

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-39).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 558. A bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

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. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 991. A bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 992. A bill to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost-effective lighting technologies in public buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 993. A bill to improve pediatric research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 994. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 995. A bill to provide for a hospital in Cass County, Minnesota; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 996. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to expand passenger facility fee eligibility for certain noise compatibility projects; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. REID, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 997. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research; read the first time.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 998. A bill to exempt the natural aging process in the determination of the production period for distilled spirits under section 263A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DORGAN,

Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 999. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1000. A bill to enhance the Federal Telework Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURR, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1001. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; read the first time.

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

S. 1002. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive program; considered and passed.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S.J. Res. 10. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 125. A resolution designating May 18, 2007, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. INOUE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. THOMAS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 126. A resolution designating April 2007 as "Financial Literacy Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 127. A resolution designating April 8, 2007 as "National Cushing's Syndrome Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 128. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in United States v. Philip G. Balcombe, Sansi G. Coonan, John S. Dear, Jan Lustig, Michella A. Marusa, Martin J. Ryan, Eleanore M. Vouselas, and Bruno Keller; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 129. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in State of Alaska v. Robert S. Mulford and Don G. Muller; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 288

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to amend titles 10 and 14, United States Code, to provide for the use of gold in the metal content of the Medal of Honor.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 350

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 350, a bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in government activities.

S. 351

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) were added as cosponsors of S. 351, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions.

S. 459

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) 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. 474

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma

(Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 502

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 502, a bill to repeal the sunset on the reduction of capital gains rates for individuals and on the taxation of dividends of individuals at capital gains rates.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 506, a bill to improve efficiency in the Federal Government through the use of high-performance green buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) 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. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S. 609, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 613

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 614

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 614, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to double the child tax credit for the first year, to expand the credit dependent care services, to provide relief from the alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. AL-EXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 659, a bill to amend section 1477 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for the payment of the death gratuity with respect to members of the Armed Forces without a surviving spouse who are survived by a minor child.

S. 694

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 694, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit the simplified summer food programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

S. 797

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 797, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 798, a bill to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota

(Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 807, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 823

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, 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.

S. 863

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 863, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds.

S. 897

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 897, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide more help to Alzheimer's disease caregivers.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 898, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 921

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 937

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator

from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 963, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to make grants to educational organizations to carry out educational programs about the Holocaust.

S. 966

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 966, a bill to enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 987, a bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels and for other purposes.

S. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. RES. 76

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 76, a resolution calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy in Africa to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace in eastern Chad, and Central African Republic, and Darfur, Sudan.

S. RES. 82

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 82, a resolution designating August 16, 2007 as "National Airborne Day".

S. RES. 112

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 112, a resolution designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Persons Day".

S. RES. 122

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 122, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

AMENDMENT NO. 643

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 643 proposed to H.R. 1591, a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 647

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 647 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1591, a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 991. A bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I have spoken many times about one of our Nation's greatest public servants, the late Senator Paul Simon. He was an honorable man who devoted his life to working for the public good.

In the months before his untimely death, Senator Simon returned to Washington to talk to his former colleagues about the need to strengthen our Nation's international understanding and our ability to remain a world leader in the 21st century. His desire to promote peace and security through mutual understanding and sensitivity to the rest of the world was borne out of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Senator Simon struggled with the question of how America could lead when so few of our citizens have the proper knowledge and understanding of the world beyond our borders. He knew

that America's security, global competitiveness, and diplomatic efforts in working towards a peaceful society rest on our young people's global competence and ability to appreciate languages and cultural and social realities beyond what they may have experienced in the United States. He envisioned a United States populated by a generation of Americans with a greater knowledge and understanding of the world—a generation of our Nation's future leaders that have been abroad and have a personal connection to another part of the world.

Senator Simon's tireless efforts led to Congress's establishment of the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Commission. I was honored to serve on this bipartisan Commission, and it was a privilege for me to introduce legislation last year that brought Senator Simon's dream one step closer to reality. The bill, based on the Commission's recommendations, would have established a study abroad program for undergraduate students that would help build global awareness and international understanding.

I am once again proud to stand here today and introduce legislation that embodies Senator Simon's vision. The bill has been renamed the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act so that all future generations will remember Senator Simon's commitment to international education.

The goal of this legislation remains the same: to encourage and support the experience of studying abroad in developing countries—in countries whose people, culture, language, government, and religion might be very different from ours. This bill aims to have at least 1 million undergraduate students study abroad annually within 10 years and to expand study abroad opportunities for students who are currently underrepresented.

The Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act would establish study abroad as a national priority and provide the catalyst for the education community to commit to making study abroad an institutional priority.

This legislation would create an independent public-private entity, the Senator Paul Simon Foundation, that would award grants to carry out the goal of making study abroad in high-quality programs in diverse locations around the world the routine, rather than the exception, for college students. Students who were previously unable to study abroad due to financial constraints would be eligible for grants. Grants also would provide colleges, universities and nongovernmental institutions with the financial incentive to develop programs that make it easier for college students to study abroad.

The future of our country depends on having globally literate citizens—those who are able to look at other points of view and incorporate those ideas into their thinking and manner of interacting with others. I have shared this