

the domestic shrimp industry and the Food and Drug Administration to develop effective protocols, including in-country testing, certification of foreign testing facilities and other means to detect banned antibiotics and to exclude all tainted products from the United States market"; and

Whereas, the fact that both the domestic industry and companies importing seafood into the United States are opposed to the use of chloramphenicol and all other banned drugs in imported seafood is a benefit to all United States consumers; and

Whereas, the specific working of the amendment added at the request of the ASDA may be misinterpreted that the Louisiana Legislature supports testing of imported seafood in foreign countries: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana desires to clarify Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 18 of the 2003 Regular Session, enrolled on May 8, 2003, that the Louisiana Legislature only supports the testing of imported seafood by the Federal Food and Drug Administration within the boundaries of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-213. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to funding for the Louisiana University of Medical Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

Whereas, Louisiana suffers with one of the worst health environments in the country, including a high infant mortality rate, a high rate of low birth weight babies, and an incidence of stroke that is 1.3 times that of the rest of the country, outside of the "stroke belt"; and

Whereas, despite the best efforts of medical education institutions in Louisiana, the deficit of primary care physicians continues; and

Whereas, less than one-half of the 1998 graduates of medical education institutions in Louisiana selected a primary care specialty; and

Whereas, Louisiana University of Medical Sciences, Inc., College of Primary Care Medicine, is a non-profit organization designed to address the shortage of primary care physicians in small towns, rural areas, and underserved areas; and

Whereas, the faculty and staff of the College of Primary Care Medicine are committed to a teaching program that addresses the shortage of primary care physicians both in Louisiana and nationwide; and

Whereas, throughout the educational experience at the College of Primary Care Medicine of the Louisiana University of Medical Sciences, Inc., the student will be exposed to a wide variety of primary health care settings; and

Whereas, through the program at the College of Primary Care Medicine of the Louisiana University of Medical Sciences, Inc., the traditional basic medical sciences will be thoroughly presented, and students will be given all the tools necessary to be successful on the United States Medical Licensing Examination: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to provide funding for the Louisiana University of Medical Sciences, Inc., College of Primary Care Medicine; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

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. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 1403. A bill to provide for the establishment of a new Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility for veterans in the Columbus, Ohio, area; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1404. A bill to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. 1405. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 17th Street Moline, Illinois, as the "David Bybee Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1406. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to permit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to register a Canadian pesticide; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

S. 1407. A bill to regulate concentrated animal feeding operations for the protection of the environment and public health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. MILLER):

S. 1408. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the deduction for the travel expenses of a taxpayer's spouse who accompanies the taxpayer on business travel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1409. A bill to provide funding for infrastructure investment to restore the United States economy and to enhance the security of transportation and environmental facilities throughout the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INOUE, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 1410. A bill to permit an individual to be treated by a health care practitioner with any method of medical treatment such individual requests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 1411. A bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1412. A bill to suspend the implementation of the revised definitions of Metropolitan Statistical Areas applicable to Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, and Allegan Counties in the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1413. A bill to authorize appropriations for conservation grants of the Environmental Protection Agency, to direct the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct expedited feasibility studies of certain water projects in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1414. A bill to restore second amendment rights in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1415. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, as the "Barbara B. Kennelly Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1416. A bill to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on the Judiciary, jointly, pursuant to section 2103(b)(3) of Public Law 107-210.

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

S. 1417. A bill to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on the Judiciary, jointly, pursuant to section 2103(b)(3) of Public Law 107-210.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. HOLLINGS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. WYDEN):

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 198

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 198, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 300

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) 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. 489

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to expand certain preferential trade treatment for Haiti.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 593

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment has occurred.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to reward the hard work and risk of individuals who choose to live in and help preserve America's small, rural towns, and for other purposes.

S. 614

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 614, a bill to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to create a grant program to promote joint activities among Federal, State, and local public child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 741

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) 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. 764

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 764, a bill to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to provide for increased energy savings and environmental benefits through the increased use of recovered mineral component in federally funded projects involving procurement of cement or concrete.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 846, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 893

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain restaurant buildings.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1046, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations.

S. 1053

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1053, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 1063

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1063, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to conduct oversight of any entity engaged in the recovery, screening, testing, processing, storage, or distribution of

human tissue or human tissue-based products.

S. 1076

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 1076, a bill to authorize construction of an education center at or near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 1129

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 1344

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1344, a bill to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to require additional disclosures relating to exchange rates in transfers involving international transactions, and for other purposes.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage bond financing, and for other purposes.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1380

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1380, a bill to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America, and for other purposes.

S. 1387

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1387, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize the establishment of guest worker programs, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain aliens unlawfully present in the United States to the status of a non-immigrant guest worker, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 33

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 33, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding scleroderma.

S. CON. RES. 40

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Louisiana

(Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 40, a concurrent resolution designating August 7, 2003, as "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 1017

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1017 proposed to S. 1, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS—JULY 11, 2003

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. REID, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CHAFEE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1396. A bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am pleased today to join Senator SNOWE in introducing legislation that will promote equity and fairness for women.

The Equity in Prescription and Contraception Coverage Act of 2003, EPICC, requires insurance plans that provide coverage for prescription drugs to provide the same coverage for prescription contraceptives.

Senator SNOWE and I first introduced EPICC about 6 years ago. We have been working across party lines and across the ideological spectrum to gain support from our colleagues in the Senate, and I am proud to report that EPICC had 44 cosponsors from both parties in the 107th Congress.

It is time for us to come together and enact this legislation. It will prevent unintended pregnancies, reduce the number of abortions performed in this country, and address unmet health needs of American women.

We can find not only common ground but also a common sense solution in the legislation I am introducing with Senator SNOWE.

By making sure women can afford their prescription contraceptives, our bill will help to reduce the staggering rates of unintended pregnancy in the United States, and reduce the number of abortions performed.

It is a national tragedy that half of all pregnancies nationwide are unin-

tended, and that half of those will end in abortions. It is a tragedy, but it doesn't have to be. If we work together, we can prevent these unintended pregnancies, and abortions.

One of the most important steps we can take to prevent unintended pregnancies, and to reduce abortions, is to make sure American women have access to affordable, effective contraception.

There are a number of safe and effective contraceptives available by prescription. Used properly, they greatly reduce the rate of unintended pregnancies.

However, many women simply can't afford these prescriptions, and their insurance doesn't pay for them, even though it covers other prescriptions.

That is not fair. We know women on average earn less than men, yet they must pay far more than men for health-related expenses.

According to the Women's Research and Education Institute, women of reproductive age pay 68 percent more in out-of-pocket medical expenses than men, largely due to their reproductive health-care needs.

Because many women can't afford the prescription contraceptives they would like to use, many do without them—and the result, all too often, is unintended pregnancy and abortion.

This isn't an isolated problem. The fact is, a majority of women in this country are covered by health insurance plans that do not provide coverage for prescription contraceptives.

This is unfair to women . . . and it's bad policy that causes additional unintended pregnancies, and adversely affects women's health.

Senator SNOWE and I first introduced our legislation in 1997. Since then, the Viagra pill went on the market, and one month later it was covered by most insurance policies.

Birth control pills have been on the market since 1960, and today, 43 years later, they are covered by only one-third of health insurance policies.

So, most insurance policies pay for Viagra. But most of them don't pay for prescription contraceptives that prevent unintentional pregnancies and abortions.

This isn't fair, and it isn't even cost-effective, because most insurance policies do cover sterilization and abortion procedures. In other words, they won't pay for the pills that could prevent an abortion . . . but they will pay for the procedure itself, which is much more costly.

The Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, which has provided contraceptive coverage for several years, shows that adding such coverage does not make the plan more expensive.

In December 2000, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, EEOC, ruled that an employer's failure to include insurance coverage for prescription contraceptives, when other prescription drugs and devices are covered, constitutes unlawful sex discrimi-

nation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

On June 12, 2001, a Federal district court in Seattle made the same finding in the case of Erickson vs. Bartell Drug Company.

These decisions confirm that we have know all along; contraceptive coverage is a matter of equity and fairness for women.

We are not asking for special treatment of contraceptives—only equitable treatment within the context of an existing prescription drug benefit.

This legislation is right because it's fair to women.

It's right because it will prevent unintended pregnancies, a goal we all share.

And it's right because it is more cost-effective than other services—including abortions, sterilizations and tubal ligations—that most insurance companies routinely cover.

This is common sense, cost-effective legislation . . . and it is long overdue.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1404. A bill to amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today, I am joined by Senator STEVENS in introducing the United States Olympic Committee Reform Act of 2003. This legislation is designed to reform the governance structure of the United States Olympic Committee, USOC, in response to a series of embarrassing events that has beset the USOC and threatened the organization's credibility in the eyes of our athletes, the American people, and the international sports community.

While the current mission of the USOC is to "preserve and promote the Olympic ideal as an effective, positive role model that inspires all Americans," turmoil within the organization over the past decade has seriously compromised that mission and has amplified significant problems that exist within its governance structure and culture. By failing to place the organization ahead betrayed the Olympic ideals that they pledged to preserve.

The bill that we are introducing today is the product of three hearings held this year by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation in response to several USOC scandals and in an effort to help begin reforming the organization. It also is informed by the report of an independent commission requested by the Commerce Committee to review the USOC, and a review by an internal USOC task force, both of which were released last month.

The bill would make significant improvements to the governance structure of the USOC by reducing the size of the current board of directors from