

Air Force who were killed in the June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2792. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a report relative to a recommended change to 38 U.S.C. 8110(a); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2793. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary (Legislative Affairs), Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the waiver of certain provisions of the Trade Act with respect to Turkmenistan; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2794. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Expiration Date for Several Body System Listings" (RIN0960-AG27) received on June 23, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2795. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tariff Treatment Related to Disassembly Operations Under the North American Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB41) received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2796. A communication from the Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, a report of the Environmental Review of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, a report of the United States Employment Impact Review of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, and the Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua Labor Rights Report; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2797. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Annual Earnings Test for Retirement Beneficiaries" (RIN0960-AF62) received on June 23, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2798. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Revenue Procedure 90-11" (Rev. Proc. 2005-40) received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2799. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Network Upgrade Payments Made to Utilities" (Rev. Proc. 2005-35) received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2800. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of Tobacco Quotas and Price Support Programs" (Rev. Proc. 2005-51) received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2801. A communication from the counsel for the National Tropical Botanical Garden ("Garden"), transmitting, pursuant to law, the audit report for the Garden for the period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2802. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Plutonium Storage at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2803. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve covering calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2804. A communication from the Chairman, Southeast Compact Commission for Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management, transmitting, the Commission's 2003-2004 Annual Report including the Annual Audit; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2805. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Legislation and Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Programs" received on June 27, 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2806. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Capital Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, the designation of an Acting General Counsel, and the name of a nominee to fill the vacancy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2807. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Capital Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy and the designation of an Acting Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2808. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Capital Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management and the designation of an Acting Director for the position; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2809. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Capital Management, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary and the designation of an Acting Under Secretary; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1318. A bill to protect States and Federal judges by clarifying that Federal judicial immunity covers all acts undertaken by judges pursuant to legal authority; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1319. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the operation of employee stock ownership plans, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1320. A bill to provide multilateral debt cancellation for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1321. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1322. A bill to allow for the prosecution of members of criminal street gangs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1323. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, Girdwood, Alaska as the "Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1324. A bill to reduce and prevent childhood obesity by encouraging schools and school districts to develop and implement local, school-based programs designed to reduce and prevent childhood obesity, promote increased physical activity, and improve nutritional choices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1325. A bill to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity and eating disorder prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1326. A bill to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft; 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. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 182. A resolution supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 183. A resolution recognizing the achievements and contributions of the Migratory Bird Commission on the occasion of its 72nd anniversary and the first day of sale of the 2005-2006 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Alabama

(Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 151

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) 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. 206

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require a voter-verified permanent record or hardcopy under title III of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) 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. 340

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor 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. 369

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to establish protections against compelled disclosure of sources, and news information, by persons providing services for the news media.

S. 391

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 391, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain State election administration officials from actively participating in electoral campaigns.

S. 457

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 457, a bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance for, and provide oversight of, the management of micropurchases made with Governmentwide commercial purchase cards, and for other purposes.

S. 512

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee

(Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 512, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 593

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 593, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries.

S. 601

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 601, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include combat pay in determining an allowable contribution to an individual retirement plan.

S. 611

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

S. 618

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 618, a bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 635, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 691

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 691, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) 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. 722

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 722, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr.

MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to recruit and retain more qualified individuals to teach in Tribal Colleges or Universities.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to designate certain functions performed at flight service stations of the Federal Aviation Administration as inherently governmental functions, and for other purposes.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 850, a bill to establish the Global Health Corps, and for other purposes.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and for other purposes.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued to finance certain energy projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1082

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

S. 1103

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1103, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax.

S. 1110

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms.

MURKOWSKI) 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. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1186

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1186, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and 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.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1197, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to require the Secretary of Education to rebate the amount of Federal Pell Grant aid lost as a result of the update to the tables for State and other taxes used in the Federal student aid need analysis for award year 2005–2006.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 1283

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1283, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from

Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1313, a bill to protect homes, small businesses, and other private property rights, by limiting the power of eminent domain.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TAL-ENT), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 1317, a bill to provide for the collection and maintenance of cord blood units for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Cell Transplantation Program to increase the number of transplants for recipients suitable matched to donors of bone marrow and cord blood.

S.J. RES. 12

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 12, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S.J. RES. 15

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 15, a joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

S.J. RES. 18

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 18, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 18, *supra*.

S. RES. 42

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 42, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on promoting initiatives to develop an HIV vaccine.

S. RES. 154

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 154, a resolution designating October 21, 2005 as "National Mammography Day".

S. RES. 155

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 155, a resolution designating the week of November 6 through November 12, 2005, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 155, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 1010

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1010 proposed to H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1023

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1023 proposed to H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1026

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1026 proposed to H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1036

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1036 proposed to H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1037

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1037 proposed to H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1038

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1038 proposed to

H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1052

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1052 proposed to H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1052 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1052 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1052 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1052 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1052 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1052 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 1053

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Indi-

ana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1053 proposed to H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1053 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1053 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1053 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1053 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1053 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1053 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1053 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 1060

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1060 proposed to H.R. 2361, a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1060 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1060 proposed to H.R. 2361, *supra*.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1318. A bill to protect States and Federal judges by clarifying that Federal judicial immunity covers all acts undertaken by judges pursuant to legal authority; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce important legisla-

tion to protect State and Federal judges against civil lawsuits, by clarifying that Federal judicial immunity covers all acts undertaken by judges pursuant to legal authority.

To put it mildly, these are not easy days for members of the State and Federal judiciary. I am unaware of any member of this body who has not, at one time or another, criticized a member of the State or Federal judiciary for issuing one ruling or another—including the numerous controversial rulings that have captured the Nation's attention in recent years. Indeed, in each of the two previous Congresses, the Senate unanimously approved strongly worded resolutions “strongly disapprov[ing]” the infamous decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit striking down the voluntary recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools. See S. Res. 71 (108th Cong.) and S. Res. 292 (107th Cong.).

To be sure, judges are supposed to follow and apply the law—not legislate from the bench. On numerous occasions, I have spoken out against instances of judicial activism. But there are appropriate and inappropriate ways to register one's disapproval and disagreement.

The First Amendment guarantees every American the right to express disagreement with government officials—including State and Federal judges. There is certainly nothing inappropriate about criticizing judicial rulings with which one sharply disagrees. But it is entirely inappropriate to threaten the impeachment and removal of judges simply for issuing rulings with which one disagrees. It is inappropriate to file lawsuits against judges in the hope of pestering or bankrupting them in retaliation for judicial actions one does not like. And it is absolutely deplorable for any person to undertake violence, threats of violence, or other illegal acts against judges.

As a former State trial judge and State supreme court justice of 13 years, who has a number of close personal friends who still serve on the bench today, I am outraged by recent acts of courthouse violence. I personally know judges and their families who have been victims of violence. I have grieved with those families. And during the Easter recess earlier this year, I met with an old friend, a Federal judge in Texas, to make sure that we are doing everything that we can to protect our judges and courthouse personnel against further acts of violence. So I look forward to legislation that will soon be introduced to strengthen courthouse security and to otherwise bolster protections against violence for judges, their staff, and their families.

Today I would like to introduce legislation to protect State and Federal judges against a different kind of threat—a lesser threat than violence to be sure, but an important one nonetheless: the threat of civil litigation in retaliation for unpopular judicial actions. For centuries, our common law