

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

S. 2613. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a scholarship and loan repayment program for public health preparedness workforce development to eliminate critical public health preparedness workforce shortages in Federal, State, and local public health agencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2614. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2615. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to eliminate the consumptive demand exception relating to the importation of goods made with forced labor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 2616. A bill to increase the availability of H-2B nonimmigrant visas during fiscal year 2004 for rural border areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2617. A bill making supplemental appropriation for the Department of Education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2618. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend medicare cost-sharing for the medicare part B premium for qualifying individuals through September 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MILLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. TALENT):

S.J. Res. 40. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage; read the first time.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S.J. Res. 41. A joint resolution commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian; 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. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 399. A resolution designating the week of July 11 through July 17, 2004, as "Oinkari Basque Dancers Week", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 400. A resolution recognizing the 2004 Congressional Awards Gold Medal Recipients; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 540

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 540, a bill to authorize the presentation of gold medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th Century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 568

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 568, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make a technical correction in the definition of outpatient speech-language pathology services.

S. 1704

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 1704, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 1717

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1717, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a National Cord Blood Stem Cell Bank Network to prepare, store, and distribute human umbilical cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and to support peer-reviewed research using such cells.

S. 2158

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added

as cosponsors of S. 2158, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, and to provide for better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation.

S. 2199

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2199, a bill to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to improve the ability of State and local governments to prevent the abduction of children by family members, and for other purposes.

S. 2268

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2268, a bill to provide for recruiting, training, and deputizing persons for the Federal flight deck officer program.

S. 2321

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2321, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to rename the National Guard Challenge Program and to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under that program, and for other purposes.

S. 2363

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

S. 2389

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2389, a bill to require the withholding of United States contributions to the United Nations until the President certifies that the United Nations is co-operating in the investigation of the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program.

S. 2399

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2399, a bill to provide for the improvement of physical activity and nutrition and the prevention of obesity for all Americans.

S. 2432

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2432, a bill to expand the boundaries of Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park, and for other purposes.

S. 2450

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2450, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the requirements for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medical Badge with respect to service in Korea after July 28, 1953.

S. 2490

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2490, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to establish vessel ballast water management requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 2522

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) 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. 2526

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2526, a bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program.

S. 2533

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2560

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2560, a bill to amend chapter 5 of title 17, United States Code, relating to inducement of copyright infringement, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 202

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 202, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the genocidal Ukraine Famine of 1932–33.

S. RES. 269

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 269, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt that opened on November 15, 2003.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2611. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I join Senators SMITH, CHAFEE and FEINGOLD in introducing legislation aimed

at helping the 110 million orphans in the world. This legislation is a companion measure to Congresswoman LEE's bill that unanimously passed the House of Representatives last month.

Current estimates suggest that by 2010, there will be more than 25 million orphans worldwide as the result of the HIV–AIDS pandemic. We must do more to provide hope for these children. This legislation is an important step forward.

Our bill would authorize the President to provide assistance to orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries. Specific authorization is provided in the areas of basic care, HIV–AIDS treatment, school food programs, protection of inheritance rights, and education and employment training assistance.

The legislation also calls on the President to use U.S. foreign assistance to support programs that eliminate school fees. Throughout the world, many orphans are prevented from attending school because they cannot afford to pay for school or are forced to financially support their families or care for sick relatives.

Finally, the bill would establish an Office for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children within USAID and a monitoring system that will ensure that U.S. assistance is effective. Right now, there is no office or individual within the Agency with responsibility for the overall oversight or implementation of programs for orphans and vulnerable children.

I look forward to working with Congresswoman LEE and the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator LUGAR, in passing legislation to address the tragic issue of AIDS orphans throughout the world.

I ask unanimous consent that a letter in support of this bill signed by the Global Action for Children be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

GLOBAL ACTION FOR CHILDREN

DEAR SENATORS BOXER AND CHAFEE: We welcome your leadership on the issue of orphans and vulnerable children. As of 2001, an estimated 100 million children were orphans throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. The AIDS epidemic is rapidly accelerating the orphan crisis and leaving a generation of children without hope. As millions of parents are dying from AIDS, the children they leave behind are often left without any adult to look after their basic needs and survival.

Your bill expands the capacity of communities to take care of the basic needs of orphans and dramatically expands educational opportunities for orphans. The bill creates a mechanism to eliminate the school fees that prevent so many orphans from ever going to school. School fees also discourage families from adopting orphans because of the major financial burden posed by such fees.

The legislation you are introducing also provides new hope to orphans and vulnerable children living with HIV and AIDS. Each year, 700,000 babies are infected with HIV and most of these children will become orphans. The legislation provides a focus on treat-

ment of these children in order to promote healthy development and normal growth.

Your bill also builds in monitoring and evaluation criteria and improved coordination, including a new office of orphans and vulnerable children, to ensure that funds for orphans will be used most effectively. As we ramp up our response to the orphans' crisis, new structures to ensure effective coordination are essential to meeting the needs of these orphans.

We welcome the Boxer-Chafee legislation as an essential companion to the comprehensive legislation that has already passed the House of Representatives.

Global Action for Children—Leadership Council

AFXB.
Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE).
Episcopal Church, USA.
Global Justice.
Keep A Child Alive.
Progressive National Baptist Convention.
RESULTS.
Student Campaign for Child Survival.
American Jewish World Service.
church World Service.
Global AIDS Alliance.
Hope for African Children Initiative.
Pan-African Children's Fund.
Religions Action Center of Reform Judaism.
Student Global AIDS Campaign.
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society.

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

S. 2612. A bill to amend the Law Enforcement Pay Equity Act of 2000 to permit certain annuitants of the retirement programs of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to receive the adjustments in pension benefits to which such annuitants would otherwise be entitled as a result of the conversion of members of the United States Park Police and United States Secret Service Uniformed Division to a new salary schedule under the amendments made by such Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Adjustment Equity Act. This legislation amends the Law Enforcement Pay Equity Act of 2000 to allow retired police officers of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division and the United States Park Police to receive the same Cost of Living Adjustment as active officers.

For almost 80 years, Secret Service and Park Police retirees were assured an increase in their pensions whenever their active counterparts received an increase by the "equalization clause" in the District of Columbia Police and Firearms Salary Act of 1958. When the Law Enforcement Pay Equity Act passed in 2000, the automatic link that ensured retirees of getting the same COLA as active officers was severed. This bill would restore that link, guaranteeing that the pension for these retired Federal police officers keeps up with the cost of living.

The Law Enforcement Pay Equity Act created a sharp inequality in retirement benefits for a small number of