

S. 1905. A bill to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1906. A bill to understand and comprehensively address the oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1907. A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to understand and comprehensively address the inmate oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 1908. A bill to amend the procedures regarding military recruiter access to secondary school student recruiting information; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 1909. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage, as supplies associated with the injection of insulin, of home needle removal, decontamination, and disposal devices and the disposal of needles and syringes through a sharps-by-mail or similar program under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 285. A resolution designating September 9, 2007, as "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KYL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 286. A resolution recognizing the heroic efforts of firefighters to contain numerous wildfires throughout the Western United States; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 287. A resolution honoring and expressing gratitude to the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry ("Ironman Battalion") of the Iowa National Guard; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, 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.

S. 60

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

DURBIN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 60, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children.

S. 65

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 65, a bill to modify the age-60 standard for certain pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 459

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 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. 558

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 582, 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. 588

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the Medicare caps on graduate medical education positions for States with a shortage of residents.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 651

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 651, a bill to help promote the national recommendation of physical activity to kids, families, and communities across the United States.

S. 656

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 656, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, 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, and for other purposes.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by excluding from income a portion of such payments.

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as

an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, and for other purposes.

S. 1161

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1287

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1287, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for State judicial debts that are past-due.

S. 1386

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1386, a bill to amend the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, to provide better assistance to low- and moderate-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Development Act of 2002 to support beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1556, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.

S. 1677

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 1677, a bill to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Coordination Act of 1988 and for other purposes.

S. 1678

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 1678, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 1730

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1730, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, to reward States for engaging individuals with disabilities in work activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1755

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1755, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make permanent the summer food service pilot project for rural areas of Pennsylvania and apply the program to rural areas of every State.

S. 1793

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for property owners who remove lead-based paint hazards.

S. 1817

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1817, a bill to ensure proper administration of the discharge of members of the Armed Forces for personality disorder, and for other purposes.

S. 1825

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1825, a bill to provide for the study and investigation of wartime contracts and contracting processes in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 1885

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1885, a bill to provide certain employment protections for family members who are caring for members of the Armed Forces recovering from illnesses and injuries incurred on active duty.

S. 1894

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1894, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide family and medical leave to primary caregivers of servicemembers with combat-related injuries.

S. RES. 104

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor

of S. Res. 104, a resolution commending the national explosives detection canine team program for 35 years of service to the safety and security of the transportation systems within the United States.

S. RES. 252

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 252, a resolution recognizing the increasingly mutually beneficial relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of Indonesia.

S. RES. 276

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 276, a resolution calling for the urgent deployment of a robust and effective multinational peacekeeping mission with sufficient size, resources, leadership, and mandate to protect civilians in Darfur, Sudan, and for efforts to strengthen the renewal of a just and inclusive peace process.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 276, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 276, *supra*.

S. RES. 278

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 278, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the announcement of the Russian Federation of its suspension of implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1905. A bill to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, today I joined Senators KLOBUCHAR and LIEBERMAN in introducing the Regional Presidential Primary and Caucus Act. Our legislation would establish a rotating schedule of regional presidential primaries and caucuses.

We introduced this legislation because we agree that the Presidential nomination system is broken. The American dream that "any boy or girl can grow up to be President" has become a nightmare.

Crowded schedules and government restraints on contributions close primaries to worthy competitors. States racing to schedule early contests have made the nomination process too long and expensive. As a result, media and money make decisions voters should make.