

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3772. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Approval of Iron-Tungsten-Nickel Shot as Nontoxic for Hunting Waterfowl and Coots" (RIN1018-AT87) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3773. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Eighth Annual Report on Federal Agency Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and Conformity Assessment"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3774. A communication from the Human Resources Specialist, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination and the discontinuation of service in the acting role for the position of Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment and Training; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3775. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Filing and Disclosure of Beneficial Ownership Reports" (RIN1557-AC75) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 360. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act (Rept. No. 109-137).

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. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 1706. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that distributions from a section 401(k) plan or a section 403(b) contract shall not be includible in gross income to the extent used to pay long-term care insurance premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1707. A bill for the relief of Abraham Jaars, Delicia Jaars, and Grant Jaars; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BOND, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CHAFEE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1708. A bill to modify requirements relating to the authority of the Administrator of General Services to enter into emergency leases during major disasters and other

emergencies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1709. A bill to provide favorable treatment for certain projects in response to Hurricane Katrina, with respect to revolving loans under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1710. A bill to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to remove the limitation on the number of reverse mortgages that may be insured under the FHA mortgage insurance program for such mortgages; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1711. A bill to allow the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to waive or modify the application of certain requirements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1712. A bill to establish a Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1713. A bill to make amendments to the Iran Nonproliferation Act of 2000 related to International Space Station payments; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BOND, Mr. CHAFEE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1714. A bill to modify requirements under the emergency relief program under title 23, United States Code, with respect to projects for repair or reconstruction in response to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1715. A bill to provide relief for students and institutions affected by Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes; read the first time.

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

S. 1716. A bill to provide emergency health care relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. Res. 239. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Infant Mortality Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SMITH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 240. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding manifestations of anti-Semitism by United Nations member states and urging action against anti-Semitism by United Nations officials, United Nations member states, and the Government of the United States, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. Res. 241. A resolution designating September 2005, as "Leukemia, Lymphoma, and Myeloma Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. FRIST, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BOND, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 242. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the President should appoint an individual to oversee Federal funds for the Hurricane Katrina recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LOTT, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. KYL):

S. Res. 243. A resolution expressing Support for the Pledge of Allegiance; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. Res. 244. A resolution expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 314

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to protect consumers, creditors, workers, pensioners, shareholders, and small businesses, by reforming the rules governing venue in bankruptcy cases to combat forum shopping by corporate debtors.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign agricultural workers, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reform the H-2A worker program under that Act, to provide a stable, legal agricultural workforce, to extend basic legal protections and better working conditions to more workers, and for other purposes.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend the Public

Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 503

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 503, a bill to expand Parents as Teachers programs and other quality programs of early childhood home visitation, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 769

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to enhance compliance assistance for small businesses.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 793, a bill to establish national standards for discharges from cruise vessels into the waters of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education.

S. 1049

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide grants to promote innovative outreach and enrollment under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1099

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1099, a bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and greater fairness for all Americans.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1132

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1132, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1197, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1272, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 1294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1294, a bill to amend the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to preserve and protect the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services.

S. 1306

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1306, a bill to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1308

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1308, a bill to establish an Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1309

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1309, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend the trade adjustment assistance program to the services sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1417

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1417, a bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 1442

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1442, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Coordinated Environmental Health Network, and for other purposes.

S. 1489

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1489, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with regard to research on asthma, and for other purposes.

S. 1496

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1496, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps.

S. 1530

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1530, a bill to provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a program at the National Institutes of Health to conduct and support research in the derivation and use of human pluripotent stem cells by means that do not harm human embryos, and for other purposes.

S. 1563

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1563, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to protect and strengthen the safety net of children's public health coverage by extending the enhanced Federal matching rate under the State children's health insurance program to children covered by medicaid at State option and by encouraging innovations in children's enrollment and retention, to advance quality and performance in children's public health insurance programs, to provide payments for children's hospitals to reward quality and performance, and for other purposes.

S. 1648

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1648, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the

system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 1691

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1691, a bill to amend selected statutes to clarify existing Federal law as to the treatment of students privately educated at home under State law.

S. 1696

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1696, a bill to provide tax relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, to provide incentives for charitable giving, and for other purposes.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1700, a bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 23

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 23, a joint resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day.

S. RES. 238

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 238, a resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of our Nation.

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 238, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 762

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 762 proposed to S. 1042, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1678

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1678 proposed to H.R. 2862, an Act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1695

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1695 proposed to H.R. 2862, an Act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1706

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1706 proposed to H.R. 2862, an Act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1717

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1717 proposed to H.R. 2862, an Act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1717 proposed to H.R. 2862, supra.

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1717 proposed to H.R. 2862, supra.

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1717 proposed to H.R. 2862, supra.

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1717 proposed to H.R. 2862, supra.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 1706. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that distributions from a section 401(k) plan or a section 403(b) contract shall not be includible in gross income to the extent used to pay long-term care insurance premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I rise to bring the Senate's attention to a bill I introduced today, the Long-Term Care Act of 2005.

Baby boomers will begin to turn 65 years old in 2010 and by 2030, all 77 million baby boomers will have reached retirement age and the over 65 population will have doubled. The practicality of these conditions will require the Federal Government and most State governments to spend more money on health care. Presently, Federal and State Governments are spending billions of dollars to ensure the

health and well-being of our fellow citizens.

In one sector of the health care arena where costs are dramatically rising is in the area of long-term care. In 2000, spending on long-term care was estimated at \$123.1 billion and it is expected to triple to \$346.1 billion by 2040. Currently, 70 percent of long-term care costs are spent on nursing home care. The average cost of nursing home care is \$178 per day or \$60,000 per year. That is a significant burden on Federal and State Governments as well as the thousands of individuals who pay for that care out of pocket.

In addition, almost 75 percent of nursing home care is publicly funded. Medicaid spends about 58.7 percent on long-term care while Medicare spends 14.7 percent. According to the Council for Affordable Health Insurance, by the year 2030, Medicaid's nursing home expenditures are expected to reach \$130 billion a year.

If more people purchased private long-term care insurance, we could reduce Medicaid's future institutional-care expenses by more than \$40 billion each year, while giving those who are insured alternatives to nursing homes, including home care, adult daycare, foster care and assisted living. Congress has taken steps to give individuals more power to pay for their health care services such as long-term care. One such outstanding measure was the creation of Health Savings Accounts, HSAs.

I was pleased to support the passage of the Medicare Modernization Act. This landmark legislation created health savings accounts, which are a new way that people can pay for unreimbursed medical expenses such as deductibles, copayments, and services not covered by insurance like long-term care. Eligible individuals can establish and fund these accounts when they have a qualifying high deductible health plan and no other health plan, with some exceptions. The beauty of these plans is that they have tax advantages such as deductible contributions; tax-exempt withdrawals if the individual uses the money for medical expenses; and tax-exempt account earnings.

I am confident that with the creation of health savings accounts, individuals and families will be encouraged to set money aside for their health care expenses and give individuals the means to pay for health care services of their own choosing, without being constrained by insurers or employers. Unfortunately, health savings accounts are relatively new and most individuals will not have the built up funds in their HSA to pay for a number of costly health care expenses such as long-term care insurance and that is why we need to provide other options to help pay for this important investment.

Currently, thousands of Virginians and millions of Americans are saving in their retirement plans to have a comfortable life once they become seniors, be it 401(k) and 403(b) accounts.