

all federal appropriations made by Congress for any fiscal year not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year; be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and to each member of Colorado's congressional delegation.

POM-209. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to urging the Congress of the United States and the Department of Veterans Affairs to fulfill the department's goal of providing excellence in patient care by building a veterans hospital in Weslaco, Texas; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 138

Whereas, Our veterans who live in South Texas have served their country bravely and risked their lives to preserve our country's freedom and democracy, and their sacrifices in our behalf are deserving of a veterans hospital to meet their health care needs; and

Whereas, Regrettably, South Texas currently lacks adequate health care resources for these proud men and women; the sole outpatient clinic in the eight-county area at the southern tip of Texas has limited hours of operation and must refer patients to other facilities for special tests or treatments; in addition, the nearest veterans hospital to the region with inpatient acute medical and surgical care and extended care is more than 250 miles away in San Antonio; and

Whereas, Veterans in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties alone number greater than 46,000, and a May 2004 report by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) acknowledged the need for improved and expanded medical facilities for veterans in South Texas; and

Whereas, Despite this assessment, however, the DVA has planned only the addition of 10 contract beds in Harlingen's Valley Baptist Medical Center; and

Whereas, Weslaco is located in the center of the Rio Grande Valley, less than one hour's drive from McAllen, Harlingen, and Brownsville, making it a convenient site for a hospital to serve the area's veterans; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas respectfully urge the Congress of the United States and the Department of Veterans Affairs to fulfill the department's goal of providing excellence in patient care by building a veterans hospital in Weslaco, Texas, to serve the more than 46,000 veterans in South Texas who have bravely defended and served our country; and, be it further

*Resolved*, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, to the secretary of veterans affairs, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-210. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey relative to rejecting provisions in the President's proposed federal budget that would result in the loss of funding for Veterans' Memorial Homes in New Jersey; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 263

Whereas, The President's proposed federal budget for fiscal year 2006 contains reduc-

tions to veterans' programs that would result in the loss of funding for the Veterans' Memorial Homes in this State; and

Whereas, The proposed budgetary reductions would hinder this State's ability to operate its three Veterans' Memorial Homes and may result in the closure of one or more of the homes if an alternate funding source is not provided; and

Whereas, The three Homes currently have a resident population of 812 veterans and the funding reductions contained in the President's budget would [cut that population] reduce the number of veterans eligible for federal funding to 159 [residents]; and

Whereas, Under the President's proposed budget, the Veterans' Memorial Homes would not meet the criteria for retaining federal matching funds [for] invested in construction, thereby requiring the State to reimburse the federal government for construction costs totaling approximately \$53.3 million; and

Whereas, The proposed reductions to veterans' programs contained in the President's budget would negatively impact New Jersey's ability to care for its veterans; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. This House urges Congress to reject provisions in the President's proposed federal budget that would result in the loss of funding for Veterans' Memorial Homes in this State.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk of the General Assembly, shall be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, every member of this State's Congressional delegation and the Governor.

POM-211. A resolution adopted by the Municipal Legislature of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico relative to the rejection of imposition of the death penalty for crimes committed in Puerto Rico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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 Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1855. A bill to provide for community disaster loans; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1858. A bill to provide for community disaster loans; considered and passed.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 1859. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for a Federal Fuels List, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. AXENBERGER):

S. 1860. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve energy production and reduce energy demand through improved use

of reclaimed waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1861. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the phaseout of personal exemptions and the overall limitation on itemized deductions; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1862. A bill to establish a joint energy cooperation program within the Department of Energy to fund eligible ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons in the national interest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1863. A bill to establish the Gulf Coast Recovery and Disaster Preparedness Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 1864. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain farming business machinery and equipment as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BURR, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1865. A bill to establish the SouthEast Crescent Authority and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 1866. A bill to establish an Under Secretary for Policy in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1867. A bill to extend to individuals evacuated from their residences as a result of Hurricane Katrina the right to use the absentee balloting and registration procedures available to military and overseas voters under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1868. A bill to ensure gasoline affordability and security to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. WARNER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BURNS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. AXENBERGER, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 271. A resolution designating the week beginning October 16, 2005, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. OBAMA,

Mr. BAYH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. REID, and Mr. KERRY):

S. Res. 272. A resolution recognizing and honoring the life and achievements of Constance Baker Motley, a judge for the United States District Court, Southern District of New York; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. REID, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Con. Res. 58. A concurrent resolution supporting “Lights On Afterschool”, a national celebration of after school programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the medicaid program.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, 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. 685

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 685, a bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60.

S. 994

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachu-

sets (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, 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. 1086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) 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. 1139

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the pet industry.

S. 1438

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1438, a bill to provide for immigration reform.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, and for other purposes.

S. 1740

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1740, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to defer recognition of reinvested capital gains distributions from regulated investment companies.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit outbound call telemarketing to individuals eligible to receive benefits under title XVIII of such Act.

S. 1808

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1808, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the qualified medicare beneficiary (QMB) and specified low-income medicare beneficiary (SLMB) programs within the medicaid program.

S. 1814

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1814, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Housing and

Urban Development Act of 1968 to enhance protections for servicemembers and their dependents, and for other purposes.

S. 1828

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1828, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve and secure an adequate supply of influenza vaccine.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 1859. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for a Federal Fuels List, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, 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. 1859

*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 “Affordable and Reliable Gas Act of 2005”.

#### SEC. 2. LIST OF FUELS.

(a) LIST OF FUELS.—Section 211(c)(4)(C) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(c)(4)(C)) (as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-58; 119 Stat. 1106)) is amended by striking the second clause (v) and inserting the following:

“(vi) The Administrator shall have no authority, when considering a State implementation plan or a State implementation plan revision, to approve under this paragraph any fuel included in such plan or revision if the effect of such approval would be to increase the total number of fuels approved under this paragraph as of September 1, 2004 in all State implementation plans.

“(II) The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall determine the total number of fuels approved under this paragraph as of September 1, 2004, in all State implementation plans and shall publish a list of such fuels, including the states and Petroleum Administration for Defense District in which they are used, in the Federal Register no later than 90 days after enactment.

“(III) The Administrator shall remove a fuel from the list published under subclause (II) if a fuel ceases to be included in a State implementation plan or if a fuel in a State implementation plan is identical to a Federal fuel formulation implemented by the Administrator and shall reduce the total number of fuels authorized under the list published under subclause (II) appropriately.

“(IV) Subclause (I) shall not limit the Administrator’s authority to approve a control or prohibition respecting any new fuel under this paragraph in a State’s implementation plan or a revision to that State’s implementation plan after the date of enactment of this Act if such new fuel completely replaces a fuel on the list published under subclause (II).

“(V) The Administrator shall have no authority under this paragraph, when considering any particular State’s implementation