

June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7620. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Environment, Safety and Health, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hoisting and Rigging" (DOE-STD-1090-2001) received on June 20, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2530: A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to establish police powers for certain Inspector General agents engaged in official duties and provide an oversight mechanism for the exercise of those powers. (Rept. No. 107-176).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 281: A bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. (Rept. No. 107-177).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1240: A bill to provide for the acquisition of land and construction of an interagency administrative and visitor facility at the entrance to American Fork Canyon, Utah, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-178).

By Mr. SARBANES, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2673: An original bill to improve quality and transparency in financial reporting and independent audits and accounting services for public companies, to create a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, to enhance the standard setting process for accounting practices, to strengthen the independence of firms that audit public companies, to increase corporate responsibility and the usefulness of corporate financial disclosure, to protect the objectivity and independence of securities analysts, to improve Securities and Exchange Commission resources and oversight, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SARBANES:

S. 2673. An original bill to improve quality and transparency in financial reporting and independent audits and accounting services for public companies, to create a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, to enhance the standard setting process for accounting practices, to strengthen the independence of firms that audit public companies, to increase corporate responsibility and the usefulness of corporate financial disclosure, to protect the objectivity and independence of securities analysts, to improve Securities and Exchange Commission resources and oversight, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2674. A bill to improve access to health care medically underserved areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2675. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a pilot program to make grants to eligible institutions to develop, demonstrate, or disseminate information on practices, methods, or techniques relating to environmental education and training in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2676. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a 10-year foreign tax credit carryforward and to apply the look-thru rules for purposes of the foreign tax credit limitation to dividends from foreign corporations not controlled by a domestic corporation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2677. A bill to improve consumer access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BOND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. REID, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2678. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to transfer all excise taxes imposed on alcohol fuels to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 2679. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a tax credit for offering employer-based health insurance coverage, to provide for the establishment of health plan purchasing alliances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2680. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate opportunities to enhance domestic oil and gas production through the exchange of nonproducing Federal oil and gas leases located in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, in the Flathead National Forest, and on Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S.J. Res. 38. A joint resolution providing for the designation of a Medal of Honor Flag and for presentation of that flag to recipients of the Medal of Honor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. Res. 291. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in United States v. Milton Thomas Black; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. Con. Res. 123. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the future of Taiwan should be resolved peacefully, through a democratic mechanism, with the express consent of the people of Taiwan and free from outside threats, intimidation, or

interference; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 237

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) 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. 572

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 572, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend modifications to DSH allotments provided under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000.

S. 677

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 677, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financing to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 839

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) 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. 912

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans.

S. 913

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 913, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

S. 918

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 918, a bill to provide more child support money to families leaving welfare, to simplify the rules governing the assignment and distribution of child support collected by States on behalf of children, to improve the collection of child support, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) 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. 1022

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1022, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 1311

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1311, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1506, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of SBP survivor annuities by dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 1549

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1549, a bill to provide for increasing the technically trained workforce in the United States.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1991, to establish a national rail passenger transportation system, reauthorize Amtrak, improve security and service on Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 2039

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, his name 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 name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to remove a condition preventing authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and vet-

erans' disability compensation from taking effect, and for other purposes.

S. 2121

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2121, a bill to amend section 313 of the Tariff Act of 1930 to simplify and clarify certain drawback provisions.

S. 2194

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2194, a bill to hold accountable the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 2335

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2335, a bill to establish the Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, to create the Native American Small Business Development Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2425

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2425, a bill to prohibit United States assistance and commercial arms exports to countries and entities supporting international terrorism.

S. 2435

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2435, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code to exclude all employment contracts from the arbitration provisions of chapter 1 of such title; and for other purposes.

S. 2447

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2447, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education.

S. 2448

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2448, a bill to improve nationwide access to broadband services.

S. 2512

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2512, a bill to provide grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 2525

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2525, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for foreign countries seriously affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

S. 2545

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2545, a bill to extend and improve United States programs on the proliferation of nuclear materials, and for other purposes.

S. 2562

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2562, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 2572

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2572, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes.

S. 2622

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2622, a bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Joseph A. De Laine in recognition of his contributions to the Nation.

S. 2647

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2647, a bill to require that activities carried out by the United States in Afghanistan relating to governance, reconstruction and development, and refugee relief and assistance will support the basic human rights of women and women's participation and leadership in these areas.

S. 2648

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2648, a bill to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes.

S. 2649

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2649, a bill to provide assistance to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic in developing foreign countries.

S. 2668

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2668, a bill to ensure the safety and security of passenger air transportation cargo and all-cargo air transportation.

S. RES. 266

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming

(Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 266, a resolution designating October 10, 2002, as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day."

S. CON. RES. 119

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 119, a concurrent resolution honoring the United States Marines killed in action during World War II while participating in the 1942 raid on Makin Atoll in the Gilbert Islands and expressing the sense of Congress that a site in Arlington National Cemetery, near the Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial at the corner of Memorial and Farragut Drives, should be provided for a suitable monument to the Marine Raiders.

S. CON. RES. 121

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 121, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should be established a National Health Center Week for the week beginning on August 18, 2002, to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers.

AMENDMENT NO. 3936

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3936 intended to be proposed to S. 2514, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2674. A bill to improve access to health care medically underserved areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I join Senator BROWNBACK in introducing important legislation aimed at ensuring that a piece of the puzzle regarding adequate physician services in underserved communities is preserved.

By all accounts, the Conrad State 20 J-1 Visa Waiver program has been a great success at bringing crucially-needed doctors to medically-underserved areas. It has served as a wonderful resource for my State and for other States across our Nation. The bill we are introducing today eliminates the program's sunset date, thereby making sure that this much-needed program remains available.

I created the Conrad State 20 program in 1994 to deal with the reality that many areas of the country, especially rural communities, have a very difficult time recruiting American doctors. These health facilities have had no other choice but to turn to foreign medical graduates to fill their needs. J-1 visa waivers allow foreign physicians to practice in medically-underserved communities after their J-1 status has expired without first returning to their home countries. These waivers allow foreign physicians to receive nonimmigrant, H-1B status, temporary worker in specialty occupation, for 3 years. In order to receive the waiver, the physician must agree to serve the medically-underserved community for the full three years. If he or she fails to fulfill that commitment, the physician is subject to immediate deportation.

Prior to the creation of my State 20 program, J-1 visa waiver exclusively involved finding an "interested Federal agency" to coordinate the request. This was found to be a long, cumbersome, and bureaucratic process. By allowing States to directly participate in the process of obtaining waivers, my program relieves some of the burdens on participating Federal agencies and allows decisions regarding a State's health care needs to be made at the State level by the people who know best.

I have shepherded the Conrad State 20 program from its creation in 1994 through a subsequent reauthorization and other improvements over the years. By now removing the program's sunset date, the bill that Senator BROWNBACK and I are introducing today will ensure that this important program remains a part of a State's tool belt in dealing with physician-shortages in medically-underserved areas.

Our bill also provides for a modest increase from 20 allowable Conrad State 20 visa waivers per State per year to 30. For some time, a number of States have been bumping up against the State 20 ceiling, and my hope is that this increase will help additional medically underserved communities throughout the country procure the physician services they need.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

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

S. 2675. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a pilot program to make grants to eligible institutions to develop, demonstrate or disseminate information on practices, methods, or techniques relating to environmental education and training in the Chesapeake Bay watershed; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to establish an environmental education program for elementary and secondary

school students and teachers within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This measure would provide grant assistance to elementary and secondary schools, school districts and not-for-profit environmental education organizations in the six-state watershed to support teacher training, curriculum development, classroom education and meaningful Bay or stream outdoor experiences. It would also enable the U.S. Department of Education to become an active partner in the Chesapeake Bay Program. Joining me as co-sponsors of this legislation are my colleagues Senators MIKULSKI, WARNER, and ALLEN.

There is a growing consensus that a major commitment to education, to promoting an ethic of responsible stewardship and citizenship among the nearly 16 million people who live in the watershed, is necessary if all of the other efforts to "Save the Bay" are to succeed. The ultimate responsibility for the protection and restoration of Chesapeake Bay is dependent upon the individual and collective actions of this and future generations. As population growth and development continue to place enormous pressures on the Chesapeake Bay region's natural resource base, we must learn how to minimize the impacts that we are having on the Bay. Our future depends upon our ability to use the Bay's resources in a sustainable manner. This is as much a civic responsibility as voting. Developing an environmentally literate citizenry that has the skills and knowledge to make well-informed choices and to exercise the rights and responsibilities as members of a community is clearly one of the best ways to raise generations who can be contributors to a healthy and enduring watershed. In my judgment, this can best be accomplished by expanding assistance for environmental education and training programs in the K-12 levels.

In addition to stewardship, there are other dimensions to expanding environmental education opportunities in the Chesapeake Bay region that are equally compelling. A number of recent studies have found that environmental education also enhances student achievement, critical thinking and basic life skills. A 1998 report by the State Education and Environment Roundtable, perhaps the most comprehensive study to date, documents how 40 schools in 12 States, including three schools in Maryland and four schools in Pennsylvania, achieved remarkable academic, attitudinal and behavioral results by using the environment as an integrating strategy for learning across all subject areas. According to the study, students performed better in science, social studies, math and reading. Classroom discipline problems declined and students demonstrated increased engagement and enthusiasm in learning in an environment-based context. Moreover, students' creative thinking, decision-making and interpersonal skills were enhanced by environment-based learning.