

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2078. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Liquid Crystal Device panel assemblies for use in Liquid Crystal Device projection type televisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2079. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on electron guns for cathode ray tubes (CRT's) for high definition televisions with a high definition television screen aspect ratio of 16:9; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2080. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on flat panel screen assemblies for use in plasma flat panel screen televisions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2081. A bill to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act Reauthorization Act of 1998 to ensure that adequate funding is provided for certain high intensity drug trafficking areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 2082. A bill to limit the jurisdiction of Federal courts in certain cases and promote federalism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2083. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2084. A bill to revive and extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act for 2 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2085. A bill to modify the requirements of the land conveyance to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Research Foundation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2086. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 2087. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2088. A bill to restore, reaffirm, and reconcile legal rights and remedies under civil rights statutes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 2089. A bill to allow aliens who are eligible for diversity visas to be eligible beyond

the fiscal year in which they applied; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2090. A bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to provide protections for employees relating to the offshoring of jobs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BOND, Mr. WARNER, Mr. TALENT, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2091. A bill to improve the health of health disparity population; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. BOND):

S. 2092. A bill to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 2093. A bill to maintain full marriage tax penalty relief for 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2094. A bill to protect United States workers from competition of foreign workforces for performance of Federal and State services contracts; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 2095. A bill to enhance energy conservation and research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people; read the first time.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S.J. Res. 27. A joint resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II; 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 Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. KYL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. Res. 302. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should not support the February 20, 2004, elections in Iran and that the United States should seek a genuine democratic government in Iran that will restore freedom to the Iranian people and will abandon terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 303. A resolution commending the Carroll College Fighting Saints football team for winning the 2003 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national football championship game; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 304. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should not support the February 20, 2004,

elections in Iran and that the United States should advocate democratic government in Iran that will restore freedom to the Iranian people and will abandon terrorism; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. Con. Res. 89. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the continuity of the Presidency; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 480

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) 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. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) were added as cosponsors of S. 736, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 893

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) 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. 1095

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1095, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve outpatient vision services under part B of the medicare program.

S. 1126

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1126, a bill to establish the Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, to create the Native American Small Business Development Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1180

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1180, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the work opportunity credit and the welfare-to-work credit.

S. 1189

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1189, a bill to ensure an appropriate balance between resources and accountability under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

S. 1414

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1414, a bill to restore second amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

S. 1422

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1422, a bill to provide assistance to train teachers of children with autism spectrum disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 1530

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1530, a bill to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River.

S. 1588

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1588, a bill to authorize the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to develop multidisciplinary research centers regarding women's health and disease prevention and conduct and coordinate a research program on hormone disruption, and for other purposes.

S. 1609

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1609, a bill to make aliens ineligible to receive visas and exclude aliens from admission into the United States for nonpayment of child support.

S. 1630

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral services, and for other purposes.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1647, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for direct access to audiologists for medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

S. 1786

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1786, a bill to revise and extend the Community Services Block

Grant Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Assets for Independence Act.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 1804

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1804, a bill to reauthorize programs relating to sport fishing and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes.

S. 1813

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) 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. 1900

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1900, a bill to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to expand certain trade benefits to eligible sub-Saharan African countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1992

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1992, a bill to amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to eliminate privatization of the medicare program, to improve the medicare prescription drug benefit, to repeal health savings accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program.

S. 2020

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to prohibit, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, the interference by the government with a woman's right to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 26

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 26, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor 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. 81

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 81, a concurrent resolution expressing the deep concern of Congress regarding the failure of the Islamic Republic of Iran to adhere to its obligations under a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the engagement by Iran in activities that appear to be designed to develop nuclear weapons.

S. RES. 289

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 289, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to free trade negotiations that could adversely impact the sugar industry of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 2311

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2311 proposed to S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2326

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2326 intended to be proposed to S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2409

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2409 intended to be proposed to S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2414

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2414 intended to be proposed to S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2416

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr.

CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2416 intended to be proposed to S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2427

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2427 intended to be proposed to S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2428

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2428 intended to be proposed to S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2442

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2442 intended to be proposed to S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2482

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2482 proposed to S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2511

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2511 intended to be proposed to S. 1072, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. REID):

S. 2068. A bill to enhance and improve benefits for members of the National Guard and Reserves who serve extended periods on active duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise this evening to introduce a very important piece of legislation that will support hundreds of thousands of Americans who are making great sacrifices for our country. This bill will enhance the benefits that are offered to the brave men and women of the National Guard and Reserves and their families when they are called to service.

The latest figures from the Pentagon show that more than 194,000 Guard and Reserves are currently serving on active duty. We have come to rely greatly on our Guard and Reserve Forces for extended durations. It is now time that we provide them with the support that is available to our regular services.

Nationwide, we are experiencing the largest activation of Guard and Reserves since the Korean war. In my home State this is the largest activation of these brave men and women since World War II.

Guard and Reserves make up almost 40 percent of the total U.S. force in Iraq. They play a critical role in our operations in Afghanistan, and they support a tremendous number of our homeland security missions.

The Guard's 81st Armor Brigade is sending 3,600 brave Washington State citizens to Iraq in the next few weeks. I had the pleasure of meeting with many of these soldiers and their families in early January. During my visit with these soldiers, I heard many concerns about the well-being of their families who are going to be left to shoulder tremendous responsibilities while they are away. Many were concerned that they would leave before they could help their spouse find affordable child care. Others were concerned that their children would have to go to a new doctor who accepts TRICARE, and that type of change when one parent is overseas and far away can be very scary for a young child.

My visit with the families offered a window into what they are facing as their loved ones serve on extended deployments. Their families were concerned about the loss of income between their spouse's civilian salary and their active-duty salary.

Some of our activated soldiers were in school. Their families were concerned that they would have to begin repaying student loans while their loved ones served in Iraq.

It is vital that Congress take steps to ensure all members of our Armed Forces and their families are taken care of, especially during extended active-duty deployments and upon their return home. Unfortunately, that has not always been the case. Veterans who volunteered or were drafted to serve our country were promised health care and other benefits. When they returned home they found those promises were not kept. In recent years, the administration has barred certain veterans from enrolling in the VA. The President's budget request for this year would require some veterans to pay additional fees for the services they are currently able to receive.

This evening, I am introducing a comprehensive piece of legislation that will minimize the challenges at home when members of the Guard and Reserve leave their jobs, their schools, their homes, and their families to protect our homeland and fight terrorism. This legislation helps families by extending the Family and Medical Leave Act to allow spouses to take time away from their job to put together a single-parent household and prepare for their transition.

My bill will help Guard and Reserve families with children by providing access to child care, especially during times of extended active duty. This

provision would allow nonworking spouses with children to work while their spouse is being deployed, making child care more affordable.

Education is a key part of this proposal. I have heard from Guard members who are worried that they had to leave their university to go to Iraq for a year. We have to ensure that when they return to school it will be without penalty, and that their student loans are deferred during their extended deployment.

Several soldiers who work in the high-tech field said to me:

Eighteen months away from my job in the high tech field means that I will not be ready to go back into my position when I return.

That is why my bill will extend and update the GI Bill benefits for Guard and Reserve to keep better pace with the rising costs of education. This will encourage education and provide a competitive edge for Guard and Reserves when they return home to the private sector.

My proposal will improve health care coverage by providing access to TRICARE for all members of the Guard and Reserves and their families, regardless of employment or insurance status. TRICARE only works if you are in a community that has TRICARE available. Guard and Reserves who are mobilized for extended periods need the option to maintain their private health care plans. So my proposal provides that option and covers their premiums during periods of extended deployment.

Many members of the Guard and Reserves who are mobilized are seeing a huge decrease in their pay while they serve our country on active duty. My proposal ensures pay equity for Federal employees called to duty and provides tax credits to employers to encourage their support of activated Guard and Reserves.

My proposal also reduces the age for Guard and Reserves to receive retirement pay to age 55.

I am very concerned that we are burning up our Guard and Reserve units by placing a serious strain on their families and their finances. These brave men and women need the same kind of support that our regular services have when they are called away from their families and their jobs for extended deployments. By addressing these shortfalls now, we give the Guard and Reserves a valuable tool for recruiting and retaining the best and the brightest soldiers in the world.

This bill tells our Guard and Reserve members that they can serve our country overseas, even on long deployments, and know that their families will be financially secure and able to get child care and health care. Spouses can take time off from work to prepare for a long deployment. In addition, Guard members won't lose their place at a university, and they won't be charged interest or have to repay loans until they resume their studies.

I hope we can pass this bill and do everything we can to lessen the burden