

FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 87. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that there should be established a joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives to investigate the rapidly increasing energy prices across the country and to determine what is causing the increases; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Con. Res. 37. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress on the importance of promoting electronic commerce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 11

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 11, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 37

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 37, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 131

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 131, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to amend the provisions of title 39, United States Code, relating to the manner in which pay policies and schedules and fringe benefit programs for postmasters are established.

S. 181

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 181, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the taxation of social security benefits.

S. 587

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 592

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 592, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs.

S. 671

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to provide for public library construction and technology enhancement.

S. 706

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 706, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish programs to alleviate the nursing profession shortage, and for other purposes.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish a program to support research and training in methods of detecting the use of performance-enhancing drugs by athletes, and for other purposes.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 742, a bill to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes.

S. 760

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage and accelerate the nationwide production, retail sale, and consumer use of new motor vehicles that are powered by fuel cell technology, hybrid tech-

nology, battery electric technology, alternative fuels, or other advanced motor vehicle technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) were added as cosponsors of S. 790, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning.

S. 795

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 795, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the consolidation of life insurance companies with other companies.

S. 804

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 804, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require phased increases in the fuel efficiency standards applicable to light trucks; to required fuel economy standards for automobiles up to 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; to raise the fuel economy of the Federal fleet of vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal, and emery-dreifuss muscular dystrophies.

S. 829

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) were added as cosponsors of S. 829, a bill to establish the National Museum of African American History and Culture within the Smithsonian Institution.

S. 839

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment for inpatient hospital services under the medicare program and to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education.

S. 841

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 841, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the Medicare Program.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 850, a bill to expand the Federal tax refund intercept program to cover children who are not minors.

S. 857

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to protect United States military personnel and other elected and appointed officials of the United States Government against criminal prosecution by an international criminal court to which the United States is not a party.

S. 858

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 858, a bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small business with respect to medical care for their employees.

S.J. RES. 13

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 13, a joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, also known as the Marquis de Lafayette.

S. RES. 16

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 16, a resolution designating August 16, 2001, as "National Airborne Day."

S. RES. 75

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 75, a resolution designating the week beginning May 13, 2001, as "National Biotechnology Week."

S. CON. RES. 15

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 15, a concurrent resolution to designate a National Day of Reconciliation.

S. CON. RES. 17

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 17, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should continue

to be parity between the adjustments in the compensation of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the compensation of civilian employees of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 389

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of amendment No. 389.

AMENDMENT NO. 426

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 426 intended to be proposed to S. 1, an original bill to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

AMENDMENT NO. 443

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 443 intended to be proposed to S. 1, an original bill to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

AMENDMENT NO. 451

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 451.

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At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 451, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 451, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 461

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 461 intended to be proposed to S. 1, an original bill to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 859. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a mental health community education program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Rural Mental Health Accessibility Act of 2001 with Senators CONRAD, DOMENICI, JOHNSON, ROBERTS, and NELSON from Nebraska. Like all of the rural health bills I've worked on with my colleagues in the

Senate Rural Health Caucus, I am proud of the bipartisan effort behind this important legislation.

I believe, the Rural Mental Health Accessibility Act of 2001 is crucial because it reflects the unique needs of rural communities to improve access to mental health services.

Many people do not seek mental health services because of the stigma associated with mental illnesses. This is especially true in rural areas where anonymity is more difficult to obtain. This legislation creates the Mental Health Community Education Grant program, which permits states and communities to conduct targeted public education campaigns with particular emphasis on mental illnesses, mental retardation, suicide, and substance abuse disorders. This new program will go a long way in reducing the stigmatization and misinformation surrounding mental health issues.

More than 75 percent of the 518 nationally designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas are located in rural areas and one-fifth of all rural counties in the nation have no mental health services of any kind. Frontier counties have even more drastic numbers as 95 percent of these remote areas do not have psychiatrists, 68 percent do not have psychologists and 78 percent do not have social workers. While I'm proud that every county in my home state of Wyoming now has a psychologist, there are still several counties that are severely underserved and are designated as a Mental Health Shortage Area.

Due to the scarcity of mental health specialists in rural communities, primary care providers are often the only source of treatment. However, primary care providers do not receive the specialized training necessary to recognize the signs of depression and other mental illnesses in their patients. The Rural Mental Health Accessibility Act of 2001 authorizes an Interdisciplinary Grant program that will permit universities and other entities to establish interdisciplinary training programs where mental health providers and primary care providers are taught side-by-side in the classroom, with clinical training conducted in rural underserved communities. This will encourage greater collaboration amongst providers and increase the quality of care for rural patients.

I am particularly concerned that suicide rates among rural children and adolescents are higher than in urban areas, especially in western and frontier states. Additionally, 20 percent of the nation's elderly population live in rural areas, but only 9 percent of our nation's physicians practice in rural areas. This bill authorizes \$30 million for 20 demonstration projects, equally divided, to provide mental health services to children and elderly residents of long term care facilities located in mental health shortage areas. These projects will also provide mental illness education and targeted instruction on coping and dealing with the