

precertification for the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3013. A bill to provide for the establishment of a controlled substance monitoring program in each State; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 3014. A bill to reauthorize the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 3015. A bill for the relief of Fatuka Kaikumba Flake; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 3016. A bill to promote freedom, economic growth, and security in Asia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

S. 3017. A bill to provide for the settlement of the claims of Swain County, North Carolina, against the United States under the agreement dated July 30, 1943; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 3018. A bill to direct the Inspector General of the Department of Justice to submit semi-annual reports regarding settlements relating to false claims and fraud against the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3019. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 3020. A bill to establish protections against compelled disclosure of sources, and news or information, by persons providing services for the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BOND, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BROWBACK, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 474. A resolution to express support for the goals of National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well being for all children; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. Res. 475. A resolution to condemn human rights abuses in Laos; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 476. A resolution supporting the goals, activities, and ideals of National Prematurity Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 477. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of a reinvigorated United States vision of freedom, peace, and democracy in the Middle East; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. Res. 478. A resolution relating to displaced staff members of Senators and Senate leaders; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. TALENT):

S. Con. Res. 150. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the murder of Emmett Till; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. Con. Res. 151. A concurrent resolution recognizing the essential role that the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 has played in development of peaceful uses of atomic energy; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 585

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 585, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of SBP survivor annuities by dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 983

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) 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 Environmental 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. 1813

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1813, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and for other purposes.

S. 1889

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1889, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to permit States to cover low-income youth up to age 23 with an enhanced matching rate.

S. 1968

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1968, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to enhance literacy in finance and economics, and for other purposes.

S. 2338

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2338, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 2382

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington

(Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2382, a bill to establish grant programs for the development of telecommunications capacities in Indian country.

S. 2395

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2395, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centenary of the bestowal of the Nobel Peace Prize on President Theodore Roosevelt, and for other purposes.

S. 2468

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

S. 2553

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2553, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of screening ultrasound for abdominal aortic aneurysms under part B of the medicare program.

S. 2568

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors 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. 2713

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2713, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the amount of minimum allotments under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness program.

S. 2722

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2722, a bill to maintain and expand the steel import licensing and monitoring program.

S. 2779

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2779, a bill to improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the orderly and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes.

S. 2873

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from

Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2873, a bill to extend the authority of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa to hold court in Rock Island, Illinois.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2873, supra.

S. 2889

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) 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. 2966

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2994

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2994, a bill to provide that funds received as universal service contributions under section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 and the universal service support programs established pursuant thereto are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act, for a period of time.

S. 3000

At the request of Mr. KOHL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3000, a bill to postpone the extension of normal trade relations to the products of Laos.

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3000, supra.

S. CON. RES. 141

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi

(Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 141, a concurrent resolution recognizing the essential role of nuclear power in the national energy policy of the United States and supporting the increased use of nuclear power and the construction and development of new and improved nuclear power generating plants.

S. CON. RES. 148

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 148, a concurrent resolution honoring the life and contribution of Yogi Bhajan, a leader of the Sikhs, and expressing condolences to the Sikh community on his passing.

S. RES. 436

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 436, a resolution designating the second Sunday in the month of December 2004 as "National Children's Memorial Day".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 3009. A bill to establish a Division of Food and Agricultural Science within the National Science Foundation and to authorize funding for the support of fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. BOND. I rise today to introduce legislation with Senator MIKULSKI, Senator BENNETT, and Senator HARKIN to establish a division of food and agricultural science within the National Science Foundation to support fundamental agricultural research of the highest quality. I present this to begin a critical discussion that I believe we must have over the next several months and perhaps over the next year or so about how we are going to ensure we capitalize on the technology to maximize the benefits and minimize the costs of our agricultural production.

We remain the world leader in food and fiber production. We do it safely and through technology and the hard work of the American farmer. In the past half century, the number of people fed by a single U.S. farm has grown from 19 to 129. We have a tremendously innovative agricultural research program. Our farmers, our farm leaders are on the cutting edge of developing new technology. And we have seen the innovations continue to come down the pike. This has made it possible for one farmer to feed 129 people.

In addition, we export \$60 billion worth of agricultural products, and we do so at less cost and at less harm to the environment than any of our com-

petitors around the world, again, because of new practices, diligence on the part of farmers, and new technology.

In a world that has a decreasing amount of soil available for cultivation, we have a growing population and we still have 800 million children who are hungry or malnourished throughout the world. As some have said: A person who is well fed can have many problems. A person who is hungry has but one problem. Unless we maximize technology and new practices, production will continue to overtax the world's natural resources.

Many people legitimately have raised concerns regarding new diseases and pests and related food safety issues. And they are growing. The leading competitiveness of our U.S. producers is only as solid as our willingness to invest in forward-looking investments and build upon our historic successes.

Now, we also know from past experience that with new technology the doors are being opened to novel new uses of renewable agricultural products in the fields of energy, medicine, and industrial products. In the future, we can make our farm fields and farm animals factories for everyday products, fuels, and medicines in a way that is efficient and better preserves our natural resources. Advances in the life sciences have come about, such as genetics, proteomics, and cell and molecular biology. They are providing the base for new and continuing agricultural innovations.

It was only about a dozen years ago that farmers in Missouri came to me to tell me about the potential that genetic engineering and plant biotechnology had for improving the production of food, and doing so with less impact on the environment, providing more nutritious food. Since that time, I have had a wonderful, continuing education, not in how it works but what it can do.

We know now, for example, that in hungry areas of the world as many as half a million children go blind from vitamin A deficiency, and maybe a million die from vitamin A deficiency. Well, through plant biotechnology, the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines has developed Golden Rice, taking a gene from the sunflower, a beta-carotene gene, and they enrich the rice. The Golden Rice now has that vitamin A, and that is going to make a significant difference in dealing with malnutrition.

We also know that in many areas of the world, where agricultural production has overtaxed the land, where drought has cut the production, where virus has plagued production, the way we can make farmers self-sufficient, where we can restore the farm economy in many of these countries, is through plant biotechnology.

But this is just the beginning. This legislation I am introducing today is a discussion draft which I hope is going to lay the foundation for tremendous advances in the future.