

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 1465. A bill to strengthen programs relating to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes science training by providing coordination of efforts, greater interagency cooperation, and the strengthening and expansion of related programs administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and to diversify the ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes science community by attracting underrepresented groups; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1466. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur R-E; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1467. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Walocel VP-M 20660; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1468. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on Crelan VP LS 2147 (self-blocked cycloaliphatic polyuretdione); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1469. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur BL XP 2468; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1470. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur HL; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1471. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Desmodur RF-E; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 1472. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to provide for the restoration, protection, and enhancement of the environmental integrity and social and economic benefits of the Anacostia Watershed in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1473. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a business credit against income for the purchase of fishing safety equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1474. A bill to amend the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 to clarify the Permanent University Fund arbitrage exception and to increase from 20 percent to 30 percent the amount of securities and obligations benefitting from the exception; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1475. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on cyclopentanone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1476. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on glyoxylic acid; to the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 205. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Constantino Brumidi and recognizing his contributions to the United States on the 200th anniversary of his birth; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 206. A resolution designating August 2005 as "Psoriasis Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Con. Res. 45. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Con. Res. 46. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 390

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 390, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysms under part B of the medicare program.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses.

S. 1129

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to provide authorizations of appropriations for certain development banks, and for other purposes.

S. 1248

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1248, a bill to establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse in the National Archives.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a voluntary program for the provision of country of origin information with respect to certain agricultural products, and for other purposes.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1375

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to amend the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 to modify provisions relating to criminal proceedings and civil actions, and for other purposes.

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1418, a bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.

S. 1420

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1420, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to medical device user fees.

S. 1424

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1424, a bill to remove the restrictions on commercial air service at Love Field, Texas.

S. RES. 198

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 198, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the 1980 worker's strike in Poland and the birth of the Solidarity Trade Union, the first free and independent trade union established in the Soviet-dominated countries of Europe.

AMENDMENT NO. 1354

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1354 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 1356

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1356 intended to be proposed to S. 1042, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. FRIST, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. REID):

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AMENDMENT NO. 1389

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1389 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. 1399

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1399 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. 1402

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1402 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. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. SARBANES):

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Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a bill that will enhance science education for kids of all ages—including my age.

This bill capitalizes upon the natural allure of our oceans and coastlines to spark an interest in science. This will

improve the general science literacy of Americans, which is a key to remaining competitive in today's global economy.

The bill will also foster a deeper appreciation of our oceans and fragile coastal environment. As the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Ocean Commission, pointed out in a report last year, our oceans and their resources are in trouble. Fishery stocks are declining . . . development is changing our coastal environments . . . and water quality has become a problem in many areas.

We won't solve these challenges overnight. The future of our oceans and coastal regions rests with young people—so we must nurture their interest in ocean and coastal science.

The Ocean Commission also pointed out that the level of science knowledge among graduating high school seniors is well below other nations. We must bridge this science gap. And one of the best ways to get kids excited about science is by drawing on their own experiences of our oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes. Kids are captivated by marine science. Their eyes light up when you show them an octopus squirting ink, a porpoise leaping out of the water, or an ocean wave pounding the shore.

The bill we are introducing today, Ocean and Coastal Literacy in Urban and other Environments—or Ocean CLUE—will ensure that our students have an opportunity to learn about the ocean.

Agencies like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Science Foundation and NASA already have wonderful ocean education programs. Ocean CLUE will provide a Task Force to coordinate these activities and help shape a national ocean and coastal education strategy.

Our bill will also create a program within NOAA that will complement existing programs and satisfy an area of need identified by the Ocean Commission: minority representation in ocean and coastal careers.

Our new K-12 program will also focus on urban areas. Though many coastal problems can be traced far up watersheds to suburban and rural watersheds, problems are often most acute in population centers. This new urban focus will complement existing ocean and coastal science programs. My hope is that any science teacher nationwide will be able, with the click of a mouse, to easily find an ocean and coastal education program that perfectly suits their needs.

Our oceans are one of the greatest legacies we will bequeath to our children and grandchildren. We must also bequeath to them the knowledge and training to manage this crucial resource. This bill will do that.

I want to thank my colleagues who are co-sponsoring this legislation: Senators INOUE, BOXER, LEVIN, and SARBANES.

I ask Unanimous Consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1465

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Ocean and Coastal Literacy in Urban and other Environments”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings.

Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—OCEAN AND COASTAL SCIENCE EDUCATION COORDINATION

Sec. 101. National Science and Technology Council Technical Amendments.

Sec. 102. National Ocean and Coastal Science Education Task Force.

Sec. 103. Ocean and coastal science education advisory panel.

TITLE II—INTERAGENCY PROGRAMS TO ADVANCE OCEAN AND COASTAL KNOWLEDGE

Sec. 201. National strategy for ocean and coastal science education.

Sec. 202. Ocean and coastal science education program.

TITLE III—NOAA OCEAN AND COASTAL SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Sec. 301. NOAA ocean and coastal science education programs.

Sec. 302. Amendment to the National Sea Grant College Program Act.

Sec. 303. Amendment to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

TITLE IV—AUTHORIZATIONS

Sec. 401. Authorization of appropriations.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) The coastal regions and ocean waters of the United States are vital to the Nation's public safety, homeland security, transportation, trade, energy production, recreation and tourism, food production, scientific research and education, environmental and human health, and historical and cultural heritage.

(2) Development, resource extraction, and other human activities throughout watersheds, coupled with an expanding coastal population, are contributing to processes of environmental change that may significantly threaten the long-term health and sustainability of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems.

(3) The United States Commission on Ocean Policy reports that United States high school graduates' scientific literacy is below the international average and finds that exciting ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes sciences and education has the potential to stem the tide of science illiteracy in the Nation.

(4) Development and implementation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes literacy programs are essential to ensure a public that is fully knowledgeable about, fully informed about, and fully capable of decisions contributing to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes issues.

(5) Development and implementation of education and training programs are essential to build a national scientific, technological, and engineering workforce fully representative of the Nation's citizens that meets the needs of growing ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes economies and better prepares the Nation for competition in the global economy.