

information for the position of Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8608. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education, received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8609. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information for the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education, received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8610. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8611. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Three Threatened Mussels and Eight Endangered Mussels in the Mobile River Basin" (RIN1018-A173) received on July 16, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8612. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of Federal Protection Status from Two Manatee Protection Areas in Florida" (RIN1018-AJ23) received on July 16, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8613. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Designation of Critical Habitat for *Arabis Perstellata* (Braun's Rock-cress)" (RIN1018-A174) received on July 16, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2683. A bill for the relief of Majan Jean; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2684. A bill for the relief of Maria Cristina Degraasi; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 2685. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. ALEX-

ANDER, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2686. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 2687. A bill to provide coverage under the Railway Labor Act to employees of certain air and surface transportation entities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2688. A bill to provide for a report of Federal entities without annually audited financial statements; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 740

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the medicare program.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1704

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) 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. 1735

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added 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 pros-

ecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2158

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 2302

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2302, a bill to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

S. 2351

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2351, a bill to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

S. 2361

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2361, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance research, training, and health information dissemination with respect to urologic diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2370

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2370, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2449, a bill to require congressional renewal of trade and travel restrictions with respect to Cuba.

S. 2461

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2461, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 2505

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2505, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low power FM service.

S. 2519

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2519, a bill to authorize

assistance for education and health care for women and children in Iraq during the reconstruction of Iraq and thereafter, to authorize assistance for the enhancement of political participation, economic empowerment, civil society, and personal security for women in Iraq, to state the sense of Congress on the preservation and protection of the human rights of women and children in Iraq, and for other purposes.

S. 2526

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

S. 2568

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2568, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the tercentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, and for other purposes.

S. 2602

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 2603

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor 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.

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2603, *supra*.

S. 2623

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) 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.J. RES. 41

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 41, a joint resolution commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

S. CON. RES. 41

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 41, a concurrent resolu-

tion directing Congress to enact legislation by October 2005 that provides access to comprehensive health care for all Americans.

S. CON. RES. 106

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 106, a concurrent resolution urging the Government of Ukraine to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for the presidential election on October 31, 2004.

S. CON. RES. 113

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 113, a concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of early diagnosis, proper treatment, and enhanced public awareness of Tourette Syndrome and supporting the goals and ideals of National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month.

S. CON. RES. 119

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 119, a concurrent resolution recognizing that prevention of suicide is a compelling national priority.

S. CON. RES. 124

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 124, a concurrent resolution declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 124, *supra*.

S. CON. RES. 126

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 126, a concurrent resolution condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994, and expressing the concern of the United States regarding the continuing, decade-long delay in the resolution of this case.

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 126, *supra*.

S. RES. 271

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 271, a resolution urging the President of the United States diplomatic corps to dissuade member states of the United Nations from supporting resolutions that unfairly castigate Israel and to promote within the

United Nations General Assembly more balanced and constructive approaches to resolving conflict in the Middle East.

S. RES. 389

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 389, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to prostate cancer information.

S. RES. 404

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 404, a resolution designating August 9, 2004, as "Smokey Bear's 60th Anniversary."

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 2685. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance programs; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I am introducing the Immigrant Children's Health Improvement Act today.

This legislation would allow States the option to once again provide Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) coverage to legal immigrant children and pregnant women.

Traditionally, Medicaid and SCHIP have served as vital components of our nation's health care safety net. These programs have provided coverage to over 50 million non-elderly, low-income Americans, most of them children, and have helped to dramatically reduce infant mortality and provide health care for millions of poor children whose families cannot afford the high cost of private health insurance.

However, for many low-income families that are income eligible for Medicaid and SCHIP, these safety programs are today little more than a mirage—an illusion to those who need them most. The 1996 welfare reform law arbitrarily barred states from using Federal funds to provide health coverage to low-income legal immigrants during their first 5 years in the United States.

While the goal of welfare reform was to encourage self-sufficiency in adults, the legislation unfortunately has punished children. Today, half of all legal immigrant children from families making less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level are uninsured. That's over two and a half times the uninsured rate for children who are United States citizens.

In the long term, ignoring the health care needs of legal immigrant children