

of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Con. Res. 22. A concurrent resolution congratulating Bode Miller for winning the 2004-2005 World Cup overall title in Alpine skiing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 98

At the request of Mr. TALENT, his name 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. 151

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 151, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 268

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 268, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 328

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 328, a bill to facilitate the sale of United States agricultural products to Cuba, as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) 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. 337

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 337, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service, to expand certain authorities to provide health care benefits for Reserves and their families, and for other purposes.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain foreign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.

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 359, *supra*.

S. 360

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 360, a bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 397, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

S. 453

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide for an extension of eligibility for supplemental security income through fiscal year 2008 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 493

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, a bill to amend title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase teacher familiarity with the educational needs of gifted and talented students, and for other purposes.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide the protections of habeas corpus for certain incapacitated individuals whose life is in jeopardy, and for other purposes.

S. 580

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 580, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain

modifications to be made to qualified mortgages held by a REMIC or a grantor trust.

S. 589

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 589, a bill to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays.

S. 602

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. RES. 64

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 64, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should prepare a comprehensive strategy for advancing and entering into international negotiations on a binding agreement that would swiftly reduce global mercury use and pollution to levels sufficient to protect public health and the environment.

S. RES. 83

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 83, a resolution commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Black Press of America.

AMENDMENT NO. 151

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 151 intended to be proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 151 intended to be proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, *supra*.

## AMENDMENT NO. 153

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 153 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 154

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 154 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 156

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 156 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

At the request of Mr. KOHL, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 156 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, *supra*.

## AMENDMENT NO. 159

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 159 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 169

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 169 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 169 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, *supra*.

## AMENDMENT NO. 172

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 172 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 177

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 177 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 177 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 177 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 177 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, *supra*.

## AMENDMENT NO. 180

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 180 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 187

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 187 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 188

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 188 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 189

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 189 intended to be proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 192

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 192 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 195

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 195 intended to be proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 197

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 197 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 199

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 199 intended to be proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 202

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the names of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 202 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 204

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHN-SON), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 204 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 214

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 214 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 214 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

## AMENDMENT NO. 216

At the request of Mr. KERRY, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 216 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

## AMENDMENT NO. 217

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from

Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 217 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 218

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 218 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

At the request of Mr. HATCH, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 218 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

## AMENDMENT NO. 219

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 219 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 219 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 219 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

## AMENDMENT NO. 220

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 220 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 220 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

## AMENDMENT NO. 222

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 222 intended to be proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for

fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

## AMENDMENT NO. 223

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 223 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 223 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

## AMENDMENT NO. 224

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 224 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 224 proposed to S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BOND, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 646. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to allow distilled spirits wholesalers a credit against income tax for their cost of carrying Federal excise taxes prior to the sale of the product bearing the tax; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that will resolve a longstanding inequity in the tax treatment of U.S. distilled spirits that penalizes the wholesalers, and some suppliers, of these products.

Under current law, wholesalers of distilled spirits are not required to pay the Federal excise tax on imported spirits until after the product is removed from a bonded warehouse for sale to a retailer.

In contrast, the tax on domestically produced spirits is included as part of the purchase price and passed on from the supplier to wholesaler. After factoring in the Federal excise tax (FET)—which is \$13.50 per proof gallon—domestically produced spirits can cost wholesalers 40 percent more to purchase than comparable imported spirits.

In some instances, wholesalers and even suppliers can carry this tax-paid inventory for an average of 60 days before selling it to a retailer. Interest charges—more commonly referred to as float—resulting from financing the Federal excise tax can be quite considerable.