

Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DAYTON, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2184. A bill to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 2185. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide workers with individual account plans with information on how the assets in their accounts are invested and of the need to diversify the investment of the assets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (by request):

S. 2186. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a new Assistant Secretary to perform operations, preparedness, security and law enforcement functions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2187. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish health care during a major disaster or medical emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 2188. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to amend its flammability standards for children's sleepwear under the Flammable Fabrics Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DAYTON, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2189. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to remedy certain effects of injurious steel imports by protecting benefits of steel industry retirees and encouraging the strengthening of the American steel industry; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 2190. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide employees with greater control over assets in their pension accounts by providing them with better information about investment of the assets, new diversification rights, and new limitations on pension plan blackouts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 2191. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on petroleum sulfonic acids, sodium salts; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2192. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain TAED chemicals; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2193. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Vanguard 75 WDG; 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. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 244. A resolution eliminating secret Senate holds; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Res. 245. A resolution designating the week of May 5 through May 11, 2002, as "National Occupational Safety and Health Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 808

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 808, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the occupational taxes relating to distilled spirits, wine, and beer.

S. 830

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 830, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 964

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 964, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1174

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to provide for safe incarceration of juvenile offenders.

S. 1248

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1248, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1258

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1258, a bill to improve academic and social outcomes for teenage youth.

S. 1526

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1526, a bill to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs.

CARNAHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1638, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

S. 1722

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1722, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the application of the excise tax imposed on bows and arrows.

S. 1748

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1748, a bill to promote the stabilization of the economy by encouraging financial institutions to continue to support economic development including development in urban areas, through the provision of affordable insurance coverage against acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 1751

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1751, a bill to promote the stabilization of the economy by encouraging financial institutions to continue to support economic development, including development in urban areas, through the provision of affordable insurance coverage against acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 1769

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1769, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to carry out a project for flood protection and ecosystem restoration for Sacramento, California, and for other purposes.

S. 1787

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1787, a bill to promote rural safety and improve rural law enforcement.

S. 1924

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to promote charitable giving, and for other purposes.

S. 1988

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1988, a bill to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers.

S. 2039

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2039, a bill to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago area.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Nebraska

(Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) 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. 2075

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2076

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to prohibit the cloning of humans.

S.J. RES. 35

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 35, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

S. RES. 185

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 185, a resolution recognizing the historical significance of the 100th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States.

S. RES. 219

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

AMENDMENT NO. 3037

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3037 intended to be proposed to 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3103

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr.

WARNER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3103 intended to be proposed to 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 3129

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3129 intended to be proposed to 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2139. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to promote positive health behaviors in women; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, the legislation I am introducing today entitled the "Community Health Workers Act of 2002" would improve access to health education and outreach services to women in medically underserved areas in the United States-New Mexico border region.

Lack of access to adequate health care and health education is a significant problem along the United States-New Mexico border. While the access problem is in part due to a lack of insurance, it is also attributable to non-financial barriers to access. These barriers include a shortage of physicians and other health professionals, and hospitals; inadequate transportation; a shortage of bilingual health information and health providers; and culturally insensitive systems of care.

This legislation would help to address the issue of access by providing \$6 million in grants to State, local, and tribal organizations, including community health centers and public health departments, for the purpose of hiring community health workers to provide health education, outreach, and referrals to women and families who otherwise would have little or no contact with health care services.

Recognizing factors such as poverty and language and cultural differences that often serve as barriers to health care access in medically underserved populations, community health workers are in a unique position to improve health outcomes and quality of care for groups that have traditionally lacked access to adequate services.

The positive benefits of the community health worker model have been documented. Research has shown that community health workers have been effective in increasing the utilization of health preventive services such as cancer screenings and medical follow up for elevated blood pressure. Prelimi-

nary investigation of a community health workers project in New Mexico suggests that community health workers also help to increase enrollment in health insurance programs such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, SCHIP.

According to an Institute of Medicine, IOM, report entitled, "Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Healthcare," "community health workers offer promise as a community-based resource to increase racial and ethnic minorities' access to health care and to serve as a liaison between healthcare providers and the communities they serve."

Although the community health worker model is valued on the United States-Mexico border as well as other parts of the country that encounter challenges of meeting the health care needs of medically underserved populations, these programs often have difficulty securing adequate financial resources to maintain and expand upon their services. As a result, many of these programs are significantly limited in their ability to meet the ongoing and emerging health demands of their communities.

The IOM report also notes that "programs to support the use of community health workers . . . especially among medically underserved and racial and ethnic minority populations, should be expanded, evaluated, and replicated."

I am introducing this legislation to increase resources for a model that has shown significant promise for increasing access to quality health care and health education for families in medically underserved communities.

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. 2139

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Community Health Workers Act of 2002".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Chronic diseases, defined as any condition that requires regular medical attention or medication, are the leading cause of death and disability for women in the United States across racial and ethnic groups.

(2) According to the National Vital Statistics Report of 2001, the 5 leading causes of death among Hispanic, American Indian, and African-American women are heart disease, cancer, diabetes, cerebrovascular disease, and unintentional injuries.

(3) Unhealthy behaviors alone lead to more than 50 percent of premature deaths in the United States.

(4) Poor diet, physical inactivity, tobacco use, and alcohol and drug abuse are the health risk behaviors that most often lead to disease, premature death, and disability, and are particularly prevalent among many groups of minority women.

(5) Over 60 percent of Hispanic and African-American women are classified as overweight and over 30 percent are classified as