

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

S. 1683. A bill to provide relief for students affected by Hurricane Katrina; read the first time.

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

S. 1684. A bill to clarify which expenses relating to emergency shelters for Katrina Survivors are eligible for Federal reimbursement; read the first time.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 1685. A bill to ensure the evacuation of individuals with special needs in times of emergency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1686. A bill to amend the Constitution Heritage Act of 1988 to provide for the operation of the National Constitution Center; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1687. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1688. A bill to provide 100 percent Federal financial assistance under the Medicaid and State children's health insurance programs for States providing medical or child health assistance to survivors of Hurricane Katrina, to provide for an accommodation of the special needs of such survivors under the medicare program, and for other purposes; read the first time.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to provide emergency relief to small business concerns affected by a significant increase in the price of heating oil, natural gas, propane, or kerosene, and for other purposes.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the medicaid program.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) 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. 513

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 513, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 603

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) 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. 695

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 695, a bill to suspend temporarily new shipper bonding privileges.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to increase participation in section 401(k) plans through automatic contribution trusts, and for other purposes.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) 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. 1110

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) 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. 1112

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1173

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 1179

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1179, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that benefits under part D of such title have no impact on benefits under other Federal programs.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term needs.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) 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. 1315

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1315, a bill to require a report on progress toward the Millennium Development Goals, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

S. 1403

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1403, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend reasonable cost contracts under medicare.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to promote peace and accountability in Sudan, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, *supra*.

S. 1496

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1496, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps.

S. 1572

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify the application of the 100 percent Federal medical assistance percentage under the medicaid program for services provided by the Indian Health Service or an Indian tribe or tribal organization directly or through referral, contract, or other arrangement.

S. 1622

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish a congressional commission to examine the Federal, State, and local response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Region of the United States especially in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and other areas impacted in the aftermath and make immediate corrective measures to improve such responses in the future.

S. 1630

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish the National Emergency Family Locator System.

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1630, *supra*.

S. 1638

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1638, a bill to provide for the establishment of programs and activities to assist in mobilizing an appropriate healthcare workforce in the event of a health emergency or natural disaster.

S. 1646

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1646, a bill to provide for the

care of veterans affected by Hurricane Katrina.

S. 1647

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1647, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide relief to victims of Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters.

S.J. RES. 23

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 23, a joint resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day.

S. RES. 184

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 184, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding manifestations of anti-Semitism by United Nations member states and urging action against anti-Semitism by United Nations officials, United Nations member states, and the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1652

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1652 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1654

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1654 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1660

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1660 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1661

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1661 proposed to H.R. 2862, a bill making appropriations for

Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 1679. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to strengthen courts for at-risk children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill with my colleague, Senator ROCKEFELLER, which would impact the lives of many at-risk children living in foster care. This bill is called WE CARE Kids: Working to Enhance Courts for At-risk and Endangered Kids Act of 2005.

How well a child welfare system functions is often related to how well the accompanying court system functions. The important role of the courts was noted last year when the Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care released their recommendations to overhaul the Nation's foster care system. As observed by the Pew Commission, it is the courts that decide whether a child has been abused or neglected and whether that child should be placed in the foster care system. It is the courts that oversee whether the parents are making progress on their case plan and enforce the timelines for permanency. It is the courts that decide whether a parent's rights should be terminated or whether a family should be reunified. These judges are making tough, life-changing decisions for all parties involved.

To strengthen the courts making these life-altering decisions, the Pew Commission recommended: 1. The adoption of court performance measures by every dependency court; 2. incentives and requirements for effect collaboration between courts and child welfare agencies; 3. a strong voice in court for parents and children, as well as effective and well-trained representation by attorneys and volunteer advocates; and 4. leadership from chief justices and other State court leaders to organize their systems to better serve the needs of children, train judges, and promote effective standards for courts, judges and attorneys.

The legislation that Senator ROCKEFELLER and I are introducing today incorporates many of the recommendations of the Pew Commission. Among other provisions, the legislation provides \$10 million for grants for training of judges and court personnel, of which a significant portion must be used for joint training between courts and child welfare agencies. It also provides \$10 million for grants to the highest State court for the development and implementation of outcome measures related to safety, permanency, due process, and timeliness of court proceedings. The bill requires States to