

Institute with respect to research on pulmonary hypertension; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SPENCER, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2923. A bill to reauthorize the grant program of the Department of Justice for reentry of offenders into the community, to establish a task force on Federal programs and activities relating to the reentry of offenders into the community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 2924. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for clinical research support grants, clinical research infrastructure grants, and a demonstration program on partnerships in clinical research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2925. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the tip credit to certain employers and to promote tax compliance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2926. A bill to amend the internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers a credit against income tax for expenditures to remediate contaminated sites; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. DODD):

S. 2927. A bill to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1988 to clarify the definition of manipulation with respect to currency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2928. A bill to clarify the status of certain employee benefit plans under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2929. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the minimum medicare deadlines for filing claims to take into account delay in processing adjustments from secondary payor status to primary payor status; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2930. A bill to require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2931. A bill to enable drivers to choose a more affordable form of auto insurance that also provides for more adequate and timely compensation for accident victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 2932. A bill to establish the Mark O. Hatfield-Elizabeth Furse Scholarship and Excellence in Tribal Governance Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 2933. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the clinical trials drug data bank; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2934. A bill to combat methamphetamine abuse in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2935. A bill to amend section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the health coverage tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2936. A bill to restore land to the Enterprise Rancheria to rectify an inequitable taking of the land; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 2937. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2938. A bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated; read the first time.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2939. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 2940. An original bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to assist States in preventing, detecting, treating, intervening in, and responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2941. A bill to authorize the President to negotiate the creation of a North American Investment Fund to promote economic and infrastructure integration among Canada, Mexico, and the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2942. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that combat pay be treated as earned income for purposes of the earned income credit; 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. LAUTENBERG:

S. Res. 451. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a postage stamp should be issued honoring Oskar Schindler; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. Res. 452. A resolution designating December 13, 2004, as "National Day of the Horse" and encouraging the people of the

United States to be mindful of the contribution of horses to the economy, history, and character of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 453. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should prepare a comprehensive strategy for advancing and entering into international negotiations on a binding agreement that would swiftly reduce global mercury use and pollution to levels sufficient to protect public health and the environment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 91, a bill to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts.

S. 453

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1349

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) 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 Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) 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. 2038

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2038, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for influenza vaccine awareness campaign, ensure a sufficient influenza vaccine supply, and prepare for an influenza pandemic or epidemic, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage vaccine production capacity, and for other purposes.

S. 2158

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Missouri

(Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2158, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, and to provide for better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation.

S. 2174

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2174, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 2422

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2422, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain modifications to be made to qualified mortgages held by a REMIC or a grantor trust.

S. 2437

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2437, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require a voter-verified permanent record or hardcopy under title III of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2565

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2565, a bill to amend the Agriculture Adjustment Act to convert the dairy forward pricing program into a permanent program of the Department of Agriculture.

S. 2602

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2602, a bill to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

S. 2695

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2695, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the definition of firefighter to include apprentices and trainees, regardless of age or duty limitations.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2695, *supra*.

S. 2722

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

of S. 2722, a bill to maintain and expand the steel import licensing and monitoring program.

S. 2844

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2844, a bill to designate Poland as a program country under the visa waiver program established under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

S. 2869

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2869, a bill to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamines in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2877

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2877, a bill to reduce the special allowance for loans from the proceeds of tax exempt issues, and to provide additional loan forgiveness for teachers who teach mathematics, science, or special education.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution designating the second week in May each year as "National Visiting Nurse Association Week".

S. CON. RES. 67

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 67, a concurrent resolution expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and supporting the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month.

S. CON. RES. 122

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 122, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the policy of the United States at the 56th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

S. CON. RES. 136

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 136, a concurrent resolution honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

S. RES. 164

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Montana

(Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 164, a resolution reaffirming support of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and anticipating the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) on November 4, 2003.

S. RES. 392

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 392, a resolution conveying the sympathy of the Senate to the families of the young women murdered in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, and encouraging increased United States involvement in bringing an end to these crimes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2910. A bill to establish the Food Safety Administration to protect the public health by preventing food-borne illness, ensuring the safety of food intended for human consumption, improving research on contaminants leading to food-borne illness, and improving security of food from intentional contamination; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, when Americans sit down at the dinner table, their confidence in the safety of the food they are eating is based in part on the knowledge that the Federal Government is working hard to ensure their food is not contaminate. Right now, our food is the safest in the world, but there are widening gaps in our food safety net due to emerging threats and the fact that food safety oversight has evolved over time to spread over several government agencies. This mismatched, piecemeal approach to food safety could spell disaster if we do not act quickly and decisively.

A single food safety agency with authority based on sound scientific principles would provide this country with the greatest hope of reducing foodborne illnesses and preparing for a bioterrorist attack on our food supply.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that as many as 76 million people suffer from food poisoning each year. Of those individuals, approximately 325,000 will be hospitalized, and more than 5,000 will die. Factors such as emerging pathogens, an aging population at high risk for foodborne illnesses, an increasing volume of food imports, and people eating outside their homes more often underscore the need for us to take charge and shed the old bureaucratic shackles that have tied us to the overlapping and inefficient ad hoc food safety system of the past.

I rise today to introduce the Safe Food Act of 2004. This legislation would create a single, independent Federal