

military reserve components and are called to active duty and with respect to replacement employees and to allow a comparable credit for activated military reservists who are self-employed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. INOUYE):

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; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 242. A bill to establish 4 memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 243. A bill to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 244. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 245. A bill to provide for the development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research program that assists the people of the United States and the world to understand, assess, and predict human-induced and natural processes of abrupt climate change; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 246. A bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 247. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 248. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to permit States to carry out surface transportation program projects on local roads to address safety concerns; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 249. A bill to establish the Great Basin National Heritage Route in the States of Nevada and Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 250. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 251. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Sub-basins in Oregon; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 252. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 253. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 254. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 255. A bill to amend the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 to provide assistance for residential properties designated as Superfund sites; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CARPER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 256. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Res. 27. A resolution commending the results of the January 9, 2005, Palestinian Presidential Elections; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 28. A resolution designating the year 2005 as the "Year of Foreign Language Study"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. Res. 29. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services; from the Committee on Armed Services; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. Res. 30. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. Res. 31. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the week of August 7, 2005, be designated as "National Health Center Week" in order to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. Res. 32. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. Res. 33. A resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

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; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 11

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 11, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that the strength of the Armed Forces and the protections and benefits for members of the Armed Forces and their families are adequate for keeping the commitment of the people of the United States to support their service members, and for other purposes.

S. 12

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 12, a bill to combat international terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 19

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 19, a bill to reduce budget deficits by restoring budget enforcement and strengthening fiscal responsibility.

S. 27

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 27, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes.

S. 37

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as

cosponsors of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 40

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 40, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to geriatric assessments and chronic care management, and for other purposes.

S. 44

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 44, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount of the military death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000.

S. 50

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 50, a bill to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program, and for other purposes.

S. 51

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child.

S. 77

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 77, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve death benefits for the families of deceased members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 77, *supra*.

S. 103

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 103, a bill to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 167, a bill to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights, and for other purposes.

S. 188

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 188, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2005 through 2011 to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

S. 193

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S.

193, a bill to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language.

S. 195

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 195, a bill to provide for full voting representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 215

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to amend the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to repeal any weakening of overtime protections and to avoid future loss of overtime protections due to inflation.

S. CON. RES. 4

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 4, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Department of Defense should continue to exercise its statutory authority to support the activities of the Boy Scouts of America, in particular the periodic national and world Boy Scout Jamborees.

S. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 8, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the maximum amount of a Federal Pell Grant.

S. RES. 20

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 20, a resolution designating January 2005 as "National Mentoring Month".

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

S. 45. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on

prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 224. A bill to extend the period for COBRA coverage for victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, one of the greatest domestic challenges facing our country today is the soaring cost of health care. It's a serious problem for millions of families. But when the chief income earner in a family suddenly becomes unemployed, the problem can be critical, and we give a helping hand. We give them the opportunity to continue their coverage through their employer for a reasonable period. Families who lost loved ones on September 11 deserve the same opportunity until they can land on their feet again.

The Continuing Care for Recovering Families Act I am introducing today in the Senate with Senator CORZINE and Senator LAUTENBERG, and Congressman MARKEY is introducing today in the House of Representatives, recognizes that many of the September 11 families are still struggling to recover and we have an obligation to assist them.

Some of the families have found ways to cover their health costs by purchasing private insurance or obtaining grant assistance on their own. For others, employers have agreed to provide coverage. For still other families, however, the safety net has fallen apart, because their coverage has expired under COBRA—the temporary low-cost continuation of coverage available under current Federal law for those who change their job, lose their job or for families that lose their chief income earner through death.

The Continuing Care for Recovering Families Act will give spouses and children of victims of September 11 the ability to purchase or continue to purchase coverage under COBRA indefinitely, as long as they enroll within 120 days after passage of the Act or 120 days after they lose their COBRA coverage. Eligibility for the program would expire only if they become eligible for Medicare.

The families of September 11 have shown great courage and extraordinary resilience. But we still have much more to do to help them on their long and arduous road to recovery, and I hope very much that we can pass this legislation this year. It will only affect a small number of families. But for them, it will make a world of a difference.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUYE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 225. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a program