

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2078. A bill to amend section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate notification and return requirements for State and local political committees and candidate committees and avoid duplicate reporting by certain State and local political committees of information required to be reported and made publicly available under State law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2079. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to facilitate and enhance judicial review of certain matters regarding veteran's benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2080. A bill to designate a United States courthouse to be constructed in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (by request):

S.J. Res. 34. A joint resolution approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

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

S. Res. 232. A resolution congratulating the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 233. A resolution congratulating the University of Maryland Terrapins for winning the 2002 NCAA National Basketball Championship; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 205

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 205, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the income inclusion on a distribution from an individual retirement account to the extent that the distribution is contributed for charitable purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 682

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of

S. 682, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to restore the link between the maximum amount of earnings by blind individuals permitted without demonstrating ability to engage in substantial gainful activity and the exempt amount permitted in determining excess earnings under the earnings test.

S. 885

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 885, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for national standardized payment amounts for inpatient hospital services furnished under the medicare program.

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 885, supra.

S. 946

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to establish an Office on Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 999, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a Korea Defense Service Medal to be issued to members of the Armed Forces who participated in operations in Korea after the end of the Korean War.

S. 1132

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1132, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relating to the distribution chain of prescription drugs.

S. 1208

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1208, a bill to combat the trafficking, distribution, and abuse of Ecstasy (and other club drugs) in the United States.

S. 1258

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1258, a bill to improve academic and social outcomes for teenage youth.

S. 1339

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1339, a bill to amend the Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000 to provide an asylum program with regard

to American Persian Gulf War POW/MIAs, and for other purposes.

S. 1346

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 1346, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1408

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 1408, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to standardize the income threshold for copayment for outpatient medications with the income threshold for inability to defray necessary expense of care, and for other purposes.

S. 1516

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1516, a bill to remove civil liability barriers that discourage the donation of fire equipment to volunteer fire companies.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure the continuity of medical care following a major disaster by making private for-profit medical facilities eligible for Federal disaster assistance.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1749, a bill to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1822

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1822, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow certain catchup contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants age 50 or over.

S. 1828

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84

of title 5, United States Code, to include Federal prosecutors within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes.

S. 1922

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1922, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to provide for the merger of the bank and savings association deposit insurance funds, to modernize and improve the safety and fairness of the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes.

S. 2003

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2003, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 2026

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2026, a bill to authorize the use of Cooperative Threat Reduction funds for projects and activities to address proliferation threats outside the states of the former Soviet Union, and for other purposes.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2051, a bill to remove a condition preventing authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation from taking affect, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 109

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 109, a resolution designating the second Sunday in the month of December as "National Children's Memorial Day" and the last Friday in the month of April as "Children's Memorial Flag Day."

S. RES. 209

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 209, a

resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding prenatal care for women and children.

S. RES. 219

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 219, a resolution expressing support for the democratically elected Government of Colombia and its efforts to counter threats from United States-designated foreign terrorist organizations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2075. A bill to facilitate the availability of electromagnetic spectrum for the deployment of wireless based services in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, I rise today to introduce the Rural Spectrum Access Act, RESA, of 2002. Wireless communications is revolutionizing the way we communicate. It allows us to place calls from anywhere in the world to anywhere in the world. We can check our favorite websites, and even stay in touch with family and friends through email, all without a phone line. It's empowering to know that we can do all this and more while sitting on top of a mountain in Montana.

However, these services require spectrum, the wireless waves that give us this freedom. Due to the way the FCC distributes spectrum, rural America is finding it more and more difficult to get quality wireless service. The current system distributes spectrum on very large geographic areas, which in effect, inhibits certain carriers from participating in wireless auctions. Since the geographic licensing areas are so large and the price for the spectrum is equally as large, rural carriers often find it difficult bidding on the spectrum. My legislation will correct this inequity.

RESA requires the Federal Communications Commission, in future auctions, to distribute spectrum on smaller geographic levels. It does not favor one type of carrier over another, or pick which carrier can serve which areas. Rather, it simply allows carriers to bid on spectrum that they find difficult under today's system.

It is my hope that this bill will allow more of our rural telecommunication carriers to participate in future auctions. The RESA Act will bring more choices, better service and lower prices for those of us living in rural America.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 2076. A bill to prohibit the cloning of humans; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, the Senate will soon start debating the issue of human cloning. I want to state unequivocally that I am against the cloning of a human being. The cloning

of a human being raises serious moral and ethical questions about society's perception of human life.

Today, I am introducing legislation that prohibits the cloning of a human being. It is a simple bill, but it reflects my view and a view that is held by almost everyone. My bill reflects the common ground that we can all agree to in this debate. My legislation makes it illegal to clone a human being and imposes strict penalties against anyone who violates this prohibition.

I urge my colleagues to support a ban on the cloning of a human being, and encourage their cosponsorship of my legislation.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2077. A bill to make grants to improve public safety in order to prepare for and respond to terrorist threats; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, today I am introducing the Securing Our States Act. As the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11 taught us all too well, our Nation is not as prepared for widespread emergencies as it should be. The legislation I am introducing today, Securing Our States Act, or SOS Act, will help make our Nation more secure by strengthening our first line of defense, the first responders in our States and communities.

As the Presiding Officer is well aware, when a terrorist attack or other disaster occurs, it is the State and local police, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel who are first on the scene. Nearly 2 million State and local police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and others are closest to these challenges. They understand best what is needed to respond effectively, and they tell me they need improved training, more and better equipment, greater coordination, and more exercises. They need them as soon as possible. They are the ones who are always on the front lines when disaster strikes.

Properly trained and equipped, first responders have the greatest potential to save lives and limit casualties after a terrorist attack. Currently, however, our capabilities for responding to a terrorist attack vary widely from community to community, State to State, across this great country. Many areas simply have very little capacity to respond to a terrorist attack. In fact, most localities could not respond effectively to a terrorist attack if weapons of mass destruction were used. Even the best prepared States and communities do not possess adequate resources to respond to the full range of possible terrorist attacks.

This legislation I am introducing will help by providing much needed resources. The SOS Act, which is consistent with the first responders proposal in President Bush's budget, will provide \$4 billion in critically needed funding, an increase of more than 1,000 percent in Federal resources that will flow to State and local governments.