

S. 2628. A bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2629. A bill to amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to eliminate the coverage gap, to eliminate HMO subsidies, to repeal health savings accounts, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2630. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code to establish a national health program administered by the Office of Personnel Management to offer Federal employee health benefits plans to individuals who are not Federal employees, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2631. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to monitor and investigate gasoline prices under certain circumstances; read the first time.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2632. A bill to establish a first responder and terrorism preparedness grant information hotline, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2633. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to provide refunds for unjust and unreasonable charges on electric energy in the State of California; read the first time.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. REED, Mr. SMITH, Mr. REID, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. FRIST, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KOHL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2634. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, to provide funds for campus mental and behavioral health service centers, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2635. A bill to establish an intergovernmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments; to the Committee on Governmental 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. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 401. A resolution designating the week of November 7 through November 13, 2004, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. Con. Res. 121. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 68

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 307

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 307, a bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Court-house".

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence.

S. 720

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 720, a bill to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely effect patient safety.

S. 1068

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1068, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, and for other purposes.

S. 1142

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1142, a bill to provide dis-

advantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1428, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for damages or injunctive relief for claims of injury resulting from a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition related to weight gain or obesity.

S. 1704

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1988

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1988, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to establish minimum requirements for nurse staffing in nursing facilities receiving payments under the Medicare or Medicaid Program.

S. 2175

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2175, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, and for other purposes.

S. 2305

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to authorize programs that support economic and political development in the Greater Middle East and Central Asia and support for three new multilateral institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2367

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2367, a bill to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide Federal retirement benefits for United States citizen employees of Air America, Inc., its subsidiary Air Asia Company Limited, or the Pacific Division of Southern Air Transport, Inc.

S. 2416

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2416, a bill to ensure that advertising campaigns paid for by the Federal Government are unbiased, and for other purposes.

S. 2436

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2436, a bill to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974.

S. 2503

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2503, a bill to make permanent the reduction in taxes on dividends and capital gains.

S. 2526

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2526, a bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program.

S. 2533

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) 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. 2534

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2534, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and enhance benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill, to improve housing benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2545

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2545, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals' health care options and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decisionmaking so that individuals' wishes are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and for other purposes.

S. 2551

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2551, a bill to reduce and prevent childhood obesity by encouraging schools and school districts to develop

and implement local, school-based programs designed to reduce and prevent childhood obesity, promote increased physical activity, and improve nutritional choices.

S. 2566

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors 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.J. RES. 40

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 40, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

S. CON. RES. 110

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors 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 names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 119, a concurrent resolution recognizing that prevention of suicide is a compelling national priority.

S. RES. 389

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 389, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to prostate cancer information.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2619. A bill to designate the annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 333 Constitution Ave. Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Judge William B. Bryant Annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce a bill to designate the recently-constructed annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman United States

Courthouse in Washington, DC as the "William B. Bryant Annex."

Thomas F. Hogan, this Court's current Chief Judge, has expressed his support and the unanimous support of the other judges on the District Court for the District of Columbia. I am proud to join with Congresswoman ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON in moving ahead with the Chief Judge's request.

Judge Bryant served with distinction of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia since 1965. He was the Chief Judge on that court from March 1977 to September 1981.

Judge Bryant graduated from Howard University in 1932, and from Howard University Law School, receiving an LL.B. in 1936.

Judge Bryant's lengthy public service career is one of great distinction. In addition to the time he spent on the Federal bench, Judge Bryant served in the United States Army during World War II and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. After serving four and one half years as Chief Judge, Judge Bryant took senior status in January of 1982.

Naming the new annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman courthouse after Judge Bryant would be a fitting tribute to this distinguished jurist. Much like Judge Prettyman, Judge Bryant had an illustrious career in public service and on the bench. I am honored to offer this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to join Congresswoman NORTON and me in support of this well-deserved commendation.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REID, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2620. A bill to provide for the establishment of an Office of High-Performance Green Buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the "High Performance Green Buildings Act of 2004."

I would like to thank Senator LAUTENBERG and the other cosponsors for working with me to introduce this important legislation.

Preliminary studies are showing that high-performance green buildings generate huge savings in operations and maintenance costs due to their efficient operating systems. These studies have also demonstrated that high-performance green buildings provide a healthier work environment for the occupants, resulting in fewer absences due to illness. The outcome is huge savings in health related costs. All of these savings are generated, while sustaining very little impact on their surrounding environment.

In the United States, buildings account for: 36 percent of total energy use; 65 percent of electricity consumption; 30 percent of greenhouse gas emissions; 30 percent of raw materials use; 30 percent of waste output and 12 percent of potable water consumption.