

of certain children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1900. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize the amount of the medicare part B premium; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1901. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 Tompkins Avenue in Staten Island, New York, as the "Vincent Palladino Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1902. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1903. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require drug manufacturers to report the average manufacturer price and the best price of authorized generic drugs and any other drugs sold under a new drug application approved under section 505(c) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to the Secretary of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1904. A bill to provide elementary and secondary education assistance to students and schools impacted by Hurricane Katrina; read the first time.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 1905. A bill to clarify Foreign Service Grievance Board procedures; considered and passed.

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. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BAYH, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SARBAKES, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. Res. 282. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 283. A resolution recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States and encouraging the celebration of "Korean American Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance.

S. 390

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 390, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysms under part B of the medicare program.

S. 408

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 408, a bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) 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. 757

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. 757, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 828

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 828, 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, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to preparation for an influenza pandemic, including an avian influenza pandemic, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish kinship

guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) 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. 1401

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1401, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the proper treatment of differential wage payments made to employees called to active duty in the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1405, a bill to extend the 50 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility and to establish the National Advisory Council on Medical Rehabilitation.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to promote peace and accountability in Sudan, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1462, supra.

S. 1515

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1515, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve access to advanced practice nurses and physician assistants under the Medicaid Program.

S. 1516

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1516, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1524

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1524, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gain rates.

S. 1706

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of 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 includable in gross income to the extent used to pay long-term care insurance premiums.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1866

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1866, a bill to establish an Under Secretary for Policy in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2065

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2065 proposed to H.R. 3058, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2067

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2067 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3058, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2077

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2077 proposed to H.R. 3058, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2118

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2118 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3058, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2144

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2144 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3058, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing

and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2146

At the request of Mr. BOND, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2146 proposed to H.R. 3058, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 1898. A bill to establish the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I rise to introduce legislation to establish the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The bill is cosponsored by Senator KENNEDY, Senator GREGG and Senator SUNUNU.

The bill proposes to establish a national heritage area including 36 communities in Massachusetts and six communities in New Hampshire. The area has important cultural and natural legacies that are important to New England and the entire Nation. I want to highlight just a few of the reasons I believe this designation makes sense.

The Freedom's Way is an ideal candidate because it is rich in historic sites, trails, landscapes and views. The land and the area's resources are pieces of American history and culture. The entire region, and especially places like Lexington and Concord, is important to our country's founding and our political and philosophical principles. Within the 42 communities are truly special places. These include the Minuteman National Historic Park, more than 40 National Register Districts and National Historic Landmarks, the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Walden Pond State Reservation, Gardener State Park, Harvard Shaker Village and the Shirley Shaker Village.

In addition, there is strong grassroots support for this designation. The people of these communities organized themselves in this effort and have now turned to us for assistance. I hope we can provide it. Supporters include elected officials, people dedicated to preserving a small piece of American and New England history, and local business leaders. It is an honor to help their cause.

Finally, I am very pleased that Senators from both Massachusetts and New Hampshire have embraced this proposal. I thank Senators KENNEDY, GREGG and SUNUNU.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1899. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill to reauthorize the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. This bill is intended to reauthorize appropriations for child sexual abuse prevention and treatment grants, to identify the scope of child abuse and family violence in Indian country by requiring annual comprehensive data gathering, to encourage inter-agency coordination between the Indian Health Service and public and private medical or treatment organizations in the treatment and examination of children through the use of telemedicine, and to conform the Act to other Federal child abuse reporting and confidentiality laws. The bill provides a 4-year reauthorization of appropriations for the Act.

The Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act was enacted in 1990 to address findings of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and the Special Committee on Investigations as it examined the Federal trust relationship with Indian tribes. Through public hearings, these Committees found that, at the time, Indian country was a safe haven for child abuse perpetrators. I will not forget the testimony of parents whose children fell prey to the notorious cases of multiple child sexual abuse that occurred on the Hopi, Navajo, and Cherokee reservations over the course of many years. The Federal investigation and prosecution of these crimes revealed that child abuse perpetrators were aware that the conditions of reporting, investigating, and preventing crimes upon children were in such a sorry state that their crimes would rarely be detected. Needless to say, the consequences proved tragic to hundreds of child victims, their families and their communities.

We enacted this law to give the Federal Government an opportunity to meet its responsibility to Indian children and families by establishing policies and programs to prevent child abuse and family violence. To accomplish this, appropriations were authorized to establish prevention and treatment programs within the BIA and IHS. The Act also authorized the BIA and IHS to assist tribes in establishing on-reservation child abuse prevention and treatment programs. The Act also provided criminal sanctions for professionals who failed to report acts of abuse or suspected abuse and prescribed a child abuse reporting process for law enforcement.

I don't believe that the possible benefits of the Act have been fully realized.