

making it difficult to handle requests from trading partners and federal agencies and to articulate a unified state stance on trade issues; and

Whereas, International lawsuits may be brought against states and governments found to be in violation of trade agreements; and

Whereas, There is a need for a stronger federal-state trade policy consultation mechanism; and

Whereas, Many state and local executive, legislative, and judicial branch officials have voiced the need for an informed, nonpartisan trade policy dialogue on a national level; and

Whereas, Federal-state communication and cooperation in the implementation of trade agreements is needed now more than ever before; and

Whereas, In August 2004, the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee, a state-appointed advisory committee to the United States Trade Representative, recommended that a Federal-State International Trade Policy Commission would be an ideal resource for objective trade policy analysis and would foster communication among federal and state trade policy officials; and

Whereas, The creation of a federal-state trade policy infrastructure would assist states in understanding the scope of federal trade efforts and would assist federal agencies in understanding the various state trade processes; Now therefore,

Your Memorialists respectfully request that the United States Trade Representative create a Federal-State International Trade Policy Commission with membership to be drawn from federal and state trade policy officials; and be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the Ambassador Rob Portman, United States Trade Representative, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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 Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2596. A bill to modify the boundaries for a certain empowerment zone designation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2597. A bill to facilitate homeownership in high-cost areas; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2598. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and operate a community-based outpatient clinic in Alpena, Michigan; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 2599. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit the confiscation of firearms during certain national emergencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2600. A bill to equalize authorities to provide allowances, benefits, and gratuities to civilian personnel of the United States Government in Iraq and Afghanistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 2601. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to improve choices available to Medicare eligible seniors by permitting them to elect (instead of regular Medicare benefits) to receive a voucher for a health savings account, for premiums for a high deductible health insurance plan, or both and by suspending Medicare late enrollment penalties between ages 65 and 70; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2602. A bill for the relief of Silvia Leticia Barojas-Alejandre; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2603. A bill to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 2604. A bill to address the forest and watershed emergency in the State of Colorado that has been exacerbated by the bark beetle infestation, to provide for the conduct of activities in the State to reduce the risk of wildfire and flooding, to promote economically healthy rural communities by reinvigorating the forest products industry in the State, to encourage the use of biomass fuels for energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 2605. A bill to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2606. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make publicly available on the official Medicare Internet site medicare payment rates for frequently reimbursed hospital inpatient procedures, hospital outpatient procedures, and physicians' services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 2607. A bill to establish a 4-year small business health insurance information pilot program; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2608. A bill to ensure full partnership of small contractors in Federal disaster reconstruction efforts; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2609. A bill to improve the oversight and regulation of tissue banks and the tissue donation process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2610. A bill to enhance the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2611. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2612. A bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2613. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to establish a program to provide reimbursement for the installation of alternative energy refueling systems; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2614. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to establish a program to provide reimbursement for the installation of alternative energy refueling systems; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2615. A bill to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2616. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and the Mineral Leasing Act to improve surface mining control and reclamation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2617. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the costs to retired members of the Armed Forces of health care services under the TRICARE program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2618. A bill to permit an individual to be treated by a health care practitioner with any method of medical treatment such individual requests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2619. A bill to authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide relief to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita by placing manufactured homes in flood plains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2620. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize the Assistant Secretary for Aging to provide older individuals with financial assistance to select a flexible range of home and community-based long-term care services or supplies, provided in a manner that respects the individuals' choices and preferences; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 438. A resolution expressing the sense of Congress that institutions of higher education should adopt policies and educational programs on their campuses to help deter and eliminate illicit copyright infringement occurring on, and encourage educational uses of, their computer systems and networks; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 439. A resolution designating the third week of April 2006 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 440. A resolution congratulating and commending the members of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams, and the United States Olympic Committee, for their success and inspired leadership; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 88. A concurrent resolution urging the Government of China to reinstate all licenses of Gao Zhisheng and his law firm, remove all legal and political obstacles for lawyers attempting to defend criminal cases in China, including politically sensitive cases, and revise law and practice in China so that it conforms to international standards; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 877, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to allow Congress, State legislatures, and regulatory agencies to determine appropriate laws, rules, and regulations to address the problems of weight gain, obesity, and health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1881

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.

AKAKA), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1881, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", and for other purposes.

S. 2025

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2025, a bill to promote the national security and stability of the United States economy by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes.

S. 2201

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as co-

sponsors of S. 2201, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the mediation and implementation requirements of section 40122 regarding changes in the Federal Aviation Administration personnel management system, and for other purposes.

S. 2249

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2249, a bill to eliminate the requirement that States collect Social Security numbers from applicants for recreational licenses.

S. 2322

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2322, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 2563

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2563, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part.

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2563, *supra*.

S. RES. 313

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 313, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic.

AMENDMENT NO. 3244

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3244 intended to be proposed to S. 2454, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3463

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3463 intended to be proposed to S. 2454, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3470

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr.