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SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 398. A resolution honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Joe Nuxhall, broadcaster for the Cincinnati Reds; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNEBACK (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 399. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that certain benchmarks must be met before certain restrictions against the Government of North Korea are lifted, and that the United States Government should not provide any financial assistance to North Korea until the Secretary of State makes certain certifications regarding the submission of applications for refugee status; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, 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. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts

(Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the definition of supervisor.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Constance Baker Motley.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access to durable medical equipment under the Medicare program.

S. 1482

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1482, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct research on indicators of child well-being.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1595

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) 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. 1715

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the Medicare program.

S. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1981

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1981, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2010, a bill to require prisons and other detention facilities holding Federal prisoners or detainees under a contract with the Federal Government to make the same information available to the public that Federal prisons and detention facilities are required to do by law.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2119, 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. 2135

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2135, a bill to prohibit the recruitment or use of child soldiers, to designate persons who recruit or use child soldiers as inadmissible aliens, to allow the deportation of persons who recruit or use child soldiers, and for other purposes.

S. 2136

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2136, a bill to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, and for other purposes.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2159, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

S. 2278

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2278, a bill to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of community and healthcare-associated infections (CHAI), with a focus on antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

S. 2400

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2400, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to continue to pay to a member of the Armed Forces who is retired or separated from the Armed Forces due to a combat-related injury certain bonuses that the member was entitled to before the retirement or separation and would continue to be entitled to if the member was not retired or separated, and for other purposes.

S. 2426

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2426, a bill to provide for congressional oversight of United States agreements with the Government of Iraq.

S.J. RES. 22

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to Medicare coverage for the use of erythropoiesis stimulating agents in cancer and related neoplastic conditions.

S. CON. RES. 53

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 53, a concurrent resolution condemning the kidnapping and hostage-taking of 3 United States citizens for over 4 years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), and demanding their immediate and unconditional release.

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 53, supra.

S. RES. 388

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 388, a resolution designating the week of February 4 through February 8, 2008, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week".

S. RES. 397

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 397, a resolution recognizing the 2007-2008 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology and celebrating the first time in the history of the competition that young women have won top honors.

AMENDMENT NO. 3614

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3614 proposed to H.R. 2419, a bill to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3660

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3660 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2419, a bill to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2439. A bill to require the National Incident Based Reporting System, the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, and the Law Enforcement National Data Exchange Program to list cruelty to animals as a separate offense category; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, today the Nation closed the book on a heinous story that brought the criminal act of dogfighting into the national spotlight. Michael Vick received 23 months in jail for his actions, but that is not the end of the story. Nor is it the end of the nation's attack on dogfighting.

Dogfighting is reprehensible in its own right. There is no justification for the intentional mauling and destruction of a living animal. But it is a precursor of so much more. That is why we must continue to fight these crimes.

Dogfighting isn't just about cruelty to animals. Dogfights are one becoming an increasingly profitable enterprise for violent gangs. These criminals can bring in as much as \$25,000 by selling a champion dog on the black market, and they can take a cut from bets that can run in excess of \$100,000 for a single fight. Stopping animal cruelty means cutting off the flow of money that these criminals use to intimidate and terrorize their communities.

Studies show that animal cruelty is a steppingstone to violent crimes against humanity. When the FBI profiles serial killers, they try to find out if they have a history of animal abuse. If someone's been prosecuted for animal cruelty, they are four times more likely to commit a violent crime. The Chicago Police Department found that almost 6 out of every 10 people arrested for crimes against animals turned out to be members of gangs. Animal cruelty is one of the strongest indicators

of participation in other acts of violence that criminologists have ever discovered.

No one can argue that this barbaric practice should continue. But there is an unnecessary barrier to stopping it: gathering reliable data on animal fighting is more difficult than it should be. We don't have a good idea of how fast it is growing because of a simple problem with how the crime is categorized.

That is why I introduced the Tracking Animal Cruelty Crimes Act, which would list cruelty to animals as a separate offense category in the three major crime reporting systems used by the federal government. It's time to begin tracking these crimes, so we can better understand it—and ultimately so we can shut down this vast, exploding and increasingly lucrative criminal enterprise.

Currently in the world of criminal justice, there are "Type I" crimes, like homicide and arson, and "Type II" crimes, like drug abuse, gambling, and vagrancy. But then there are crimes that are thrown into a category called "Other." Acts of animal cruelty, including dogfighting, are in the "Other" category. That means law enforcement can't separate out and analyze data about them.

How are we supposed to come up with an effective policy to target animal cruelty if that data is lumped together with other totally unrelated crimes? But there is a simple fix to this problem. Once law enforcement officials can gather information on animal cruelty as a separate category, they can track criminal activity, monitor trends, allocate resources more efficiently, and ultimately stop these criminals before they commit even more heinous crimes.

The repulsive blood-sport of dogfighting is a truly national problem, including in my home State of New Jersey, where last year officials found a dog ring in a bunker 11-feet underground. That was during a drug raid, showing how tied up that activity is with illegal gambling, drugs, and violence.

If we are going to combat a culture of violence wherever it exists in this country, we need to do everything in our power to stop the gangs that terrorize our streets and cut off their flow of money—whether it is through setting tougher penalties for gang activities, expanding funding for community policing, or boosting prevention efforts such as after-school programs.

For the sake of the safety of our communities, I urge my colleagues to take swift action to enact this important legislation.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2440. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes; read the first time.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.