

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3029. A bill to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of accidental medical injury; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 3030. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2d Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 3031. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reduce delays in the development of highway and transit projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3032. A bill to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON:

S. 3033. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an electronic system for practitioner monitoring of the dispensing of any schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. 3034. A bill to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON:

S. 3035. A bill to prohibit the sale of tobacco products through the Internet or other indirect means to underage individuals, to ensure the collection of all cigarette taxes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. MILLER):

S.J. Res. 46. A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq; read the first time.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S.J. Res. 47. A joint resolution approving the location of the commemorative work in the District of Columbia honoring former President John Adams; 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 Mrs. CLINTON:

S. Res. 332. A resolution recognizing the "Code Adam" child safety program, commending retail business establishments that have implemented programs to protect children from abduction, and urging retail busi-

ness establishments that have not implemented such program to consider doing so; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 710

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 710, a bill to require coverage for colorectal cancer screenings.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 724, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of pregnancy-related assistance for targeted low-income pregnant women.

S. 885

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor 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.

S. 917

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1022

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1140, *supra*.

S. 1761

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1761, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of cholesterol and blood lipid screening under the medicare program.

S. 1860

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.

BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1860, a bill to reward the hard work and risk of individuals who choose to live in and help preserve America's small, rural towns, and for other purposes.

S. 1967

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1967, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve outpatient vision services under part B of the medicare program.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance the access of medicare beneficiaries who live in medically underserved areas to critical primary and preventive health care benefits, to improve the Medicare+Choice program, and for other purposes.

S. 2072

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2072, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of covering intensive community mental health treatment under the Medicaid Program.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, a bill to modify the application of the antitrust laws to permit collective development and implementation of a standard contract form for playwrights for the licensing of their plays.

S. 2215

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2215, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 2246

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2246, a bill to improve access to printed instructional materials used by blind or other persons with print disabilities in elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 2528

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2528, a bill to establish a National Drought Council within the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to improve national drought preparedness, mitigation, and response efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 2547

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2547, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair payments under the medicare hospital outpatient department prospective payment system.

S. 2583

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2583, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the management of health care services for veterans to place certain low-income veterans in a higher health-care priority category.

S. 2613

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2613, a bill to amend section 507 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize additional appropriations for historically black colleges and universities, to decrease the cost-sharing requirement relating to the additional appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 2645

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2645, a bill to establish the Director of National Intelligence as head of the intelligence community, to modify and enhance authorities and responsibilities relating to the administration of intelligence and the intelligence community, and for other purposes.

S. 2674

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2674, a bill to improve access to health care medically underserved areas.

S. 2793

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2793, a bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 2816

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2816, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve tax equity for military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 2869

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2869, a bill to facilitate the ability of certain spectrum auction

winners to pursue alternative measures required in the public interest to meet the needs of wireless telecommunications consumers.

S. 2969

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2969, a bill to provide for improvement of Federal education research, statistics, evaluation, information, and dissemination, and for other purposes.

S. 2990

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2990, a bill to provide for programs and activities to improve the health of Hispanic individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 3013

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) were added as cosponsors of S. 3013, a bill to amend the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to extend and modify the reimbursement of State and local funds expended for emergency health services furnished to undocumented aliens.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance beneficiary access to quality health care services under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 270

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 270, a resolution designating the week of October 13, 2002, through October 19, 2002, as "National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week."

S. RES. 307

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 307, a resolution reaffirming support of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and anticipating the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) on November 4, 2003.

S. RES. 321

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 321, a resolution commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Founding of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC).

S. CON. RES. 142

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, the names of the Senator from

Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 142, a concurrent resolution expressing support for the goals and ideas of a day of tribute to all firefighters who have died in the line of duty and recognizing the important mission of the Fallen Firefighters Foundation in assisting family members to overcome the loss of their fallen heroes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By MR. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. GRASSLEY):
S. 3028. A bill to provide for a creditors' committee of employee and retiree representatives of a debtor in order to protect pensions of those employees and retirees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Employee Pension Bankruptcy Protection Act of 2002. Today, when a company declares bankruptcy, it is often the employees and retirees who suffer. They suffer because they often lose their hard earned pensions and retirement benefits during the bankruptcy process. This is simply not right. When Americans lose the pensions and benefits that they have worked a lifetime to earn, it is the responsibility of the members of this body to act to protect them.

Under current law, the pension fund is technically the "creditor" of the corporation, not the employees and retirees. Thus, in court, employees and retirees of a bankrupt corporation have their interests in their pensions represented by the pension plan trustee. If the pension fund itself is threatened with insolvency, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, PBGC, can step in. While PBGC often covers most of the pension obligation, the statutory limits can sometimes leave a significant amount of pension benefits unpaid. If employees and retirees are not satisfied with how the pension plan trustee or PGGC is representing their interests, current law provides no relief. There is no day in court for the people who earned the pensions in the first place.

This problem has only recently been brought to my attention by Mr. John Nichols of Gadsden, AL, and his son, Phil, an attorney in Birmingham. The ordeal faced by Mr. Nichols is a prime example of why employees and retirees need more representation before the bankruptcy court. Mr. Nichols spent his entire career at a steel plant in Gadsden. He began working for Republic Steel in 1956 and stayed with the operation through a buyout by LTV Steel and two subsequent ownership changes.

When LTV bought out Mr. Nichols' employer, LTV Steel took over the