

Whereas, milk protein concentrate and casein imports have ranged between eight hundred million and one billion pounds in the past six years, and the imported quantity of both continues to grow; and

Whereas, milk protein concentrates and casein imports are currently entering the country with no duty and no quota; and

Whereas, free trade agreements hurt the nations that unilaterally disarm themselves by opening their markets: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Louisiana Legislature does hereby memorialize congress to oppose the Australian Free Trade Agreement (AUFSTA) and other free trade agreements which are harmful to American dairy producers; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-547. A resolution adopted by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relative to the Postal Service; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

POM-548. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California relative to vocational and technical education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Whereas, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 (Section 2301 of Title 20 of the United States Code) has been a significant source of funding for career and technical education programs in California's high schools, regional occupational centers and programs, adult education, and community colleges; and

Whereas, California's career and technical education programs educate approximately three million high school and adult students annually in state-of-the-art technology and advanced careers, preparing them to become productive, contributing citizens in a rapidly changing economy; and

Whereas, career and technical education is composed of rigorous, demanding coursework that enhances student academic achievement by applying core academic skills; and

Whereas, eighty-five percent of students who complete career and technical education programs go on to receive high school diplomas; and

Whereas, participation in these programs reduces dropout rates by approximately 35 percent; and

Whereas, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 has supported professional development for career and technical educators; including, the integration of State Board of Education adopted academic standards into career and technical education courses, training in new and emerging technologies, and effective, research-based instructional strategies; and

Whereas, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 has provided career development, support services, and job training to hundreds of thousands of students who have faced significant barriers to successfully transitioning from high school to careers or higher education; and

Whereas, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 has greatly contributed to the development of California's workforce in high skill, high demand, and emerging career fields: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the California State Legislature urges the United States Congress to continue and fully fund the Carl

D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, and, without partisanship, endorses the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

POM-549. A resolution adopted by the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the State of Rhode Island relative to its Resolution dated January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

POM-550. A resolution adopted by the State of Illinois relative to National Gymnastics Day in Illinois; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2628. A bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-392).

S. 2657. A bill to amend part III of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of programs under which supplemental dental and vision benefits are made available to Federal employees, retirees, and their dependents, to expand the contracting authority of the Office of Personnel Management, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-393).

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 2815. A bill to give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student's asthma or anaphylaxis, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-394).

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1217. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls (Rept. No. 108-395).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 2645. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize appropriations for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-396).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1438. A bill to provide for equitable compensation of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation in settlement of claims of the Tribe concerning the contribution of the Tribe to the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-397).

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 Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2943. A bill to convert certain temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships, to create an additional judgeship for the district of Nebraska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2944. A bill to provide that no funds may be expended by the United States Trade Representative to negotiate data exclusivity provisions for certain pharmaceutical products; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2945. A bill to permanently eliminate a procedure under which the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives can waive prohibitions on the possession of firearms by convicted felons, drug offenders, and other disqualified individuals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 2946. A bill to promote small business growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2947. A bill to provide additional protections for recipients of the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2948. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain National Forest System land in the State of Vermont; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. REED, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 2949. A bill to amend the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2950. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit payments to States under the medicaid program for redispensing prescription drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 2951. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 2952. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide the Department of Transportation a more focused research organization, to improve pipeline and hazardous materials transportation safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. REID):

S. 2953. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Coordinated Environmental Health Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2954. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain land in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2955. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income of individual taxpayers discharges of indebtedness attributable to certain forgiven residential mortgage obligations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 2956. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program to provide a support system for members of the Armed Forces who incur severe disabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2957. A bill to encourage the promotion of democracy, free, fair, and transparent elections, and respect for human rights and the rule of law in Ukraine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2958. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Bear/Bear Creek Sub-basins in Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 2959. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure an adequate supply and distribution of influenza vaccine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 2960. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a traffic incident management program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 2961. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that qualified personal service corporations may continue to use the cash method of accounting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 2962. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to implement a system for the collection and reporting of comprehensive information on the foreign operations of United States corporations and the foreign investments of United States investors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. DODD):

S. 2963. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify and reaffirm State and local authority to regulate the placement, construction, and modification of broadcast transmission facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. DODD):

S. 2964. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify and reaffirm State and local authority to regulate the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless services facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 2965. A bill to amend the Livestock Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 1999 to modify the termination date for mandatory price reporting; considered and passed.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2966. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a nonrefundable tax credit against income tax for individuals who purchase a residential safe storage device for the safe storage of firearms; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2967. A bill to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2968. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to address the shortage of influenza vaccine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. DODD):

S. Con. Res. 142. A concurrent resolution recognizing the significant achievements of the people and Government of Afghanistan since the Emergency Loya Jirga was held in June 2002 in establishing the foundation and means to hold presidential elections on October 9, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRIST, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Con. Res. 143. A concurrent resolution recognizing community organization of public access defibrillation programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 847

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide medicaid coverage for low income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor 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. 983

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 983, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of En-

vironmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 1304

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1304, a bill to improve the health of women through the establishment of Offices of Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to require the mandatory expensing of stock options granted to executive officers, and for other purposes.

S. 2146

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2146, 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. 2302

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2302, a bill to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

S. 2447

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2447, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children.

S. 2468

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2468, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 2568

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2568, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the tercentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, and for other purposes.

S. 2602

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor 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