

standards whatsoever on the security measures that states must use for gateway access to other states' databases, allows for non-governmental third parties to administer such databases, and sets absolutely no limits on how non-governmental entities will mandate use of the cards for goods, services, or other purposes; and

Whereas, Real ID is an unfunded mandate and the Department of Homeland Security estimates that the regulations will cost the states and consumers \$23 billion to implement; and

Whereas, regardless of who pays for the costs of REAL ID, it would federalize Michigan's driver's licenses by determining under what conditions the card can be used, what information has to be collected and put on the cards, what machine-readable technology the information is encoded under, and to whom the state must give such data. This federalization and creation of a de facto national identification card occurs without the benefit of a shared, negotiated rulemaking process with the states regarding the co-optation of their wholly owned licenses; and

Whereas, as a result of these concerns and a recognition that needed reforms can be accomplished without the negative aspects of REAL ID, seventeen states have already passed bills or resolutions rejecting, asking for repeal, or putting limitation on whether or not they will participate in REAL ID. These states include Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington. Ten other states have anti-REAL ID initiatives that have passed one chamber; and

Whereas, Federal S. 117, the Identification Security Enhancement Act of 2006 sponsored by Senators Sununu (R-NH) and Akaka (D-HI), and similar current legislation, replaces REAL ID with language taken from the original Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. The proposed legislation takes a more measured approach to mandating tougher standards for driver's licenses by requiring that new guidelines be developed by a shared rulemaking process that would fully involve all states and other key stakeholders; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives,* That we memorialize Congress to repeal Title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005, and to support a return to a negotiated rulemaking process with the states, such as called for in S. 117, the Identification Security Enhancement Act of 2006; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Michigan Legislature will not appropriate funds nor enact legislation for the implementation of Title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-267. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico urging the release of three Puerto Rican political prisoners; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### RESOLUTION

Puerto Ricans Carlos Alberto Torres, Oscar López-Rivera and Haydée Beltrán have been imprisoned in the United States for twenty-seven years, serving time for causes related to the fight for the independence of Puerto Rico. Other political prisoners, who were serving equally disproportionate sentences,

have already been released, first, under the Administration of Jimmy Carter, and subsequently, in 1999, under the Administration of William J. Clinton.

The cause for the release of these fellow countrymen has united Puerto Ricans of all creeds. Political, religious and civic institutions have claimed for the return home of Carlos Alberto, Oscar and Haydée. Their long imprisonment, far from serving a purpose, has become a sign of inhumanity and injustice. International entities have joined the consensus reached in Puerto Rico for the release of our prisoners.

The Senate of Puerto Rico also joins in solidarity to petition the President of the United States, George W. Bush, that in the exercise of his prerogatives, he orders the immediate and unconditional release of prisoners Carlos Alberto Torres, Oscar López-Rivera and Haydée Beltrán.

Be it resolved by the Senate of Puerto Rico:

Section 1.—To petition the President of the United States, George W. Bush, to order the immediate and unconditional release of prisoners Carlos Alberto Torres, Oscar López-Rivera and Haydée Beltrán.

Section 2.—A copy of this Resolution translated into English shall be delivered to the President of the United States, to the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, to the President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States, to the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico in Washington, and to the Majority and Minority Leaders in the House and in the Senate of the United States. It shall also be remitted by electronic mail to the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Section 3.—This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1245. A bill to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capitol Region (Rept. No. 110-237).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mrs. BOXER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

\*John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

\*John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

\*Charles Russell Horner Shearer, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

\*Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2011.

\*William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012.

\*Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

\*Ronald Jay Tenpas, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

\*Gregory A. Brower, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

\*Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

\*Edmund A. Booth, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

#### 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. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2419. A bill to permit employees to request, and to ensure employers consider requests for, flexible work terms and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2420. A bill to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2421. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits to individuals who have been wrongfully incarcerated; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2422. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2423. A bill to facilitate price transparency in markets for the sale of emission allowances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2424. A bill to ensure that all Americans have basic health literacy skills to function effectively as patients and health care consumers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KYL, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2425. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce to submit reports to Congress on the commercial and passenger vehicle traffic at certain points of entry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2426. A bill to provide for congressional oversight of United States agreements with the Government of Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2427. A bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. COLEMAN)):

S. 2428. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish and maintain a public website through which individuals may find a complete database of available scholarships, fellowships, and other programs of financial assistance in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2429. A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to equalize the limit on the liability for oil tankers and cargo vessels and to provide for the investment of amounts in the Damage Assessment Restoration Revolving Fund; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2430. A bill to prevent maritime emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2431. A bill to address emergency shortages in food banks; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2432. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide alternative minimum tax relief for 2007 and to provide special tax rates for certain capital gains and qualified dividend income for 2007, 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. KOHL:

S. Res. 390. A resolution designating March 11, 2008, as National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 391. A resolution calling on the President of the United States to engage in an open discussion with the leaders of the Republic of Georgia to express support for the planned presidential elections and the expectation that such elections will be held in a manner consistent with democratic principles; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 392. A resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Res. 393. A resolution expressing the condolences of the Senate to those affected by the tragic events of December 5, 2007, at Westroads Mall in Omaha, Nebraska; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 394. A resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the American Association for Cancer Research and declaring the month of May 2007 as National Cancer Research Month; considered and agreed to.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 274

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. 583, a bill to create a competitive grant program for States to enable the States to award salary bonuses to highly qualified elementary school or secondary school teachers who teach, or commit to teach, for at least 3 academic years in a school served by a rural local educational agency.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require accountability and enhanced congressional oversight for personnel performing private security functions under Federal contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) 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. 1052

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1052, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act

to provide States with the option to provide nurse home visitation services under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to establish the National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

S. 1276

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1276, a bill to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to promote the adoption of children with special needs.

S. 1512

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1512, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to expand Federal eligibility for children in foster care who have attained age 18.

S. 1556

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) 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. 1595

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1595, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to improve such Act.

S. 1924

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