

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1950. A bill to promote global energy security through increased cooperation between the United States and India in diversifying sources of energy, stimulating development of alternative fuels, developing and deploying technologies that promote the clean and efficient use of coal, and improving energy efficiency; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 185

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for the reduction of certain Survivor Benefit Plan annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation and to modify the effective date for paid-up coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors 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. 713

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 757

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) 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. 859

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 859, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1110, a bill to amend the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require engine coolant and antifreeze to contain a bittering agent in order to

render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable.

S. 1112

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1112, a bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors 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 Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) 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. 1184

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1184, a bill to waive the passport fees for a relative of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member or to attend a funeral or memorial service for such member.

S. 1285

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1285, a bill to designate the Federal building located at 333 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building".

S. 1286

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1286, a bill to require States to report data on medicaid beneficiaries who are employed.

S. 1315

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1315, a bill to require a report on progress toward the Millennium Development Goals, and for other purposes.

S. 1417

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

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 1462, a bill to promote peace and accountability in Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 1800

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1800, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit.

S. 1915

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 1922

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1922, a bill to authorize appropriate action if negotiations with Japan to allow the resumption of United States beef exports are not successful, and for other purposes.

S. 1931

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1931, a bill to state the policy of the United States on the intercontinental ballistic missile force.

S. CON. RES. 55

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 55, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the conditions for the United States to become a signatory to any multilateral agreement on trade resulting from the World Trade Organization's Doha Development Agenda Round.

S. RES. 273

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 273, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United Nations and other international organizations shall not be allowed to exercise control over the Internet.

S. RES. 292

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 292, a resolution calling on the President to condemn the anti-Israel sentiments expressed by the President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, on October 26, 2005.

S. RES. 293

At the request of Mr. McCAIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 293, a resolution calling for a free and fair presidential election in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

AMENDMENT NO. 762

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) 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. 1958

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1958 intended to be 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1947. A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to enhance adaptive housing assistance for disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, today I introduced the "Specially Adapted Housing Grants Act of 2005" to help all disabled veterans move home from medical facilities. The bill upgrades eligibility criteria for housing assistance grants to better reflect the needs of today's veteran community.

Before discussing the legislation's merits, I want to acknowledge my House colleague, Representative JOHN BOOZMAN of Arkansas, who serves as Chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. Congressman BOOZMAN has demonstrated real leadership on this issue through his bill, the "Veterans Housing/Improvement Act of 2005, H.R. 3665. Section 101 of Congressman BOOZMAN's bill is almost identical to the measure that I have sponsored. The House Veterans Affairs' Committee recently approved his legislation, and the full House is expected to consider the bill in the near future. I am grateful to Congressman BOOZMAN for his considerable efforts to advance a measure that will help improve the lives of many disabled veterans, and I am happy to advance his efforts here in the Senate with this bill.

I appreciate the support of my Senate colleagues, Senators DURBIN, VITTER, KERRY and PRYOR, who have added their names as original cosponsors of the "Specially Adapted Housing Grants Act of 2005." Their endorsement of this bill represents bipartisan agreement on Capitol Hill that Congress must constantly evaluate veterans programs to make certain that our Nation provides responsive support to veterans.

While representing New Hampshire in the House and Senate, I have worked to ensure that those who served in our armed services receive their hard-earned benefits quickly and in full. Too often, out-of-date and burdensome regulations deny qualified veterans from receiving the benefits to which they are entitled. Whenever possible, it is imperative that we remove red tape that does not take into account the realities faced by today's veterans.

Guided by these facts, I have introduced legislation to reform rules that determine requirements for a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) grant program that helps many disabled veterans make their homes suitable for occupancy. Currently, a disabled veteran must at least partly own his or her residence to receive VA housing assistance grants to perform necessary residence modifications, such as installing wheelchair ramps or railings. However, many younger veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan have not yet had the opportunity to become homeowners. Being ineligible for VA help to modify their homes, these veterans and their families often are compelled to either shoulder the costs of retrofitting their residences or face extended stays in VA medical facilities.

My bill would establish a 5-year pilot program to allow severely disabled veterans who live temporarily with family to receive up to \$10,000 in adaptive housing assistance; less severely disabled veterans could receive a maximum of \$2,000. This grant money will help ensure that all disabled veterans—regardless of whether they own property—are able to leave hospitals and return home as quickly as possible.

Also, mindful that these individuals will likely purchase their own residence, the bill would allow disabled veterans to receive two additional Specially Adaptive Housing Grants to be used for homes that they own in the future. Severely disabled veterans could receive a total of \$50,000 to modify residences; less severely disabled veterans would be eligible for a total of \$10,000. Only one of the three total grants could be used for a temporary residence, such as a family-owned home.

America's veterans have made enormous sacrifices to protect our Nation and the ideals for which it stands. Our country owes a special obligation to those men and women who have become disabled as a result of their service. Under no circumstances should these American heroes be divided into groups of "haves" and "have nots."

This Nation can do no less than to ensure that all disabled veterans are returned to the normalcy of home life as quickly and comfortably as possible. The common sense changes put forth in the legislation I have introduced aim to do just that, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to ensure that its provisions become law as soon as possible.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 1948. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, today I am introducing The Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act of 2005 with my colleague Senator SUNUNU, a bill to improve the child safety features in new vehicles. This bill is named after a 2 year old Long Island boy who was killed when his father accidentally backed over him. Although this effort is too late to save little Cameron, it is named in his honor and aimed at preventing other families from suffering the same fate.

I also want to thank my friend and colleague, Congressman PETER KING for championing this issue in the House of Representatives.

While we hear a great deal about automobile accidents, we don't hear nearly as much about non-traffic automobile accidents, which can be just as tragic.

Since 1999, close to 975 children have died in non-traffic, non-crash incidents. This translates into a death almost every other day. The average age of victims in these cases is just 1 year old. And in 70 percent of backover cases, a parent, relative or close friend is behind the wheel.

As of October 15th of this year, there have been 317 non-traffic incidents resulting in ER treatment—tragically, 188 resulted in fatalities. New York State alone has suffered over 60 non-traffic incidents, 15 of them fatalities. These tragedies are heart-wrenching, not only due to the unimaginable suffering these families endure, but also because they are preventable.

The Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act makes all passenger motor vehicles safer in three important ways. First, it requires a detection system to alert drivers to the presence of a child behind the vehicle. This system will prevent backing up incidents involving death and injury, especially to small children and the disabled. Second, it will ensure that power windows automatically reverse direction when they detect an obstruction—preventing children from being trapped, injured or killed when playing with power car windows. And finally, the bill will require the vehicle service break to be