

FEINSTEIN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 306. A bill to amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to consolidate and restate the Federal laws relating to the social health maintenance organization projects, to make such projects permanent, to require the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on ways to expand such projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 307. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 308. A bill to impose greater accountability on the Tennessee Valley Authority with respect to capital investment decisions and financing operations by increasing Congressional and Executive Branch oversight; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 309. A bill to enable the United States to maintain its leadership in aeronautics and aviation by instituting an initiative to develop technologies that will significantly lower noise, emissions, and fuel consumption, to reinvestigate basic and applied research in aeronautics and aviation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 310. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 311. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations requiring turbojet aircraft of air carriers to be equipped with missile defense systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 312. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of allotments for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 under the State Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 313. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 314. A bill to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. REID):

S. 315. A bill to support first responders to protect homeland security and prevent and

respond to acts of terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 316. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to include efforts to address barriers to employment as a work activity under the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 317. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, bi-weekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs for work and family, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. REID):

S. 318. A bill to provide emergency assistance to nonfarm-related small business concerns that have suffered substantial economic harm from drought; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. 319. A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the Government contribution for Federal employee health insurance; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 320. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DEWINE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 321. A bill to provide for the establishment of a scientific basis for new firefighting technology standards, improve coordination among Federal, State, and local fire officials in training for and responding to terrorist attacks and other national emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 322. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain sightseeing flights from taxes on air transportation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 323. A bill to establish the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, Louisiana; 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. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BOND, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CARPER, Mr.

CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. INOUE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. NICKLES, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MILLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SMITH, Mr. REED, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REID, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TALENT, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 45. A resolution commemorating the Columbia Astronauts; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 46. A resolution designating March 31, 2003, as "National Civilian Conservation Corps Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. Res. 47. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 48. A resolution designating April 2003 as "Financial Literacy for Youth Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 49. A resolution designating February 11, 2003, as "National Inventors' Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 50

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care, and for other purposes.

S. 83

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 83, a bill to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago area, and for other purposes.

S. 219

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 219, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of

1930 to clarify the adjustments to be made in determining export price and constructed export price.

S. 239

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 239, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, and for other purposes.

S. 240

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 240, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow allocation of small ethanol producer credit to patrons of cooperative, and for other purposes.

S. 245

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 245, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit human cloning.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 287

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 287, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 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. 295

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 295, a bill to amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to establish the Denali transportation system in the State of Alaska.

S.J. RES. 2

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 2, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget and protect Social Security surpluses.

S. RES. 28

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 28, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United Nations weapons inspectors should be given sufficient time for a thorough assessment of the level of compliance by

the Government of Iraq with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441 (2002) and that the United States should seek a United Nations Security Council resolution specifically authorizing the use of force before initiating any offensive military operations against Iraq.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 301. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that reimbursements for costs of using passenger automobiles for charitable and other organizations are excluded from gross income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I am pleased to reintroduce legislation today that would increase the mileage reimbursement rate for volunteers.

Under current law, when volunteers use their cars for charitable purposes, the volunteers may be reimbursed up to 14 cents per mile for their donated services without triggering a tax consequence for either the organization or the volunteers. If the charitable organization reimburses any more than that, they are required to file an information return indicating the amount, and the volunteers must include the amount over 14 cents per mile in their taxable income. By contrast, the mileage reimbursement level currently permitted for businesses is 36 cents per mile.

At the time when government is asking volunteers and volunteer organizations to bear a greater burden of delivering essential services, the 14 cents per mile limit is posing a very real hardship on charitable organizations and other nonprofit groups. I have heard from a number of people in Wisconsin on the need to increase this reimbursement limit.

At a listening session I held last summer, one organization, the Portage County Department on Aging, explained just how important volunteer drivers are to their ability to provide services to seniors in that county. The Department on Aging reported that in 2001, 54 volunteer drivers delivered meals to homes and transported people to medical appointments, meal sites, and other essential services. The Department noted that their volunteer drivers provided 4,676 rides, and drove nearly 126,000 miles. They also delivered 9,385 home-delivered meals, and nearly two-thirds of the drivers logged more than 100 miles per month in providing these needed services. Together, volunteers donated over 5,200 hours last year, and as the Department notes, at the rate of minimum wage, that amounts to over \$27,000, not including other benefits.

As many of my colleagues know, the senior meals program is one of the most vital services provided under the Older Americans Act, and ensuring that meals can be delivered to seniors

or that seniors can be taken to meal sites is an essential part of that program. Unfortunately, Federal support for the senior nutrition programs has stagnated in recent years. This has increased pressure on local programs to leverage more volunteer services to make up for lagging federal support. The 14 cents per mile reimbursement limit, though, increasingly poses a barrier to obtaining those contributions. Portage County reports that many of their volunteers cannot afford to offer their services under such a restriction. And if volunteers cannot be found, their services will have to be replaced by contracting with a provider, greatly increasing costs to the Department, costs that come directly out of the pot of funds available to pay for meals and other services.

By contrast, businesses do not face this restrictive mileage reimbursement limit. The comparable mileage rate for someone who works for a business is currently 36 cents per mile. This disparity means that a business hired to deliver the same meals delivered by volunteers for Portage County may reimburse their employees over double the amount permitted the volunteer without a tax consequence.

This doesn't make sense. The 14 cents per mile volunteer reimbursement limit is badly outdated. According to the Congressional Research Service, Congress first set a reimbursement rate of 12 cents per mile as part of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, and did not increase it until 1997, when the level was raised slightly, to 14 cents per mile, as part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

The bill I am introducing today is identical to a measure I introduced in the 107th Congress. It raises the limit on volunteer mileage reimbursement to the level permitted to businesses. It is essentially the same provision passed by the Senate as part of a tax bill passed in 1999 that was vetoed by President Clinton. At the time of the 1999 measure, the Joint Committee on Taxation, JCT, estimated that the mileage reimbursement provision would result in the loss of \$1 million over the five-year fiscal period from 1999 to 2004. The revenue loss was so small that the JCT did not make the estimate on a year by year basis.

Though the revenue loss is small, it is vital that we do everything we can to move toward a balanced budget, and to that end I have included a provision to fully offset the cost of the measure and make it deficit neutral. The offset provision would impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 on failure to report interest in foreign financial transactions. During the 107th Congress, that provision was included in the CARE Act legislation by the Senate Finance Committee.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure. It will help ensure charitable organizations can continue to attract the volunteers that play such a critical role in helping to deliver services and