

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 879. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and extend the special depreciation allowance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 880. An original bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to reauthorize the Act, to improve early learning opportunities and promote school preparedness, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 881. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a minimum geographic cost-of-practice index value for physicians' services furnished under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 882. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide improvements in tax administration and taxpayer safe-guards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MILLER, and Mr. GRAHAM of Florida):

S. 883. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to revise and simplify the transitional medical assistance (TMA) program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SHELBY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. REID):

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; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 885. A bill entitled "Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to end the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 886. A bill to ratify otherwise legal appointments and promotions in the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that failed to be submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent as required by law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 887. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply an excise tax to excessive attorneys fees for legal judgments, settlements, or agreements that operate as a tax; 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 Mr. KENNEDY:

S. Res. 117. An original resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Laborers' International Union of

North America, and congratulating members and officers of the Laborers' International Union of North America for the union's many achievements; from the Committee on the Judiciary; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. Res. 118. A resolution supporting the goals of the Japanese American, German American, and Italian American communities in recognizing a National Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the restriction, exclusion, and internment of individuals and families during World War II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 119. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that there should be parity among the countries that are parties to the North American Free Trade Agreement with respect to the personal exemption allowance for merchandise purchased abroad by returning residents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. Res. 120. A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of Vietnam Veterans of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Con. Res. 35. A concurrent resolution honoring the 129 sailors and civilians lost aboard the U.S.S. Thresher on April 10, 1963, and urging the Secretary of the Army to erect a memorial to this tragedy in Arlington National Cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 55

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 55, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

S. 245

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

S. 363

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) 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. 436

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 504

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics, and for other purposes.

S. 583

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to require the provision of information to parents and adults concerning bacterial meningitis and the availability of a vaccination with respect to such disease.

S. 605

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 605, a bill to extend waivers under the temporary assistance to needy families program through the end of fiscal year 2008.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, with respect to cooperative mailings.

S. 703

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 703, a bill to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building".

S. 740

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr.

GRAHAM), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 740, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the medicare program.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) 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. 757

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 757, a bill entitled the "Guard and Reserve Commanders Pay Equity Act".

S. 760

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 760, a bill to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, and for other purposes.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to expedite the granting of posthumous citizenship to members of the United States Armed Forces.

S. 816

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 816, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of medicare beneficiaries to health care provided by hospitals in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 822, a bill to create a 3-year pilot program that makes small, non-profit child care businesses eligible for SBA 504 loans.

S. 832

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 832, a bill to provide that bonuses and other extraordinary or excessive compensation of corporate insiders and wrongdoers may be included in the bankruptcy estate.

S. 837

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 837, a bill to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Federal agencies and programs and to recommend the elimination or realignment of duplicative,

wasteful, or outdated functions, and for other purposes.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 845, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs.

S.J. RES. 1

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

S.J. RES. 8

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

S.J. RES. 8

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 8, supra.

S. RES. 75

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 75, a resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

S. RES. 82

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the continuous repression of freedoms within Iran and of individual human rights abuses, particularly with regard to women.

S. RES. 111

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 111, a resolution designating April 30, 2003, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans", and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SES-

SIONS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KYL, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. BOND, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 851. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Child Custody Protection Act. This legislation makes it a Federal offense to knowingly transport a minor across a State line, with the intent that she obtain an abortion, in circumvention of a State's parental consent or parental notification law.

I have three young children in school, including a daughter, so I know something about parental consent. My wife and I, like most parents, have to give our written consent for school activities all the time.

In most schools, an underage child can't go on a school field trip without a signed permission slip. An underage child also can't receive mild medication at school, such as aspirin, for the alleviation of pain or discomfort unless a parent signs a release form permitting the school nurse to administer it. In some schools, a child may not take sex education class without parental consent. Nothing, however, prevents this same child from being taken across State lines, in direct disobedience of State laws, for the purpose of undergoing a life-altering abortion.

The Child Custody Protection Act simply attempts to strengthen the effectiveness of State laws designed to protect children from the health and safety risks associated with abortion. In many cases, only a girl's parents know of her prior psychological and medical history, including allergies to medication and anesthesia. Also, parents are usually the only people who can provide authorization for post-abortion medical procedures or the release of pertinent data from family physicians. When a pregnant girl is taken to have an abortion without her parents' knowledge, none of these precautions can be taken. The harsh reality is that leaving parents uninformed about their underage daughter's abortion may not only be detrimental to the physical and mental health of the child but may, in some instances, be fatal.

This legislation does not supercede, override, or in any way alter existing State parental involvement laws. It does not impose any parental notice or consent requirement on any State. The Child Custody Protection Act addresses the interstate transportation of minors in order to circumvent valid, existing state laws and uses the authority of Congress to regulate interstate activity to protect those laws from evasion.