

S. 597. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide energy tax incentives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MILLER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. SPENCER):

S. 598. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a clarification of the definition of homebound for purposes of determining eligibility for home health services under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 599. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage under the medicare program for diabetes laboratory diagnostic tests and other services to screen for diabetes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 600. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to cooperate in the international magnetic fusion burning plasma experiment, or alternatively to develop a plan for a domestic burning plasma experiment, for the purpose of accelerating the scientific understanding and development of fusion as a long term energy source; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWNBACk (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BAYH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 79. A resolution designating the week of March 9 through March 15, 2003, as "National Girl Scout Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 80. A resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Con. Res. 18. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should strive to prevent teen pregnancy by encouraging teenagers to view adolescence as a time for education and maturing and by educating teenagers about the negative consequences of early sexual activity; and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion.

S. 13

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 13, a bill to provide financial security to family farm and small business owners while by ending the unfair practice of taxing someone at death.

S. 150

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 152

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACk) was added as a cosponsor of S. 152, a bill to assess the extent of the backlog in DNA analysis of rape kit samples, and to improve investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases with DNA evidence.

S. 201

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 201, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide Federal aid and economic stimulus through a one-time revenue grant to the States and their local governments.

S. 206

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of incentive stock options and employee stock purchase plans.

S. 227

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 227, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to certified or licensed teachers, to provide for grants that promote teacher certification and licensing, and for other purposes.

S. 256

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 256, 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. 274

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend the proce-

dures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

S. 315

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to support first responders to protect homeland security and prevent and respond to acts of terrorism.

S. 377

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the United States.

S. 380

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) 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. 413

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to provide for the fair and efficient judicial consideration of personal injury and wrongful death claims arising out of asbestos exposure, to ensure that individuals who suffer harm, now or in the future, from illnesses caused by exposure to asbestos receive compensation for their injuries, and for other purposes.

S. 459

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 464

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 464, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and expand the credit for electricity produced from renewable resources and waste products, and for other purposes.

S. 465

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand medicare coverage of certain self-injected biologicals.

S. 505

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S.

505, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage and accelerate the nationwide production, retail sale, and consumer use of new motor vehicles that are powered by fuel cell technology, hybrid technology, battery electric technology, alternative fuels, or other advanced motor vehicle technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 516

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 516, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the arming of pilots of cargo aircraft, and for other purposes.

S. 521

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 521, a bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to extend the terms of leases of certain restricted Indian land, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assist Indian tribes in developing energy resources, and for other purposes.

S. 523

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 523, a bill to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 525, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to Medicare+Choice plans for special needs medicare beneficiaries by allowing plans to target enrollment to special needs beneficiaries.

S. 532

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 532, a bill to enhance the capacity of organizations working in the United States—Mexico border region to develop affordable housing and infrastructure and to foster economic opportunity in the colonias.

S. 555

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 555, a bill to establish the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to authorize the Department of Energy to develop and implement an accelerated research and development program for advanced clean coal technologies for use in coal-based electricity generating facilities and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide financial incentives to encourage the retrofitting, repowering, or replacement of coal-based electricity generating facilities to protect the environment and improve efficiency and encourage the early commercial application of advanced clean coal technologies, so as to allow coal to help meet the growing need of the United States for the generation of reliable and affordable electricity.

S.J. RES. 6

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 6, a joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to planning the reconstruction of Iraq.

S. RES. 22

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 22, A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

S. RES. 46

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 46, a resolution designating March 31, 2003, as "National Civilian Conservation Corps Day".

S. RES. 70

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 70, a resolution designating the week beginning March 16, 2003 as "National Safe Place Week".

S. RES. 70

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 70, *supra*.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 586. A bill to provide additional funding for the second round of empowerment zones and enterprise communities; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Round II EZ/EC Flexibility Act of 2003. This important legislation would secure vital funding for Round II Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities to ensure that communities throughout the country will be able to continue the important work of economic revitalization.

This legislation promotes the continued economic development throughout the EZ/EC program, particularly to the 15 Round II urban and 5 rural empowerment zones that were designated in 1999. Each of those communities has implemented a host of strategic initiatives aimed at economic growth and job creation in their respective communities.

The EZ/EC Act ensures that Round II communities EZs and ECs are provided with funding they were promised upon designation. It also authorizes the use of EZ/EC grants as a match for related Federal programs, providing the EZ/EC program with maximum flexibility to implement initiatives at the local level.

The Enterprise Zone/Enterprise Community program was created to provide Federal assistance over ten years in designated urban and rural communities that would fuel economic revitalization and job growth. The program does so primarily by providing Federal grants to communities and tax and regulatory relief to help communities attract and retain businesses.

Unfortunately, an inequity now exists between the way Round I and Round II EZs and ECs have been funded. Those communities that won EZ designations in the initial round, in 1994, received full funding from the Congress, which made all grant awards available for use within the first two years of designation. However, EZs and ECs designated in Round II did not receive this same funding authority.

Federal benefits promised to the Round IIs included funding grants of \$100 million for each urban zone, \$40 million for each rural zone and about \$3 million for each Enterprise Community over a ten-year period beginning in 1999. In reliance on those "promised" funds, Round II zones prepared strategic plans for economic revitalization based on the availability of that funding. However, unlike Round I designees, who received a full funding up front, Round II zones have received a mere fraction of the funding promise.

The lack of a certain, predictable funding stream will ultimately undermine the ability of Round II EZs/ECs to effectively implement their economic growth strategies in their designated communities. And that's a shame, because the EZ/EC initiative has produced real results.