

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2643. A bill to provide for fire safety standards for cigarettes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2644. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to the carriage of direct broadcast satellite television signals by satellite carriers to consumers in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 2645. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize appropriations for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2646. A bill to direct the Director of the National Park Service to prepare a report on the sustainability of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2647. A bill to establish a national ocean policy, to set forth the missions of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to ensure effective interagency coordination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2648. A bill to strengthen programs relating to ocean science and training by providing improved advice and coordination of efforts, greater interagency cooperation, and the strengthening and expansion of related programs administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2649. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide for 5-year pilot projects to establish a system of industry-validated national certifications of skills in high-technology industries and a cross-disciplinary national certification of skills in homeland security technology; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2650. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen programs under such Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 404. A resolution designating August 9, 2004, as "Smokey Bear's 60th Anniversary"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWNBAC (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. Con. Res. 124. A concurrent resolution declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 303

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 303, a bill to prohibit human cloning and protect stem cell research.

S. 540

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) 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. 859

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 859, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV and other diseases.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) 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. 1068

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) 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. 1104

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1104, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for parental involvement in abortions of dependent children of members of the Armed Forces.

S. 1559

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1993

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1993, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide a highway safety improvement program that includes incentives to States to enact primary safety belt laws.

S. 2158

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2360

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2360, a bill to provide higher education assistance for nontraditional students, and for other purposes.

S. 2382

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2382, a bill to establish grant programs for the development of telecommunications capacities in Indian country.

S. 2428

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2428, a bill to provide for educational opportunities for all students in State public school systems, and for other purposes.

S. 2502

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2502, a bill to allow seniors to file their Federal income tax on a new Form 1040S.

S. 2520

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2520, a bill to provide for paid sick leave to ensure that Americans can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 2539

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2539, a bill to amend the Tribally Controlled Colleges or University Assistance Act and the Higher Education Act to improve Tribal Colleges and Universities, and for other purposes.

S. 2603

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 2611

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2611, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries.

S. 2623

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBAC) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 2623, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide a 2-year extension of supplemental security income in fiscal years 2005 through 2007 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 2634

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S.J. RES. 40

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 40, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

S.J. RES. 41

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 41, a joint resolution commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

S. RES. 389

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

S. RES. 392

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2641. A bill to recognize conservation efforts to restore the American bison from extinction by placing the image of the American bison on the nickel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, today I join with my friend and colleague from the State of Colorado to introduce the Bison Nickel Restoration Act of 2004 to bring the image of the American bison back to the 5-cent coin.

The American bison is one of the most powerful symbols of the Amer-

ican West. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark encountered many bison on their western expedition. Native Americans in the Great Plains States have held the American bison as one of the most sacred animals, as it represents a spiritual being supplying everything necessary to survive. The bison also is an enduring symbol of the growth of the United States westward. The symbol of the bison is so powerful that the State of Wyoming has put its image on the State flag and the U.S. Department of the Interior uses the bison image on its official seal.

Many don't realize how close we came to losing this important animal. At one time, the American bison population was conservatively estimated at 60,000,000 strong. In the early 1900's, the worldwide bison population fell below 1000 and was virtually extinct. At that time, less than 100 free-range bison existed and there remained only 29 bison under Federal Government control, 21 in Yellowstone National Park and eight in the National Zoo in Washington, DC.

However, the restoration of the bison herds is one of the most shining examples of conservation efforts of our Nation's history. From the dwindling number of bison in the early 1900's, it is anticipated that the North American bison herd will surpass half of a million in the next year. In addition, the bison herd of 21 in Yellowstone National Park has now grown to more than 4,000 bison. It is the largest free-range bison herd in the United States.

The conservation effort of the bison began in the early 1900's. At that time, the American Bison Society was formed with President Teddy Roosevelt as its honorary president. Soon, we will be celebrating the centennial anniversary in 2008 of the signing into law by President Roosevelt of the creation of the National Bison Range. While Federal efforts to restore the bison have been beyond our expectations, a very large part of the successful restoration of the bison herd is due to the private sector. Today, bison can be found in all 50 States, including Hawaii. Many anticipate that the bison population may pass 1 million by the end of the decade.

Today, the bison ranching sector has become a viable business for many small- and medium-sized ranchers. According to a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture census, Wyoming ranches raised 12,580 bison for agricultural purposes during 2002. Restoring the bison to our coinage is a fitting tribute, especially during this July, which is National Bison Month.

A fitting honor for the American bison would be to restore the image on the back of the nickel. This not only would honor the restoration of the bison herd but it would be a symbol of the West. It is my hope that the millions of bison nickels would inspire school children to recognize the importance of our western heritage, the importance of the bison in Native American culture, and the importance of the

public/private efforts to restore the American bison. While our Nation's symbol is the bald eagle, there is little doubt that the symbol of the west is the American bison.

The Bison Nickel Restoration Act of 2004 would restore the American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act of 2003 to its original three-year time frame. Due to the late passage of this law, the U.S. Mint was unable to mint newly designed nickels for 2003. In addition, our bill would require that one of the new images on the reverse of the nickel be of an American bison. I can think of no more fitting tribute to the restoration of the American bison herd than to restore the image of the bison on the back of the nickel.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 2641

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Bison Nickel Restoration Act of 2004".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the American bison is one of the most enduring symbols of the expedition of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark;

(2) Native Americans in the Great Plains States have held the American bison as one of the most sacred animals, as it represents a spiritual being supplying everything necessary to survive;

(3) the American bison continues to be a symbol of Western States and the growth of the United States westward in the 19th century;

(4) the population of the American bison herd has been restored from near extinction levels due to exceptional conservation efforts;

(5) the American bison herd, which once numbered approximately 60,000,000 fell below 100 for free-range bison in the early 1900s;

(6) at the time, only 21 American bison were living in Yellowstone National Park, and 8 in the National Zoo in Washington, DC;

(7) the conservation efforts to restore the American bison officially began with the efforts of President Theodore Roosevelt with the American Bison Society in 1905, the first United States conservation effort to restore a single species from extinction;

(8) the centennial of the signing into law by President Roosevelt of the creation of the National Bison Range in Montana will take place on May 23, 2008; and

(9) in 2004, the bison herd in North America is anticipated to surpass 500,000, and the American Bison has been restored and has become a viable commercial ranching enterprise for many small- and medium-sized ranchers.

SEC. 3. BISON COIN AUTHORITY EXTENSION.

Section 101 of the American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act of 2003 (31 U.S.C. note) is amended—

(1) by striking "and 2005" each place that term appears, other than in subsection (b)(2), and inserting "2005, and 2006"; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by adding at the end the following: "If the Secretary of the Treasury elects to change the reverse of the 5-cent coins issued during 2006, one of the designs selected shall depict the image of an