

S. 193. A bill to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-54).

H.R. 1003. A bill to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy (Rept. No. 110-55).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 112. A resolution designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Persons Day."

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.

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. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1093. A bill to reward the hard work and risk of individuals who choose to live in and help preserve America's small, rural towns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1094. A bill to reauthorize and provide additional funding for essential agricultural research, extension, education, and related programs, to establish the National Institutes for Food and Agriculture as an independent agency reporting to and coordinating with the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1095. A bill to require airports to screen all individuals with access to the secure areas of an airport upon arrival; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. AKAKA, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1096. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain housing benefits to disabled members of the Armed Forces, to expand certain benefits for disabled veterans with severe burns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1097. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War era; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 1098. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the amount of minimum allotments under the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1099. A bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to make individuals employed by the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission eligible to obtain Federal health insurance; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. SUNUNU, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 1100. A bill to address the regulation of secondary mortgage market enterprises, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1101. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve energy standards for home appliances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KOHL, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1102. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expedite the application and eligibility process for low-income subsidies under the Medicare prescription drug program and to revise the resource standards used to determine eligibility for an income-related subsidy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1103. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include costs incurred by the Indian Health Service, a Federally qualified health center, an AIDS drug assistance program, certain hospitals, or a pharmaceutical manufacturer patient assistance program in providing prescription drugs toward the annual out-of-pocket threshold under part D of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BOND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1104. A bill to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants; considered and passed.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DODD, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAYH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1105. A bill to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 1106. A bill to extend the additional duty on ethanol, to require an investigation into certain ethanol imports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1107. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce cost-sharing under part D of such title for certain non-institutionalized full-benefit dual eligible individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1108. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a special enrollment period for individuals who qualify for an income-related subsidy under the Medicare prescription drug program and to provide funding for the conduct of outreach and education with respect to the premium and cost-sharing subsidies under such program, 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. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ALLARD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORKER, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 146. A resolution designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. CORKER):

S. Res. 147. A resolution congratulating the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 148. A resolution commending The University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Basketball Championship; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 26. A concurrent resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and commending recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. Con. Res. 27. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 21, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 236, a bill to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 261, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 380

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 404

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 404, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the implementation of country of origin labeling requirements by September 30, 2007.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 430, *supra*.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to amend title XVIII of the

Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to establish requirements for lenders and institutions of higher education in order to protect students and other borrowers receiving educational loans.

S. 498

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the Medicare program for beneficiaries residing in rural areas.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to make amendments to the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act.

S. 572

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 572, a bill to ensure that Federal student loans are delivered as efficiently as possible in order to provide more grant aid to students.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of S. 579, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 590

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect to solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, and for other purposes.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 671

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from

the numerical limitations on immigrant visas.

S. 735

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 735, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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. 774

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 774, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.

S. 793

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 793, a bill to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 799, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 851

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 851, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a higher education opportunity credit in place of existing education tax incentives.

S. 883

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 923

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 923, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to establish an adolescent literacy program.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) 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. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

S. 974

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 974, a bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage States to provide pregnant women enrolled in the Medicaid program with access to comprehensive tobacco cessation services.

S. 1018

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes.

S. 1062

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1062, a bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

S. 1065

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to improve the diagnosis and treatment of traumatic brain injury in members and former members of the Armed Forces, to review and expand telehealth and telemental health programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1088

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to market exclusivity for certain drugs, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 82

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

S. RES. 92

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 92, a resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 92, supra.

S. RES. 122

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 122, a resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. RES. 130

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 130, a resolution designating July 28, 2007, as "National Day of the American Cowboy".

S. RES. 132

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 132, a resolution recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for 65 years of service to the United States.

S. RES. 141

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 141, a resolution urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service who have yet to ratify the May 2006 amendments to the 1955 Bonn Accords to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1093. A bill to reward the hard work and risk of individuals who choose to live in and help preserve America's small, rural towns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to be joined by Senators HAGEL, JOHNSON, BROWNBACK and nine of our colleagues today in re-introducing the New Homestead Act of 2007. This legislation will help address a serious threat to the economic future of rural America—the loss of its residents and Main Street businesses.

I have previously described to my Senate colleagues the severe economic and social hardships that population out-migration has had on America's Heartland when businesses are shuttered up, schools and churches are consolidated or closed altogether. Hundreds of thousands of people have left small towns in rural areas throughout the Great Plains. If you are a business owner, mayor, school board member, minister or resident of one of these rural communities, you know firsthand about this problem. People who are from these areas know that you simply can't grow or run a business in an environment where the overall economy is shrinking, current and potential customers are leaving, and public and private investment is falling. Too many communities in North Dakota and other rural States lack the critical mass of people and resources it takes to keep a community alive and growing.

Rural counties in North Dakota and heartland States have experienced massive net out-migration in recent decades and this trend is continuing today. Forty-seven of North Dakota's fifty-three counties suffered net population losses between 2000 and 2005. My home county, Hettinger, saw its population dwindle from 4,257 in 1980 to just 2,715 in 2000. Its population is projected to drop to just 1,877 by 2020.