

and activities, including hunting, fishing and recreation, and that will not be construed to interfere with treaties or any other obligations to the Indian tribes, commitments to county governments, or the General Mining Law or Taylor Grazing Act; and now, therefore, be it further

*Resolved*, That nonlegislative members of the interim committee may be appointed by the cochairs of the interim committee who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Nonlegislative members of the interim committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the interim committee's recommendations or proposed legislation; and now, therefore, be it further

*Resolved*, That the interim committee shall report its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

\*Steven Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

\*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. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1262. A bill to protect students receiving student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1263. A bill to protect the welfare of consumers by prohibiting price gouging with respect to gasoline and petroleum distillates during natural disasters and abnormal market disruptions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1264. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to holders of rural renaissance bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1265. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for veterans' mortgage life insurance to include members of the Armed Forces receiving specially adapted housing assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1266. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase assistance for veterans interred in cemeteries other than national cemeteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. DOMENICI, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1267. A bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 1268. A bill to provide for the development and inventory of certain outer Continental Shelf resources; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1269. A bill to improve border security in the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1270. A bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 1271. A bill to provide for a comprehensive national research effort on the physical and mental health and other readjustment needs of the members of the Armed Forces and veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 1272. A bill to establish the National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 1273. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow permanent look-through treatment of payments between related foreign corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1274. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of food for humans and pets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1275. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a screening and treatment program for prostate cancer in the same manner as is provided for breast and cervical cancer; 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. DODD:

S. Con. Res. 30. A concurrent resolution urging all sides to the current political crisis in Ukraine to act responsibly and use dia-

logue to resolve the crisis and ensure a free and transparent democratic system in Ukraine based on the rule of law; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 154

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities.

S. 291

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 291, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors 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. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 367

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 367, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with

sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the 2005 through 2008 time period.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) 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.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 450

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) 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. 458

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor 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. 545

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend the Inter-

nal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the depreciation classification of motorsports entertainment complexes.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide parity between health insurance coverage of mental health benefits and benefits for medical and surgical services.

S. 591

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 591, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to adjust for inflation the allowable amounts of financial resources of eligible households and to exclude from countable financial resources certain retirement and education accounts.

S. 594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to limit the use, sale, and transfer of cluster munitions.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 597, a bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years.

S. 609

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) 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. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) were added as cosponsors of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 638

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) 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. 673

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 673, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to pro-

vide credits for the installation of wind energy property, including by rural homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 721, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) 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 New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) 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. 881

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 902

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) 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. 937

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

S. 946

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from

Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) 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. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) 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. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 1083

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1083, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase competitiveness in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1129

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1173

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to protect, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

S. 1185

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1185, a bill to provide grants to States to improve high schools and raise graduation rates while ensuring rigorous standards, to develop and implement effective school models for struggling students and dropouts, and to improve State policies to raise graduation rates, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1190, a bill to promote the deployment and adoption of telecommunications services and information technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 1205

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1205, a bill to require a pilot program on assisting veterans service organizations and other veterans groups in developing and promoting peer support programs that facilitate community reintegration of veterans returning from active duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1237

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1257

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

S. CON. RES. 26

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. CON. RES. 27

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 27, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

S. RES. 183

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 183, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Charter Schools Week, April 30, 2007, through May 4, 2007.

AMENDMENT NO. 982

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 982 proposed to S. 1082, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 993

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 993 proposed to S. 1082, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1004

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1004 proposed to S. 1082, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1262. A bill to protect students receiving student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 1262

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise to speak about the Student Loan Accountability and Disclosure Reform Act which I, along with Senators ALEXANDER, BURR, ISAKSON, ALLARD and MURKOWSKI, am introducing today. In this era of rising college costs, it is more important than ever to make sure that the colleges, lenders and guaranty agencies that provide loans to help students pay for college operate in a fair, accountable and transparent manner.

In fiscal year 2007, the Federal Government, through the Federal Family Education Loan, FFEL, and Direct