

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1451. A bill to reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1452. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the H-1B and L-1 visa programs to prevent unintended United States job losses, to increase the monitoring and enforcement authority of the Secretary of Labor over such programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1453. A bill to expedite procedures for hazardous fuels reduction activities and restoration in wildfire fire prone national forests and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SMITH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REID):

S. 1454. A bill to establish a National Drought Council within the Department of Agriculture, to improve national drought preparedness, mitigation, and response efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Con. Res. 58. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Stalking Awareness Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. Con. Res. 59. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. Con. Res. 60. A concurrent resolution supporting National Men's Health Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 5

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5, a bill to care for people in need by inspiring personal responsibility through work, family, and community.

S. 171

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 171, a bill to amend the title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payment to medicare ambulance suppliers of the full costs of pro-

viding such services, and for other purposes.

S. 215

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to authorize funding assistance for the States for the discharge of homeland security activities by the National Guard.

S. 249

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 249, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) 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. 300

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) 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. 480

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 480, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 518, a bill to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy.

S. 557

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for

backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the investment of foreign earnings within the United States for productive business investments and job creation.

S. 606

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 606, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor 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. 678

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 818

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to ensure the independence and nonpartisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 905

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 905, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a broadband Internet access tax credit.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve jobs and

production activities in the United States.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Men's Health.

S. 1045

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1045, a bill to strengthen United States capabilities to safely and securely dispose of all greater-than-Class C low-level radioactive waste.

S. 1046

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) 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. 1120

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to establish an Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1283

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1283, a bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) 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. 1390

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1390, a bill to protect children and their parents from being coerced into administering a controlled substance in order to attend school, and for other purposes.

S. 1419

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1419, a bill to support the establishment or expansion and operation of programs using a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring for children in foster care.

S. CON. RES. 40

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 40, a concurrent resolution designating August 7, 2003, as "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

S. RES. 160

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 160, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the federal Government should actively pursue a unified approach to strengthen and promote the national policy on aquaculture.

S. RES. 170

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 170, a resolution designating the years 2004 and 2005 as "Years of Foreign Language Study".

AMENDMENT NO. 1349

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1349 intended to be proposed to S. 14, a bill to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1451. A bill to reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce "the Runaway, Homeless and Missing Children Protection Act of 2003." This bill would reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act as well as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act enables public and private entities to establish and operate centers for runaway and homeless youth. These centers—which provide, among other things, shelter, counseling, drug and sexual abuse education and treatment for youth—serve as alternatives for youths who are in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. These alternatives have proven successful in keeping children off of our streets and from returning to our juvenile justice system.

The Runaway, Homeless and Missing Children Protection Act amends the original Act in the following ways: 1. It includes testing youth for sexually transmitted diseases; 2. It allows an exception to the 20 person maximum capacity to comply with States laws which may allow higher capacities; 3. It allows youths to go to maternity group homes, adds the homes to the list of eligible groups; 4. It increases the maximum amount of time a youth may spend in a home; 5. It requires the centers/groups to inform school districts of the status of youths, and it requires the centers/groups to inform youths of post-secondary education and training opportunities; and 6. It authorizes the Act through fiscal year 2008.

In addition, the Act reauthorizes the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children through Fiscal Year 2008. The Center is a critical component of our Nation's battle against child pornography and child exploitation. It is absolutely dedicated to eradicating these evils, and its members work tirelessly towards this end. The Center deserves more than just kind words for these heroic efforts; federal funding is necessary for it to continue this good work. Indeed, Congress has tasked the Center with many missions, including maintaining the cyber-tyline that receives reports of online child pornography, which the Center forwards to appropriate law enforcement officials and the new pilot program to study the feasibility of instituting a national background check for volunteers who work with children. In these, as well as many other areas, the Center forms a valuable partnership with both Federal and State law enforcement officials and prosecutors in redressing a host of crimes against children.

I urge my colleagues to support this Act and these important programs.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today with Senator HATCH to introduce legislation to reauthorize and improve the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and to extend the authorization of the Missing Children's Assistance Act. We would extend both laws through 2008. This bill follows in the footsteps of the recently enacted PROTECT Act legislation, and presents another milestone in our efforts to safeguard all of our children.

In the 29 years since it became law, the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act has helped some of the most vulnerable children in our country. A Justice Department report released last year estimated that 1.7 million young people either ran away from home or were thrown out of their home in 1999. Other studies have suggested an even higher number. This law and the programs it funds provide a safety net that helps give these young people a chance to build lives for themselves. It is slated to expire at the end of this fiscal year, and Congress should not allow that to happen.