

S. 373. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide for a program to develop and demonstrate the cost-effective operation of a fleet of renewable hydrogen passenger vehicles; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 374. A bill to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. REID, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Agriculture under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to risk zones for introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 49. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 50. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005, October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006, and October 1, 2006, through February 28, 2007; from the Committee on Rules and Administration; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 51. A resolution recognizing the importance of the writings of Dashiell Hammett to American literature and culture on the 75th anniversary of the first publication of "The Maltese Falcon"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 52. A resolution honoring Shirley Chisholm for her service to the Nation and expressing condolences to her family, friends, and supporters on her death; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. Res. 53. A resolution demanding the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DODD, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 54. A resolution paying tribute to John Hume; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 7

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 7, a bill to increase American jobs and economic growth by making permanent the individual income tax rate reductions, the reduction in the capital gains and dividend tax rates, and the

repeal of the estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes.

S. 37

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 37, *supra*.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 65, a bill to amend the age restrictions for pilots.

S. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. McCAIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees, and for other purposes.

S. 285

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 285, a bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program.

S. 304

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals.

S. 306

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 306, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) 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. 331

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 331, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to reaffirm the authority of States to regulate certain hunting and fishing activities.

S. 340

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 340, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to designate Poland as a program country under the visa waiver program established under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and for other purposes.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program.

S. 358

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a

cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to maintain and expand the steel import licensing and monitoring program.

S. 361

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 361, a bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of ocean and coastal observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans and Great Lakes, improve warnings of tsunamis and other natural hazards, enhance homeland security, support maritime operations, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should continue to be parity between the adjustments in the pay of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the pay of civilian employees of the United States.

S. RES. 40

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 40, a resolution supporting the goals and ideas of National Time Out Day to promote the adoption of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' universal protocol for preventing errors in the operating room.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 371. A bill to provide for college quality, affordability, and diversity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it should be our common purpose to extend the promise of a quality education to all from birth through college. The strength, security, and future of our Nation lie in the education and character of our people.

Every student with the talent, desire, and drive to go to college should be able to go to college, unstopped by inability to pay.

Jobs requiring post-secondary education are expected to account for over 40 percent of total job growth over the next decade. Workers with a bachelor's degree earn \$1 million more over a lifetime than workers without a degree.

But only 40 percent of whites, 30 percent of African Americans, and 16 percent of Latinos age 18 to 24 attend college. Just as unsettling, is that over 40 percent of those who do attend college fail to earn a bachelor's degree within 6 years of their initial enrollment, and for minorities the percentage is far worse.

We have to do more to help qualified students attend and finish college unburdened by crushing debt, and we must do more to help colleges train more and better teachers so that future college students are better prepared.

Today, along with Democratic colleagues on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, I am introducing the College Quality, Affordability, and Diversity Improvement, QUAD, Act of 2005 to highlight our proposals to extend college opportunity.

First and foremost, our bill helps more needy and middle class students be able to attend college. It increases the maximum Pell grant by \$1,000 next year in order to keep pace with tuition increases. It doubles the maximum Hope Scholarship Tax Credit, makes it available for 4 years of education instead of the current 2, and makes it refundable.

Our bill helps alleviate student debt burden by eliminating origination fees on subsidized loans. It enables over 5 million borrowers with consolidated loans to refinance their loans just as they would a home mortgage to take advantage of lower interest rates.

Our bill provides a new incentive to colleges to go into the Direct Loan program. The Direct Loan program saves the government and taxpayers money—11 cents on every dollar lent, according to the President's latest budget and Congressional Budget Office estimates. Under this bill, no one is forced into the Direct Loan program, but colleges in that cost-efficient program will get more funding dedicated to helping needy students. If private lenders are inspired to match or beat Direct Loan program associated benefits with their "school as lender" program, so be it. Either way, this proposal is a win for colleges, students and taxpayers.

Our bill provides increased support for minority and first-generation college students through increased funding for successful programs such as TRIO and GEAR Up, as well as support for minority-serving institutions. It also creates a new program to help ensure poor and minority students stay in and finish college.

To help meet our goal under No Child Left Behind to ensure a qualified teacher in every classroom, the bill expands and strengthens programs to recruit, train, and retain highly qualified teachers, paraprofessionals, principals, and superintendents.

Because of the high costs of higher education for everyone, and because each individual's private interest in a college education is in our common interest, our bill works to help both low-income and hard-pressed middle income families send their children to college and graduate.

I hope the majority will look carefully at all the proposals contained in this legislation to see where we can find common ground.

We should all commit that cost will never be a barrier to a college degree.

Just as Social Security is a promise to senior citizens, we should make "education security" a promise to every young American. If you work hard, if you finish high school, if you are admitted to a college, we will guarantee that you can afford the cost of college education.

That should be a goal we can all agree on.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 372. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today again with Senator BENNETT to introduce the "Artist-Museum Partnership Act." This bipartisan legislation will enable our country to keep cherished art works in the United States and to preserve them in our public institutions, while erasing an inequity in our tax code that currently serves as a disincentive for artists to donate their works to museums and libraries. This is the same bill we introduced the past three Congresses. It was also included in the Senate-passed version of the President's 2001 tax cut bill, and in the Senate-passed version of the 2003 Charity Aid, Recovery, and Empowerment, CARE, Act. I would like to thank Senators BINGAMAN, CANTWELL, COCHRAN, CONRAD, DODD, DURBIN, JEFFORDS, KENNEDY, KERRY, LIEBERMAN, LUGAR, STEVENS and WARNER for cosponsoring this bipartisan bill.

Our bill is sensible and straightforward. It would allow artists, writers, and composers who donate works to museums and libraries to take a tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the work. This is something that collectors who make similar donations are already able to do. Under current law, artists who donate self-created works are only able to deduct the cost of supplies such as canvas, pen, paper and ink, which does not even come close to their true value. This is unfair to artists and it hurts museums and libraries—large and small—that are dedicated to preserving works for posterity. If we as a nation want to ensure that art works created by living artists are available to the public in the future—for study or for pleasure—this is something that artists should be allowed to do.

In my State of Vermont, we are incredibly proud of the great works produced by hundreds of local artists who choose to live and work in the Green Mountain State. Displaying their creations in museums and libraries helps