

energy and improve environmental quality; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2584. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for farmers' investments in value-added agriculture; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2585. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the work opportunity tax credit for small business jobs creation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2586. A bill to establish regional skills alliances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2587. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the amount of payment under the physician fee schedule for drug administration services furnished to medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2588. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 and succeeding fiscal years for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. SMITH, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MILLER, Mr. DODD, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2589. A bill to clarify the status of certain retirement plans and the organizations which maintain the plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2590. A bill to provide a conservation royalty from Outer Continental Shelf revenues to establish the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, to provide assistance to States under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, to ensure adequate funding for conserving and restoring wildlife, to assist local governments in improving local park and recreation systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2591. A bill to provide for business incubator activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2592. A bill to provide crop and livestock disaster assistance; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2593. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2594. A bill to reduce health care disparities and improve health care quality, to improve the collection of racial, ethnic, primary language, and socio-economic determination data for use by healthcare researchers and policymakers, to provide performance incentives for high performing hospitals and community health centers, and to expand current Federal programs seeking to

eliminate health disparities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. DODD):

S. 2595. A bill to establish State grant programs related to assistive technology and protection and advocacy services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2596. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Peoria, Illinois, as the "Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2597. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish and maintain an Internet website that is designed to allow consumers to compare the usual and customary prices for covered outpatient drugs sold by retail pharmacies that participate in the medicaid program for each postal Zip Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2598. A bill to protect, conserve, and restore public land administered by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service and adjacent land through cooperative cost-shared grants to control and mitigate the spread of invasive species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 2599. A bill to strengthen anti-terrorism investigative tools, to enhance prevention and prosecution of terrorist crimes, to combat terrorism financing, to improve border and transportation security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DODD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2600. A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to enter into a contract to revise the statue commemorating women's suffrage located in the rotunda of the United States Capitol to include a likeness of Sojourner Truth; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 2601. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the payment of monthly special pay for members of the uniformed services whose service on active duty is extended by a stop-loss order or similar mechanism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

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; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 2603. A bill to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227)

relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2604. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the recognition period for built-ins gains for subchapter S corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2605. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the heads of other Federal agencies to carry out an agreement resolving major issues relating to the adjudication of water rights in the Snake River Basin, Idaho, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. Res. 391. A resolution designating the second week of December 2004 as "Conversations Before the Crisis Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

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; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 393. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in support of United States policy for a Middle East peace process; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 394. A resolution to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Daniel Bayly, et al; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 395. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *Ulysses J. Ward v. Dep't of the Army*; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 396. A resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of The Pennsylvania State University; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 397. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the transition of Iraq to a constitutionally elected government; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. Con. Res. 120. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 310

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator

from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 344

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and for other purposes.

S. 488

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 488, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 5-year extension of the credit for electricity produced from wind.

S. 556

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 556, a bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to provide for full voting representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 738

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to designate certain public lands in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, and Yolo Counties in the State of California as wilderness, to designate certain segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild or scenic river, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities.

S. 1129

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 1735

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1735, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, 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.

S. 2062

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2062, a bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

S. 2138

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2138, a bill to protect the rights of American consumers to diagnose, service, and repair motor vehicles purchased in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2278

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2278, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 3 circuits, and for other purposes.

S. 2328

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2328, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

S. 2417

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2417, a bill to amend title 38, United

States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish care for newborn children of women veterans receiving maternity care, and for other purposes.

S. 2422

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) 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. 2433

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2433, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow self-employed individuals to deduct health insurance costs in computing self-employment taxes.

S. 2447

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) 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. 2522

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2522, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of home loan guaranty available under the home loan guaranty program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2529

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2529, a bill to extend and modify the trade benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

S. 2533

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2533, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 2535

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2535, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize the medicare program by ensuring that appropriate preventive services are covered under such program.

S. 2566

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2566, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 2569

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2569, a bill to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibition on junk fax transmissions.

S. CON. RES. 78

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 78, a concurrent resolution condemning the repression of the Iranian Baha'i community and calling for the emancipation of Iranian Baha'is.

S. CON. RES. 110

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 110, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress in support of the ongoing work of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in combating anti-Semitism, racism, xenophobia, discrimination, intolerance, and related violence.

S. CON. RES. 119

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 119, a concurrent resolution recognizing that prevention of suicide is a compelling national priority.

S. RES. 311

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 311, a resolution calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Thadeus Nguyen Van Ly, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 2572. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide for mental health screening and treatment services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for integration of mental health services and mental health treatment outreach teams, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, today, I rise to introduce the Positive Aging

Act of 2004 to improve the accessibility and quality of mental health services for our rapidly growing population of older Americans with my colleagues Senators BREAUX and COLLINS. Representatives PATRICK KENNEDY and ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN are also introducing a companion bill in the House this afternoon.

My colleagues JOHN BREAUX and PATRICK KENNEDY introduced this bill initially to focus on mental health programs, and with constituent input we decided to broaden it to involve the aging community as well. I want to acknowledge our partners from both the mental health and aging organizations who have collaborated with us and been working hard on these issues for a long time.

Our significant success in extending the life span of older adults has created a set of challenges related to the quality of life for American's senior citizens. It is critically important now to focus on making the extra years of life as productive and healthy as possible. This legislation is designed to do just that. It puts mental health services on a par with other primary care services in community settings that are easily accessible to the elderly. I firmly believe we must integrate mental health services with other essential primary care.

The Surgeon General's report on mental health in 1999 told us that disability due to mental illness in the elderly population is fast becoming a major public health problem. Depression, dementia, anxiety, and substance abuse are growing problems among older Americans that result in functional dependence, long-term institutional care and reduced quality of life.

Nearly 20 percent of those over age 55 experience mental illnesses that are not a part of "normal" aging, and are all too frequently undetected and untreated. The real tragedy is that we can effectively treat many of these conditions, but in far too many instances we are not making such treatments available. Unrecognized and untreated mental illness among elderly adults can be traced to gaps in training of health professionals, and in our failure to fully integrate mental health screening and treatment with other health services. Far too often physicians and other health professionals fail to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness. More troubling, knowledge about effective interventions is simply not accessible to many primary care practitioners.

Research has shown that treatment of mental illnesses can reduce the need for other health services and can improve health outcomes for those with other chronic diseases. These missed opportunities to diagnose and treat mental diseases are taking a huge toll on the elderly and increasing the burden on their families and our health care system.

I know there are a number of reasons for our failure to meet the mental

health needs of our seniors. Regrettably, acknowledging and seeking mental health care can be impeded by the stigma associated with mental illness. In addition, Medicare benefit discrimination related to coverage of mental health services continues to be a barrier to appropriate care for the elderly.

Finally, the lack of coverage for prescription drugs in Medicare has until now imposed significant financial burdens on many older Americans. Notwithstanding the addition of a limited Medicare drug benefit, there remains the potential that drugs needed for the treatment of mental illness will be treated unfairly through formulary restrictions, prior authorization, and higher out-of-pocket expenses. We must be especially vigilant in our oversight of this benefit to prevent such discrimination on behalf of the millions of older Americans with mental illnesses.

The bill we are introducing today provides new authorities and resources to the Administration on Aging (AOA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the Department of Health and Human Services. For over 35 years, the AOA has provided home and community-based services to millions of older persons through the programs funded under the Older Americans Act. SAMHSA provides block grants to the States and other financial support to develop and apply best practices in the identification and treatment of mental diseases at the community level. Working together these agencies have the potential for strengthening and extending the delivery of mental health services to older Americans.

This legislation focuses on getting mental health services to community sites where primary care and other social services are provided. It will promote the integration of mental health services and the use of evidence-based practice protocols. This approach has the advantage of building on existing structures and programs, and "mainstreaming" mental health care for these vulnerable populations.

The bill authorizes AOA to make formula grants to the states for the development and operation of systems for providing mental health screening and treatment services to older Americans. These funds may also be used for outreach programs to increase public awareness of the availability and effectiveness of mental health assessments and treatment. Priority will be given to areas that are medically underserved and include significant numbers of older adults. States will be required to coordinate projects with existing community agencies and voluntary organizations offering services to the targeted populations.

This legislation also establishes new grant authorities at AOA to support development and operation of projects for screening and treating mental illness among seniors in rural and urban areas.