

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 451. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 452. A bill to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 453. A bill to authorize the Health Resources and Services Administration and the National Cancer Institute to make grants for model programs to provide to individuals of health disparity populations prevention, early detection, treatment, and appropriate follow-up care services for cancer and chronic diseases, and to make grants regarding patient navigators to assist individuals of health disparity populations in receiving such services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 454. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey the remaining water supply storage allocation in Rathbun Lake, Iowa, to the Rathbun Regional Water Association; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BREAUX:

S. 455. A bill to provide for a period of open enrollment for judicial officials under section 376 of title 28, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 456. A bill to exclude certain wire rods from the scope of any antidumping or countervailing duty order issued as a result of certain investigations relating to carbon and certain alloy steel rods; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 457. A bill to remove the limitation on the use of funds to require a farm to feed livestock with organically produced feed to be certified as an organic farm; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 458. A bill to establish the Southwest Regional Border Authority; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 459. A bill to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or

stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KYL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 460. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 through 2010 to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 461. A bill to establish a program to promote hydrogen fuel cells, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 462. A bill to establish procedures for the acknowledgment of Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 463. A bill to provide grants to ensure full and fair participation in certain decisionmaking processes of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 66. A resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2003, through September 30, 2003, October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004, and October 1, 2004, through February 28, 2005; submitted and read.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CARPER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 67. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Alan Greenspan, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, should be recognized for his outstanding leadership of the Federal Reserve, his exemplary conduct as Federal Reserve chairman, and his commitment as a public servant; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 7

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 7, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of outpatient prescription drugs under the medicare program and to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals, and for other purposes.

S. 140

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 251

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor 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 Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) 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. 272

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 272, a bill to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, to improve the public disclosure of activities of exempt organizations, and to enhance the ability of low income Americans to gain financial security by building assets, and for other purposes.

S. 289

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve tax equity for military personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 300

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) 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. 330

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to protect the flying public's safety and security by requiring that the air traffic control system remain a Government function.

S. 380

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 397, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance taxes paid by employees and self-employed individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 436

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 436, a bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to improve the administration and oversight of foreign intelligence surveillance, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 7

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 7, A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences.

S. RES. 40

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) 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.

S. RES. 48

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 48, A resolution designating April 2003 as "Financial Literacy for Youth Month".

S. RES. 52

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 52, A resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the problem.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 448. A bill to leave no child behind, to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today with colleagues Senator KENNEDY and Senator DAYTON to introduce the Leave No Child Behind Act of 2003, legislation that provides a comprehensive blueprint for addressing the needs of our Nation's children.

When Representative GEORGE MILLER and I introduced the Act to Leave No Child Behind in the last Congress, in May of 2001, this Nation was looking at an unprecedented Federal budget surplus of some \$5.6 trillion that Federal budget experts forecasted for the years 2002-2011.

But, just 2 years later, that projected surplus is gone. Instead, Federal budget experts now predict a deficit of more than \$2 trillion for those years, the worst fiscal reversal in our history.

Where did the money go?

Obviously, the current economic slowdown has had an impact insofar as it has caused a drop in Federal receipts. However, much of the surplus was lost to an enormous tax bill that contained mostly tax breaks for the largest companies and most affluent individuals, which was enacted during the spring of 2001.

And now, to make matters worse, the President is calling for more tax breaks, again, mostly to be enjoyed by the wealthy, which Federal budget experts estimate will cost \$1.5 trillion over the next decade.

At the same time, the President has proposed to severely weaken our Nation's efforts on behalf of families and children, particularly poor families with children.

I listened to the President call for a more compassionate America in his State of the Union Address. Little did I expect that he was calling for others to be compassionate so that he would not have to be.

The budget that we received from the President earlier this month is the worst I have seen for families with children in decades.

Despite the fact that millions of parents struggle with the cost of child care, that the majority of States have long waiting lists, and that we vastly need to improve the quality of care, the President proposes to freeze child care assistance in each of the next five years.

At the same time, the President proposes to increase the number of hours that parents on welfare are required to work and increase the overall number of parents on welfare who are required to work. All of this is without a dime more for child care.

Who is going to watch these children? It is an undeniable fact that additional work requirements will cause an increase in the amount of child care parents need. And, additional hours of child care cost money.

The risk is that States will rob Peter to pay Paul. They will shift child care assistance from the working poor, many of whom might be former welfare recipients, to help those on welfare meet their child care costs. This makes no sense.

For Head Start, the President proposes a modest increase, barely enough to cover inflation despite the fact that Head Start reaches only 60 percent of eligible 3- and 4-year-old children and only 3 percent of eligible infants and toddlers.

In lieu of a real expansion in the program, the President proposes giving current Head Start funds used by community programs to States. This would mean that after 38 years of success, Head Start would no longer be a national program, with national performance standards, offering comprehensive services to our Nation's poorest children—those most likely to be struggling once in school.

Head Start works. Study after study shows the gains Head Start children make. Since Head Start graduates make up only 8 percent of incoming kindergarten students, it makes no sense to raid the Head Start money to reach the other 92 percent of children who are not in Head Start. And yet, that could very well be the result of the President's proposal.

What we know in our country is that many of our young people need a safe place to go after school, particularly at-risk youth who would otherwise be likely to go home alone, where in the absence of adult supervision, they are more likely to smoke, drink, have sex, or engage in crime. And yet, the President proposes to cut the 21st Century after-school program by \$400 million. That cut would cause some 570,000 children to be discharged next year from after-school programs across America.

The President proposes deep cuts in Federal housing assistance, allowing States to receive foster care as a block grant instead of individual payments based on children actually in foster care, and potentially eliminating health insurance for millions of children through a block grant of Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

At the same time, according to the National Governor's Association, State economies are on the whole in the worst shape since World War II. States are operating with billions of dollars in the red with State constitutional requirements to balance their budgets.

It is clear what is going on here.

Instead of providing more resources to help States during these tough times, the President is raiding poverty programs for children and using that money to help pay for tax benefits for those who are at the very top of the income scale. This reckless policy only worsens the budget shortfalls facing so many States.

Children are one-quarter of our population. But, they are 100 percent of our future. It makes no sense to short-change our investment in children.