

S. 144. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land (Rept. No. 108-6).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 210. A bill to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-7).

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

S. 214. A bill to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-8).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 233. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System (Rept. No. 108-9).

S. 254. A bill to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-10).

By Mr. SPECTER, without amendment:

S. Res. 53. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*William H. Donaldson, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2007.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MILLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 339. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the application of the excise tax imposed on bows and arrows; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 340. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to nonprofit tax-exempt organizations for the purchase of ultrasound equipment to provide free examinations to pregnant women needing such services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 341. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 515 9th Street in Rapid City, South Dakota, as the "Andrew W. Bogue Federal

Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 342. A bill to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 343. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment under the medicare program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 344. A bill expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 345. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit physicians and other health care practitioners from charging membership or other incidental fee (or requiring purchase of other items or services) as a prerequisite for the provision of an item or service to a medicare beneficiary; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 346. A bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 347. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 348. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 349. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. REID):

S. 350. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to strengthen the security of sensitive radioactive material; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 351. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve tax equity for military personnel, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr.

ROCKEFELLER, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 352. A bill to ensure that commercial insurers cannot engage in price fixing, bid rigging, or market allocations to the detriment of competition and consumers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 353. A bill for the relief of Denes and Gyorgyi Fulop; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 354. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish the National Transportation Modeling and Analysis Program to complete an advanced transportation simulation model, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 355. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for biodiesel fuel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 356. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to increase the allowable credit for biodiesel use under the alternatively fueled vehicle purchase requirement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 357. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for the production of fuel from nonconventional sources to include production of fuel from agricultural and animal waste; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 358. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for the production of fuel from nonconventional sources for the production of electricity to include landfill gas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 359. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for the production of electricity to include electricity produced from municipal solid waste; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 360. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat natural gas distribution lines as 10-year property for depreciation purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 361. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for an energy efficient appliance credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 362. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a monthly insurance benefit thereunder shall be paid for the month in which the recipient dies, subject to a reduction of 50 percent if the recipient dies during the first 15 days of such month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 363. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions

in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation; 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 Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 51. A resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KOHL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. Res. 52. A resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the problem; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. Res. 53. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 54. A resolution to provide Internet access to certain Congressional documents, including certain Congressional Research Service publications, certain Senate gift reports, and Senate and Joint Committee documents; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, and Mr. BAYH):

S. Con. Res. 4. A concurrent resolution welcoming the expression of support of 18 European nations for the enforcement of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 83

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 83, A bill to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago area, and for other purposes.

S. 85

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 153

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 153, A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish penalties for aggravated identity theft, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, A bill to prevent identity theft, and for other purposes.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, A bill to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

S. 251

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 251, A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 4.3-cent motor fuel excise taxes on railroads and inland waterway transportation which remain in the general fund of the Treasury.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor 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. 255

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require phased increases in the fuel efficiency standards applicable to light trucks; to require fuel economy standards for automobiles up to 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; to increase the fuel economy of the Federal fleet of vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 286

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 286, A bill to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998.

S. 298

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 298, A bill to provide tax relief and assistance for the families of the heroes of the Space Shuttle Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 300

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor 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.J. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 3, A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to human rights in Central Asia.

S. RES. 40

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 40, A resolution reaffirming congressional commitment to title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its critical role in guaranteeing equal educational opportunities for women and girls, particularly with respect to school athletics.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MILLER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 339. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the application of the excise tax imposed on bows and arrows; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, along with my colleagues, Senators HATCH, MILLER, BAYH and GRASSLEY, I am pleased to introduce the Archery Excise Tax Simplification Act of 2003. This bill will protect funding for the Wildlife Restoration Program, the Pittman-Robertson fund, by simplifying administration and compliance with the excise tax and closing an unintended loophole that allows arrows assembled outside the United States to avoid the excise tax imposed on domestic manufacturers.

The creation of the Wildlife Restoration Program is one of the great success stories of cooperation among America's sportsmen and women, State fish and wildlife agencies, and the sporting goods industry. Working together with Congress, Americans who enjoy the outdoors volunteered to pay an excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition to be used for hunter education programs, wildlife restoration, and habitat conservation.

Originally the archery industry did not participate in this program. However, the growth of bow hunting in the '60s and '70s led the archery industry to decide they would support the excise tax that funds State game agencies. As a result, the tax was extended to archery equipment in 1975. The tax on archery equipment was meant to parallel the tax that hunters were paying on firearms and ready-to-fire ammunition. The archery industry and bow hunters are pleased to contribute to the success of the Wildlife Restoration Program.

Because current law taxes components and not arrows, foreign manufacturers are selling arrows in the United States without paying the excise tax