provide funding for environmental and natural resource restoration in the Coeur d'Alene River Basin, Idaho; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 586. A bill to authorize negotiation for the accession of Chile to the North American Free Trade Agreement, to provide for fast track consideration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 587. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to sustain access to vital emergency medical services in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 588. A bill to reduce acid deposition under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S. 589. A bill to make permanent the moratorium on the imposition of taxes on the Internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. FRIST, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 590. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit for health insurance costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 591. A bill to repeal export controls on high performance computers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 592. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes; 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. HUTCHINSON:

S. Res. 61. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should recognize board certifications from the American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc., for purposes of the payment of special pay by the Veterans Health Administration; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. Con. Res. 27. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the 2008 Olympic Games should not be held in Beijing unless the Government of the People's Republic of China releases all political prisoners, ratifies the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and observes internationally recognized human rights; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit and to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit.

S. 90

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 90, a bill authorizing funding for nanoscale science and engineering research and development at the Department of Energy for fiscal years 2002 through 2006.

S. 133

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 133, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 135

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 135, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve payments for direct graduate medical education under the medicare program.

S. 143

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 143, a bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange

Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate an inequity in the applicability of early retirement eligibility requirements to military reserve technicians.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 278

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 278, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to provide for teacher liability protection.

S. 326

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 15 percent reduction in payment rates under the prospective payment system for home health services and to permanently increase payments for such services that are furnished in rural areas.

S. 393

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 393, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage charitable contributions to public charities for use in medical research.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to provide Capitol-flown flags to the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 452, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that the Secretary of Health and Human Services provides appropriate guidance to physicians, providers of services, and

ambulance providers that are attempting to properly submit claims under the medicare program to ensure that the Secretary does not target inadvertent billing errors.

S. 459

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on vaccines to 25 cents per dose.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor 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. 534

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to establish a Federal interagency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor 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 name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 550

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 550, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas.

S. RES. 44

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 44, a resolution designating each of March 2001, and March 2002, as "Arts Education Month."

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs.

FEINSTEIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 582. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance program; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of Senators CHAFEE, MCCAIN, FEINSTEIN, JEFFORDS, WELLSTONE, MURRAY, KENNEDY, COLLINS, SPECTER, SCHUMER, CLINTON, and myself to introduce the Immigrant Children's Health Improvement Act of 2001.

This bill will give States the option to provide Medicaid and CHIP coverage to immigrant children and pregnant women who arrived legally in this country after August 22, 1996. That is the date Congress passed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act—commonly known as welfare reform.

The goal of that legislation was to encourage self-sufficiency in adults. But it also affected children, including immigrants, citizens, and those not yet born. The legislation cut off government-supported health care for all legal immigrants, regardless of their ages or circumstances.

Census data released last week offered good news on the number of uninsured people in America. The data shows that the number of Americans without health insurance fell from 44.3 million to 42.6 million in 1999. This is the first decline since 1987. But the news is not good for everyone who works hard in this country, who plays by the rules, who tries to build a better life for themselves and their families.

What was not in the headlines is the fact that the proportion of immigrant children who are uninsured remains extremely high.

A new report by the Urban Institute shows that in the last year, nearly half of low-income immigrant children in America had no health-insurance coverage. In my State of Florida, that ratio is nearly three to one. This is just one of many reports that show that in our zeal to discourage dependency in adults, we unintentionally punished children.

A study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities finds that the percentage of low-income immigrant children in publicly-funded coverage—which was low even before welfare reform—has fallen substantially.

Florida is home to more than half a million uninsured children, many of whom are in this country legally or are citizens whose immigrant parents are ineligible for coverage and so think their children are similarly barred.

Under this bill, States have the option of taking steps to change that by eliminating the arbitrary designation of August 22, 1996, as a cutoff date for

allowing children to get health care. Giving States the option of providing this coverage to legal immigrant children and pregnant women would cover more than 200,000 people a year. States have asked for this option. Many are already trying to provide coverage but can't make up the holes in their budget.

In their 2001 Winter Policy Report, the National Governors' Association endorsed this commonsense policy proposal. The National Council of State Legislators has also endorsed this bill. More than 200 respected public-interest groups including Catholic Charities, the National Council of La Raza, the National Association of Public Hospitals, the National Immigration Law Center, the Children's Defense Fund, and the American Academy of Pediatrics have all joined together in support of the bill. Beginning today and for months to come, these organizations will be holding events to rally behind this and other legislation that supports the goal of providing healthy solutions for hard-working American families.

Under this umbrella, Senators KENNEDY and JEFFORDS will be introducing legislation to restore food stamps to legal immigrants and Representatives LEVIN and MORELLA will be introducing a bill to protect immigrant women from domestic violence.

Passage of the Immigrant Children's Health Improvement Act is an important step in revisiting the welfare reform legislation.

What we now realize, years after passing that landmark law, is that legal immigrant children are, as much as citizen children, the next generation of Americans. Providing Medicaid and CHIP to legal immigrant children is critical in order to guarantee that generation can be healthy and productive members of their adopted country.

We call upon Congress and the President to act this year and pass this important bill.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 583. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve nutrition assistance for working families and the elderly, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, today Senator SPECTER, Senator LEAHY, Senator JEFFORDS, Senator GRAHAM, Senator CHAFEE, and I introduce the bipartisan "Nutrition Assistance for Working Families and Seniors Act." Our goal is to repair specific holes that time has worn in the nation's core nutrition safety net—the Food Stamp Program.

Hunger is a silent crisis affecting families all across America. No corner of our land is immune from this tragedy.

The Nation can well afford to ensure that the average food stamp benefit of