

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

Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

S. 2734

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2734, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior regarding Indian Tribal detention facilities.

S. 2789

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2789, 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.

S. 2807

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2807, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt containers used primarily in potato farming from the excise tax on heavy trucks and trailers.

S. 2860

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2860, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 2869

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) 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. 2889

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2889, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States, to America's lands, waterways, and skies and the great importance of the designation of the American bald eagle as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes.

S. 2900

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Washington

(Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2900, a bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich and Roy Peratrovich in recognition of their outstanding and enduring contributions to civil rights and dignity of the Native peoples of Alaska and the Nation.

S. 2905

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2905, a bill to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products.

S. 2909

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2909, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

S. 2923

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBAC) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 2939

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2942

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) 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. 33

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cospon-

sors of S. Con. Res. 33, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding scleroderma.

S. CON. RES. 136

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBAC) 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. 408

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 408, a resolution supporting the construction by Israel of a security fence to prevent Palestinian terrorist attacks, condemning the decision of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the security fence, and urging no further action by the United Nations to delay or prevent the construction of the security fence.

S. RES. 453

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation regarding the way the trade policies of the United States affect the ability of developing countries to access to generic drugs.

The bill addresses concerns that this Administration, through the United States Trade Representative, is pursuing policies that will make it even more difficult for developing countries to gain access to the drugs they need, particularly generics, to treat their public health problems like TB, HIV/AIDS and malaria. This is just wrong.

The policies the Administration seeks to put in place are data exclusivity provisions. Such provisions tend to benefit drug manufacturers. As reported in The Wall Street Journal and elsewhere, when these provisions are included trade agreements they essentially bar countries from being able to get more affordable generic drugs for a period of time, usually five years.

Trade agreements should be about promoting trade. People in developing