

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. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1641. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend medicare cost-sharing for certain qualifying individuals (QI-1s); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1642. A bill to extend the duration of the immigrant investor regional center pilot program for 5 additional years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 1643. A bill to exempt certain coastal barrier property from financial assistance and flood insurance limitations under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act and the National Flood Act of 1968; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1644. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to limit the number of packer-owned swine that certain packers may slaughter in any calendar year; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GREGG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1645. A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1646. A bill to provide a 5-month extension of highway safety programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. Res. 228. A resolution recognizing the teams and players of the Negro Baseball Leagues for their achievements, dedication, sacrifices, and contributions to baseball and the Nation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. Res. 229. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 230. A resolution calling on the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Rebiya Kadeer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. Res. 231. A resolution commending the Government and people of Kenya; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MILLER (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. Res. 232. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate upon the death on September 3, 2003, of the late General Raymond G. Davis (United States Marine Corps, retired) and expressing the appreciation and admiration of the Senate for the unwavering commitment demonstrated by General Davis to his family, the Marine Corps, and the Nation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. DAYTON):

S. Res. 233. A resolution commending the Rochester, Minnesota A's American Legion baseball team for winning the 2003 National American Legion World Series; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 18

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 18, a bill to improve early learning opportunities and promote preparedness by increasing the availability of Head Start programs, to increase the availability and affordability of quality child care, to reduce child hunger and encourage healthy eating habits, to facilitate parental involvement, and for other purposes.

S. 242

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 242, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 300

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) were added as cosponsors of S. 300, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson.

S. 596

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the investment of foreign earnings within the United States for productive business investments and job creation.

S. 596

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

BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, supra.

S. 606

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 606, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 741, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 818

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to ensure the independence and nonpartisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

S. 884

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1245

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1245, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1298, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure the humane slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1303

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1303, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and otherwise revise the Medicare Program to reform the method of paying for covered drugs, drug administration services, and chemotherapy support services.

S. 1396

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1396, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado

(Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1404, a bill to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

S. 1454

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1454, a bill to establish a National Drought Council within the Department of Agriculture, to improve national drought preparedness, mitigation, and response efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 1483

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1483, a bill to amend the Head Start Act to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1531, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Armenia.

S. 1558

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1558, a bill to restore religious freedoms.

S. 1559

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 1568, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain provisions applicable to real estate investment trusts.

S. 1586

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1586, a bill to authorize appropriate action if the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency and currency manipulations are not successful.

S. 1594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1594, a bill to require a report on reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

S. 1618

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1618, a bill to reauthorize Federal Aviation Administration Programs for the period beginning on October 1, 2003, and ending on March 31, 2004, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 1622, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to exempt certain members of the Armed Forces from the requirement to pay subsistence charges while hospitalized.

S. CON. RES. 61

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 61, a concurrent resolution authorizing and requesting the President to issue a proclamation to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Constantino Brumidi.

S. CON. RES. 67

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 67, a concurrent resolution expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and supporting the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month.

S. RES. 202

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 202, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the genocidal Ukraine Famine of 1932-33.

AMENDMENT NO. 1731

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1731 proposed to H.R. 2691, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1731

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1731 proposed to H.R. 2691, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 1731

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1731 proposed to H.R. 2691, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 1734

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1734 proposed to H.R. 2691, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1740

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1740 proposed to H.R. 2691, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1641. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend medicare cost-sharing for certain qualifying individuals (QI-1s); to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, 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. 1641

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 "QI-1s Medicare Cost-Sharing Extension Act of 2003".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF MEDICARE COST-SHARING FOR CERTAIN QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS.

(a) EXTENSION OF SUNSET.—Section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(E)(iv)) is amended—

- (1) by striking subclause (II);
- (2) beginning in the matter preceding subclause (I), by striking "ending with December 2002" and all that follows through "for medicare cost-sharing described" in subclause (I) and inserting "ending with March 2004 for medicare cost-sharing described"; and
- (3) by striking ", and" at the end and inserting a semicolon.

(b) TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION.—Section 1933(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u-3(c)) is amended—

- (1) in paragraph (1)(E), by striking "fiscal year 2002" and inserting "each of fiscal years 2002 and 2003"; and