

existing communication service, and to provide parity between functionally equivalent services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1505. A bill to amend the Shawnee Tribe Status Act of 2000 to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 1506. A bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to include certain former nuclear weapons program workers in the Special Exposure Cohort under the energy employees occupational illness compensation program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. LANDRIE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1507. A bill to protect children from Internet pornography and support law enforcement and other efforts to combat Internet and pornography-related crimes against children; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1508. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1509. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to add non-human primates to the definition of prohibited wildlife species; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1510. A bill to designate as wilderness certain lands within the Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1511. A bill to provide for a study of options for protecting the open space characteristics of certain land in and adjacent to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SARBAKES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1512. A bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mr. REED, and Mr. SARBAKES):

S. 1513. A bill to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1514. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the medicine and drugs limitation on the deduction for medical care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 1515. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve access to advanced practice nurses and physician assistants under the Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1516. A bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1517. A bill to permit Women's Business Centers to re-compete for sustainability grants; considered and passed.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 1518. A bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to modify a provision relating to the locations in which class III gaming is lawful; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 1519. A bill to provide for an economic analysis of the impact in small business concerns and small governmental jurisdictions of agency and other decisions that result in a net loss of at least 1,000 jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1520. A bill to prohibit human cloning; 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. SMITH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 215. A resolution designating December 2005 as "National Pear Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 216. A resolution expressing gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who served in World War II, commanding the acts of heroism displayed by those servicemembers, and recognizing the "Greatest Generation Homecoming Weekend" to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 217. A resolution designating August 13, 2005, as "National Marina Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 48. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 65

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

S. 147

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, his name 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. 619

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 705

At the request of Mr. SARBAKES, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 705, a bill to establish the Interagency Council on Meeting the Housing and Service Needs of Seniors, and for other purposes.

S. 709

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 781

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 781, a bill to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on land administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service on which there is a historical tradition of the use of pack and saddle stock animals, and for other purposes.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

S. 895

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

KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 895, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents.

S. 935

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to regulate .50 caliber sniper weapons designed for the taking of human life and the destruction of materiel, including armored vehicles and components of the Nation's critical infrastructure.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 963, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans' health care, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot program to improve access to health care for rural veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in payments to hospitals under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to improve the allocation of grants through the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 1047

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1047, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of each of the Nation's past Presidents and their spouses, respectively to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, to create a new bullion coin, and for other purposes.

S. 1076

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1076, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax and income tax credits for the production of biodiesel.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1081, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum update for physicians' services for 2006 and 2007.

S. 1112

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr.

VOINOVICH), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1112, a bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

S. 1129

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

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the pet industry.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 1172, a bill to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1260

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1260, a bill to make technical corrections to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1265

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1265, a bill to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines.

S. 1304

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1304, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect pension benefits

of employees in defined benefit plans and to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to enforce the age discrimination requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 1325

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1356

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1356, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide incentives for the provision of high quality care under the medicare program.

S. 1417

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1417, a bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates.

S. 1429

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1429, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to assist homeless students in obtaining postsecondary education, and for other purposes.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1490, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require environmental accountability and reporting and to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program.

S. 1491

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for nutrient removal technologies to States in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a pilot program to make grants to eligible institutions to develop, demonstrate, or disseminate information on practices, methods, or techniques relating to environmental education and training in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

S. 1493

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1493, a bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to expand and strengthen cooperative

efforts to restore and protect forests in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and for other purposes.

S. 1494

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1494, a bill to amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 to establish programs to enhance protection of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 21

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 21, a joint resolution recognizing Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy.

S. RES. 158

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 158, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week beginning September 11, 2005, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”.

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 158, *supra*.

S. RES. 204

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 204, a resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the American Academy of Pediatrics and supporting the mission and goals of the organization.

AMENDMENT NO. 1337

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1337 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. 1363

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1363 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. 1505

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1505 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. 1548

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1548 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. 1553

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1553 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. 1554

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1554 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. 1556

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1556 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. 1557

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator

from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1557 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. FRIST (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ENZI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. COURN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 4. A bill to reduce healthcare costs, expand access to affordable healthcare coverage, and improve healthcare and strengthen the healthcare safety net, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, 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. 4

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 “Healthy America Act of 2005”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings.

TITLE I—MAKING HEALTH CARE MORE AFFORDABLE

Subtitle A—Medical Liability Reform

Sec. 101. Short title.

Sec. 102. Findings and purpose.

Sec. 103. Encouraging speedy resolution of claims.

Sec. 104. Compensating patient injury.

Sec. 105. Maximizing patient recovery.

Sec. 106. Additional health benefits.

Sec. 107. Punitive damages.

Sec. 108. Authorization of payment of future damages to claimants in health care lawsuits.

Sec. 109. Definitions.

Sec. 110. Effect on other laws.

Sec. 111. State flexibility and protection of States’ rights.

Sec. 112. Applicability; effective date.

Subtitle B—Health Information Technology

CHAPTER 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 121. Improving health care, quality, safety, and efficiency.

Sec. 122. HIPAA report.

Sec. 123. Study of reimbursement incentives.

Sec. 124. Reauthorization of incentive grants regarding telemedicine.

Sec. 125. Sense of the Senate on physician payment.

Sec. 126. Establishment of quality measurement systems for medicare value-based purchasing programs.

Sec. 127. Exception to Federal anti-kickback and physician self referral laws for the provision of permitted support.