

Summer of Service national direct grant program, and related national activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1129. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of governmental plan with respect to Indian tribal governments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1130. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore, increase, and make permanent the exclusion from gross income for amounts received under qualified group legal services plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 1131. A bill to amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to establish a program to provide assistance to States and nonprofit organizations to preserve suburban forest land and open space and contain suburban sprawl; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1132. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of apparently wholesome food; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1133. A bill to provide additional protections for recipients of the earned income tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1134. A bill to maximize transparency and accountability for direct appropriations to non-Federal entities, including those instances when Congress appropriates funds to a Federal agency specifically in order to contract with a congressionally identified non-Federal entity; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1135. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to establish fair procedures for arbitration clauses in contracts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1136. A bill to promote the economic security and safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1137. A bill to authorize grants to carry out projects to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 150. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7

through 13, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. Res. 151. A resolution commending the University of Wyoming Cowgirls for their championship victory in the Women's National Invitation Tournament; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 152. A resolution honoring the lifetime achievements of Jackie Robinson; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 153. A resolution making temporary appointments to the Select Committee on Ethics; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3, a bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications services.

S. 180

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 180, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 185, a bill to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 221

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 221, a bill to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts.

S. 254

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 254, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 261

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. CASEY) 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. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, 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.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide additional support to students.

S. 387

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 387, a bill to prohibit the sale by the Department of Defense of parts for F-14 fighter aircraft.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) 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. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 566

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 566, a bill to amend

the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a rural entrepreneur and microenterprise assistance program.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 621

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 638, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 667

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 667, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 675

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 675, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 742

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the health risks posed by asbestos-containing products, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

S. 773

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

(Mrs. CLINTON) 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. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa in the effort to achieve internationally recognized goals in the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other major diseases and the reduction of maternal and child mortality by improving human health care capacity and improving retention of medical health professionals in sub-Saharan Africa, and for other purposes.

S. 807

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor 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. 831

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to authorize States and local governments to prohibit the investment of State assets in any company that has a qualifying business relationship with Sudan.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) 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 Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the

Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 962

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 962, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors 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. 982

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for integration of mental health services and mental health treatment outreach teams, and for other purposes.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) 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. 1018

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1018, a bill to address security risks posed by global climate change and for other purposes.

S. 1040

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1040, a bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and greater fairness for all Americans.

S. 1055

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to promote the future

of the American automobile industry, and for other purposes.

S. 1085

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to require air carriers to publish customer service data and flight delay history.

S. 1092

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1092, a bill to temporarily increase the number of visas which may be issued to certain highly skilled workers.

S. 1114

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1114, a bill to reiterate the exclusivity of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 as the sole authority to permit the conduct of electronic surveillance, to modernize surveillance authorities, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 22

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 22, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

S. RES. 118

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 118, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

S. RES. 123

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 123, a resolution reforming the congressional earmark process.

AMENDMENT NO. 873

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 873 intended to be proposed to S. 372, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 874

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr.

MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 874 intended to be proposed to S. 372, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 875

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 875 intended to be proposed to S. 372, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BURR, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 14. A bill to repeal the sunset on certain tax rates and other incentives and to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, today, on behalf of the Senate Republican leadership, I am introducing the Invest in America Act, a comprehensive set of legislative proposals that are designed to keep American families and the American economy on the path of continued prosperity by preventing—the largest tax increase in our Nation's history—a tax increase that is scheduled to happen in 2011 if Congress fails to extend current tax policies.

The American economy is the envy of the developed world. Our unemployment rate is just 4.4 percent, and 7.8 million new jobs have been created since mid-2003. Not only are more Americans working than ever before, but the benefits of our growing economy are broadly shared by all Americans. Real, inflation-adjusted wages rose 2.2 percent in the last 12 months—faster than the average rate of the late 1990s. This meant an extra \$1,279 in the past year for the typical family with two wage earners. To keep our economy growing on this strong and sustainable path, we must avoid tax increases that could damage our economy.

America's economy has been growing at a strong and sustainable pace due in large measure to the fact that Ameri-

cans are willing to work harder and be more productive in their labor, thus creating more new goods and services at lower costs. Americans will continue to be productive and contribute to our strong economy if we reject marginal tax rate increases on the income they earn. Studies have shown that people really do work more if the tax imposed on their extra labor is relatively low. Arizona State University's distinguished economics professor, Dr. Edward Prescott, won a Nobel Prize in economics for research that proved this theory.

It's interesting that the big investment bank, Goldman Sachs, studied what would happen if taxes increase across-the-board, as is scheduled to happen in 2011 when the various tax rates and other provisions enacted since 2001 expire. The short answer is an immediate recession—a recession that would not be avoided even if the Federal Reserve acted to cut interest rates. This study demonstrates very clearly why Congress cannot allow this tax hike to happen.

The President proposed in his fiscal year 2008 budget to make the tax rates and many other tax incentives enacted since 2001 permanent. In marked contrast, Democrats have produced budget resolutions in both the House and the Senate that assume all of these tax policies will expire and taxes will increase dramatically for virtually every American. In fact, the average family will see its taxes increase by about \$3,675 if the Democrats are successful in canceling the tax relief. Today, Senate Republicans are going on the record in support of making these important tax policies permanent and in opposition to plans by Democrats to allow these tax increases to occur.

Our legislation underscores our commitment to American families and to a strong American economy by preventing the largest tax increase in American history. We believe that American families pay enough in taxes—indeed, revenues are running above historical levels. The Invest in America Act makes all of the current-law tax rates permanent so that no American family faces an automatic tax hike in 2011. I want to underscore that Republicans believe that no American family should face a tax increase—not young people just entering the job market and other lower-income Americans who are benefiting so substantially from the 10 percent bracket; not middle-income families; and not more successful Americans, including the almost 80 percent of taxpayers in the top bracket who report small business income.

Our legislation also invests in American families by making the \$1,000-per-child tax credit, the marriage penalty relief, and the other components of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act—EGTRRA—of 2001 permanent. American moms and dads face an enormous and unexpected reduction in the child tax credit in 2011,