

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 Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHN-SON):

S. 1934. A bill to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. KYL, and Mr. CHAM-BLISS):

S. 1935. A bill to establish a Commission on Congressional Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1936. A bill to provide for a plebiscite on the future status of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1937. A bill to authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that collapsed on August 1, 2007, to waive the \$100,000,000 limitation on emergency relief funds for those emergency repairs and reconstruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1938. A bill to provide for the reviewing, updating, and maintenance of National Flood Insurance Program rate maps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1939. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1940. A bill to reauthorize the Rio Puerco Watershed Management Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1941. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House, located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1942. A bill to amend part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the renovation of schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1943. A bill to establish uniform standards for interrogation techniques applicable

to individuals under the custody or physical control of the United States Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. STEVENS, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1944. A bill to provide justice for victims of state-sponsored terrorism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1945. A bill to provide a Federal income tax credit for Patriot employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1946. A bill to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1947. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality improvement organization (QIO) program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 1948. A bill to award grants to establish Advanced Multidisciplinary Computing Software Centers, which shall conduct outreach, technology transfer, development, and utilization programs in specific industries and geographic regions for the benefit of small- and medium-size manufacturers and businesses; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1949. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide loans to certain organizations in certain States to address habitats and ecosystems and to address and prevent invasive species; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1950. A bill to require a report on contingency planning for the redeployment of United States forces from Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 1951. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1952. A bill to provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1953. A bill to amend the Agricultural Manufacturing Act of 1946 to require labeling of raw agricultural forms of ginseng, including the country of harvest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1954. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1955. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to first responder agencies that have employees in the National Guard or Reserves on active duty; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1956. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1957. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide protection for fashion design; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 1958. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure and foster continued patient quality of care by establishing facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals and related improvements under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1959. A bill to establish the National Commission on the Prevention of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1960. A bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve surety bond guarantees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1961. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in the State of Alabama; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1962. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize a regional water enhancement program in the environmental quality incentives program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1963. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow bonds guaranteed by the Federal home loan banks to be treated as tax exempt bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1964. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish new separate fee schedule areas for physicians' services in States with multiple fee schedule areas to improve Medicare physician geographic payment accuracy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1965. A bill to protect children from cybercrimes, including crimes by online

predators, to enhance efforts to identify and eliminate child pornography, and to help parents shield their children from material that is inappropriate for minors; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1966. A bill to reauthorize HIV/AIDS assistance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1967. A bill to provide administrative ease and incentives for increased saving by Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1968. A bill to provide for security at public water systems and publicly owned treatment works; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1969. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating Estate Grange and other sites related to Alexander Hamilton's life on the island of St. Croix in the United States Virgin Islands as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1970. A bill to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DODD, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1971. A bill to authorize a competitive grant program to assist members of the National Guard and Reserve and former and current members of the Armed Forces in securing employment in the private sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 1972. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to modify a provision relating to the siting of interstate electric transmission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 1973. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to double the period of limitations for returns involving offshore secrecy jurisdictions, to modify certain other provisions relating to the statute of limitations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1974. A bill to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protections Act of 2006; read the first time.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1975. A bill to expand family and medical leave in support of servicemembers with combat-related injuries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1976. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include a provision on organic conversion in the environmental quality incentives program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 1977. A bill to provide for sustained United States leadership in a cooperative global effort to prevent nuclear terrorism, reduce global nuclear arsenals, stop the spread of nuclear weapons and related material and technology, and support the responsible and peaceful use of nuclear technology; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1978. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to implement a co-teaching model for educating students with disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1979. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for school improvement, comprehensive, high-quality multi-year induction and mentoring for new teachers, and professional development for experienced teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1980. A bill to improve the quality of, and access to, long-term care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED:

S. 1981. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1982. A bill to provide for the establishment of the United States Employee Ownership Bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1983. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to renew and amend the provisions for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, and to expend and improve the collection of maintenance fees, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1984. A bill to strengthen immigration enforcement and border security and for other purposes; 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 Mr. CRAPO:

S. Res. 292. A resolution designating the week beginning September 9, 2007, as "National Assisted Living Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. Res. 293. A resolution commending the founder and members of Project Compassion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. Res. 294. A resolution designating September 2007 as "National Bourbon Heritage Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. Res. 295. A resolution designating September 19, 2007, as "National Attention Deficit Disorder Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CASEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. Res. 296. A resolution designating September 2007 as "National Youth Court Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 297. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Utah League of Cities and Towns; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 298. A resolution commending the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina for holding a 3-day celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette, and recognizing that the City of Fayetteville is where North Carolina celebrates the birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 289

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) were added as cosponsors of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 415

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 415, a bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr.