

S. 2932. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

S. 3009. An act to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building".

S. 3560. To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide additional funds for the qualifying individual (QI) program, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8111. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluid Milk Substitutions in the School Nutrition Programs" (RIN0584-AD58) received September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8112. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John R. Wood, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8113. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Benjamin S. Griffin, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8114. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((Docket No. FEMA-8041)(73 FR 53748)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8115. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((Docket No. FEMA-B-1005)(73 FR 53750)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8116. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65)(73 FR 54321)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8117. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((73 FR 53747)(Docket No. FEMA-8039)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8118. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, De-

partment of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; End of the Pacific Whiting Primary Season for the Catcher-processor; Mothership and Shore-based Sectors" (RIN0648-XK03) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8119. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Medicare Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2005" received September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8120. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance regarding WHFITs" (Notice 2008-77) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8121. A communication from the Acting Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2008-154-2008-163); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8122. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a discontinuation of service in acting role, designation of an acting officer, and nomination for the position of Inspector General; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8123. A communication from General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "AmeriCorps National Service Program" (RIN3045-AA23) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8124. A communication from Director of the Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Control of Communicable Diseases; Restrictions on African Rodents, Prairie Dogs, and Certain Other Animals" ((Docket No. FDA-2003-N-0427)(21 CFR Parts 16 and 1240)) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8125. A communication from the Deputy Director for Operations, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received on September 26, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8126. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Public Policy, Advocacy and the Research Institute, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Girl Scouts of the USA 2007 Annual Report"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-436. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Alaska urging Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, development, and production; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, in 16 U.S.C. 3142 (sec. 1002 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)), the United States Congress reserved the right to permit further oil and gas exploration, development, and production within the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas the oil and gas industry, the state, and the United States Department of the Interior consider the Arctic coastal plain to have the highest potential for discovery of very large oil and gas accumulations on the continent of North America, estimated to include as much as 10,000,000,000 barrels of recoverable oil and significant amounts of natural gas; and

Whereas, while new oil and natural gas field developments on the North Slope of Alaska, such as Alpine, Northstar, and West Sak, may temporarily slow the decline in production, only giant coastal plain fields have the theoretical capability of increasing the production volume of Alaska oil and gas to a significant degree; and

Whereas the state's future energy independence would be enhanced with additional natural gas production from the North Slope of Alaska, including what are expected to be significant gas reserves in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and the development of those reserves would enhance the economic viability of the proposed Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; and

Whereas the proposed Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline and the Trans Alaska Pipeline System are transportation facilities that will be and are national assets that are integral to satisfying the present and future needs of the United States; and

Whereas the "1002 study area" is part of the coastal plain located within the North Slope Borough, and many of the residents of the North Slope Borough, who are predominantly Inupiat Eskimo, are supportive of development in the "1002 study area"; and

Whereas enhancements in technology can be used in a manner that minimizes the area within the refuge that is used for exploration and development, while providing the nation with a needed supply of oil and gas; and

Whereas the oil and gas industry is using innovative technology and environmental practices in the new field developments at Alpine and Northstar, and those techniques are directly applicable to operating on the coastal plain and would enhance environmental protection beyond traditionally high standards; and

Whereas the oil and gas industry has shown at Prudhoe Bay, as well as at other locations along the Arctic coastal plain, that it is capable of conducting oil and gas activity without adversely affecting the environment or wildlife populations; and

Whereas opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge now allows sufficient time for planning environmental safeguards, development, and national security review; and

Whereas the state will ensure the continued health and productivity of the Porcupine caribou herd and the protection of land, water, and wildlife resources during the exploration and development of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas 8,900,000 of the 19,000,000 acres of the refuge have already been set aside as wilderness; and

Whereas the 1,500,000-acre coastal plain of the refuge makes up only eight percent of the 19,000,000-acre refuge, and the development of the oil and gas reserves in the refuge's coastal plain would affect an area of only 2,000 to 7,000 acres, which is less than one-half of one percent of the area of the coastal plain; and

Whereas the continued competitiveness and stability of the state and its economy require that the Senate consider national trends toward renewable energy development; and

Whereas the Senate encourages the use of revenue from any development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for the development of renewable energy resources in the state; be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, development, and production, and that the Senate is adamantly opposed to further wilderness or other restrictive designation in the area of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the oil and gas exploration, development, and production be conducted in a manner that protects the environment and the naturally occurring population levels of the Porcupine caribou herd on which the Gwich'in and other local residents depend, that uses directional drilling and other advances in technology to minimize the development footprint in the "1002 study area," and that uses the state's workforce to the maximum extent possible; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Senate urges the United States Congress to pass legislation opening the "1002 study area" for oil and gas development while continuing to work on measures for increasing the development and use of renewable energy technologies; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Senate opposes any unilateral reduction in royalty revenue from exploration and development of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and any attempt to coerce the State of Alaska into accepting less than the 90 percent of the oil, gas, and mineral royalties from the federal land in Alaska that was promised to the state at statehood.

POM-437. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Colorado concerning state implementation plan credits for remote vehicle emissions testing programs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 08-014

Whereas Colorado's IM 240 enhanced emissions inspection and repair program was enacted to comply with the federal "Clean Air Act" program requirements of the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is included in the Colorado State Implementation Plan approved by the EPA; and

Whereas the use of remote sensing technology has been determined to be effective in identifying automobile tailpipe emissions that are cleaner than necessary to achieve compliance with the IM 240 program, and a remote sensing rapid screen program is currently being implemented in the Denver metropolitan area; and

Whereas pursuant to House Bill 06-1302, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is conducting a pilot program to determine whether remote sensing technology can effectively identify high-emitting vehicles in a full-scale program; and

Whereas the high-emitter pilot program is anticipated to be completed no later than July 2010; and

Whereas the implementation of a remote sensing rapid screen program, coupled with a

high-emitter identification and repair program, could result in a more efficient and cost-effective means of achieving greater vehicle emissions reductions than the current IM 240 enhanced emissions inspection and repair program; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:* That, at the conclusion of Colorado's high-emitter pilot program, the EPA is urged to quickly complete its evaluation of whether the high-emitter identification and repair program, coupled with the rapid screen program, may receive state implementation plan emission reduction credits equivalent to those received for the IM 240 enhanced emissions inspection and repair program; be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation, and the Administrator of the EPA.

POM-438. A joint memorial adopted by the Senate of the State of Colorado memorializing Congress to restore funding for the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 08-001

Whereas the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program is the largest justice assistance grant provided to states, and it funds state and local government efforts in a broad range of activities such as drug treatment and enforcement, criminal reentry initiatives, crime prevention, and corrections activities; and

Whereas the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program provides vital criminal justice funding for states because its flexible grant purposes permit states to innovate in a wide variety of criminal justice programs based on shifting community needs; and

Whereas forty percent of the moneys from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program are sent to local law enforcement agencies in counties and municipalities and sixty percent of the moneys are distributed through the state governments; and

Whereas grants may be used to provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and rehabilitation of offenders who violate state and local laws; and

Whereas grants may also be used to provide assistance, other than compensation, to victims of offenders; and

Whereas from 2003-07, Colorado's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funding has been reduced from a high of \$8,013,014 in 2003 to \$4,304,517 in 2007, a fifty-five percent reduction; and

Whereas in the federal "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008", Pub. L. 110-161, that was signed into law in December 2007, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program was cut by sixty-seven percent from \$520,000,000 in federal fiscal year 2007 to \$170,000,000 in federal fiscal year 2008; and

Whereas the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program currently funds the following programs at the following levels in the state of Colorado:

The 20th JAG Initiative: Probation Department, 20th Judicial District—\$117,952

Mental Health Institute Initiative: Colorado State Public Defender's Office—\$69,154

Sex Offender Registration and DNA Project: Colorado Department of Corrections—\$60,515

Girls Enhanced Treatment and Transition Services: Colorado Division of Youth Corrections—\$135,775

CrossPoint Enhanced and Intensive Outpatient Program: University of Colorado Health Sciences Center—\$113,603

Gender-Specific Treatment for Women Offenders: University of Colorado Health Sciences Center—\$157,328

Violent Criminal Apprehension Project: Colorado Department of Corrections—\$68,750  
Evaluation of the SOA-R: Colorado Division of Mental Health—\$82,386

Differentiated TX for Domestic Violence Offenders: University of Colorado at Denver—\$66,391

Developing a Placement Tool for Juvenile Sex Offenders: Colorado Judicial Department, State Court Administrator—\$20,000

Intensive Supervision Probation (ISP) Evaluation: Colorado Judicial Department, State Court Administrator—\$29,906

CSP Resource and Incident Mapping Project: Colorado State Patrol—\$149,310

CBI Case Management System Business Plan Development: Colorado Bureau of Investigation—\$75,000

Improving the Effective Administration of Justice: Colorado State Governor's Office—\$69,882

Two Rivers Drug Enforcement Team (TRIDENT): City of Glenwood Springs, Police Department—\$69,214

Montezuma County Drug Task Force: District Attorney's Office, 22nd Judicial District—\$76,000

West Metro Drug Task Force: Jefferson County, Sheriffs Department—\$76,000

Summit County Drug Enforcement: Summit County, Sheriffs Office—\$58,564

Larimer County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force: City of Fort Collins, Police Services—\$85,500

16th Judicial District Drug Task Force: District Attorney's Office, 16th Judicial District—\$58,332

Eagle County Drug Task Force: Eagle County, Sheriffs Office—\$85,500

San Luis Valley Drug Task Force: City of Alamosa, Police Department—\$93,970

Eastern Colorado Plains Drug Task Force: Yuma County, Sheriffs Department—\$147,628

Crisis Communication Throw Phone Project: Teller County, Sheriffs Department—\$10,000

Delta/Montrose Drug Task Force: City of Montrose, Police Department—\$44,530

GRAMNET: City of Craig, Police Department—\$90,245

Project Snow Blower: Lake County, Sheriffs Department—\$35,345

Canon City-Fremont County Drug Task Force: City of Canon City, Police Department—\$59,040

Metro Gang Task Force: City of Aurora, Police Department—\$100,000

South Metro Drug Task Force: Arapahoe County, Sheriffs Department—\$66,293

Boulder County Drug Task Force: Boulder County, Sheriffs Department—\$95,000

Weld County Task Force: City of Greeley, Police Department—\$114,091

North Metro Task Force: City and County of Broomfield, Police Department—\$118,750

Prisoner Transport Partitions: Bent County, Sheriffs Department—\$1,420

Hazardous Materials Safety Initiative: Town of Dillon, Police Department—\$12,000

Internet Sexual Predators Adjunct: District Attorney's Office, 1st Judicial District—\$35,000

Tribal Court Drug Screening and Security: Southern Ute Indian Tribe—\$50,975

Chinook West: Town of Nederland—\$22,708

Ignacio Social Responsibility Training: Town of Ignacio—\$34,715

Mentoring Program for the Brown Center: Montrose County, Health and Human Services—\$22,660

Reintegration and Recovery Preparation Program: El Paso County, Sheriff's Office—\$132,400

Transition Program: Mesa County, Sheriff's Department—\$74,675

Correctional Counseling Program: Logan County, Sheriff's Department—\$10,000

Pilot Crisis Intervention Team Case Management Program: City of Colorado Springs, Police Department—\$86,204

Substance Abuse Evaluation, Testing, and Treatment: City of Arvada, Municipal Court—\$6,000

Arapahoe County Aftercare Program: Arapahoe County, Sheriff's Department—\$68,414

Finger/Palm Print Database: Arapahoe County, Sheriff's Department—\$44,650

A Ten-Co. Partnership/Supervised Pretrial Release: Jefferson County, Criminal Justice Planning—\$23,790

Technical Evidence Equipment: Larimer County, Coroner/Medical Examiner—\$3,200

Pueblo Police Department Technological Upgrade: City of Pueblo, Police Department—\$39,758

Mobile Command Center: City of La Junta, Police Department—\$29,650

Mobile Communication and Safety Upgrade: Town of Ault, Police Department—\$53,515

Technology Improvement Program: City of Westminster, Police Department—\$83,087

Western Elbert County Emergency Operations Center: Town of Elizabeth, Police Department—\$18,154

Enhanced Traffic Safety: City of Dacono, Police Department—\$3,005

4 Wheel Drive Vehicle Requisition: Town of Kiowa, Police Department—\$5,500

Emergency Power and Fuel: Town of Elizabeth, Police Department—\$2,889

Acquisition of LIDAR Speed Measuring Device: Town of Frederick, Police Department—\$3,000

Crackdown on Underage Drinking: Mineral County, Sheriff's Office—\$3,000

Weapons Safe, Vehicle Maintenance and Supplies: Town of Blanca, Marshal's Office—\$3,000

Traffic Accident Reduction Project: Logan County, Sheriff's Department—\$3,750

Speed Enforcement Program: Montezuma County, Sheriff's Department—\$5,500

Longmont Domestic Violence Awareness Program: City of Longmont, Police Department—\$3,000

Operation Snapshot: City of Brighton, Police Department—\$3,336

Safer Community Through Traffic Control: City of Monte Vista, Police Department—\$2,817

Equipment Supplies for Professional Development: Summit County, Sheriff's Office—\$3,750

Enhanced School Security Monitoring: City of Lamar, Police Department—\$5,400

Officer Safety and Communications: Kit Carson County, Sheriff's Department—\$5,082

Project Quick Shot: Lake County, Sheriff's Department—\$4,000

Emergency Incident Response: Dolores County, Sheriff's Department—\$3,538

Securing Radar Equipment for Patrol: Montrose County, Sheriff's Office—\$2,970

High Quality Camera and Digital Imaging Computer: City of Silverthorne, Police Department—\$3,750

Communications Upgrade—2007: Town of Minturn, Police Department—\$3,249

800 MGz Radio Purchase: City of Fountain, Police Department—\$3,600

Efficiency Equipment Request: Sedgwick County, Sheriff's Office—\$4,300

Community Policing Enhancement: Town of San Luis, Police Department—\$3,750

Supplies and Operating Needs: Town of Granby, Police Department—\$3,319

Night Vision Devices: City of Montrose, Police Department—\$1,164

Vehicle Computer Project: Town of Mancos, Marshal's Office—\$3,469

Low Profile LED Lightbars: Town of Vail, Police Department—\$3,600

Community Safety: Reducing Speeds on Main Street: City of Frisco, Police Department—\$3,500

Traffic Safety Program: Town of Winter Park, Police Department—\$3,750

Support for Probation Services: Southern Ute Indian Tribe—\$3,750

Sheriff Patrol Enhancement: Archuleta County, Sheriff's Department—\$4,820

MDT Interoperability Upgrade: Town of Gilcrest, Police Department—\$3,583

Computer 2008: City of Ouray, Police Department—\$3,200

Major Crime Scene Readiness: City of Brush, Police Department—\$3,275

Meeting the Demands of Substantial Growth: Yuma County, Sheriff's Department—\$3,168

Upgrades for Public and Officer Safety: Town of Fowler, Police Department—\$4,580

Mobile Technology Upgrade: Town of Empire, Police Department—\$2,608

Patrol Rifle Project: Town of Victor, Police Department—\$2,000

Patrol Car Computers: Town of Cedaredge, Marshal's Office—\$3,750

Community Safety Compliance and Security Enhancement: Conejos County, Sheriff's Department—\$4,653

Residential/School Zone Speed Reduction Program: City of Eagle, Police Department—\$5,220

Vehicle Replacement: Town of Hugo, Marshal's Office—\$6,000

Improving Auxiliary Capacity: City of Estes Park, Police Department—\$5,000

Interoperability and Data Sharing: Town of Miliken, Police Department—\$3,750; and

Whereas the Colorado state budget, like other state budgets, is facing a shortfall for the upcoming fiscal year and cannot fill the funding gap left by the federal cut in programs currently funded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

Whereas this drastic cut in funding will result in the dissolution or discontinuance of many law enforcement and criminal justice programs; and

Whereas programs that are shut down due to lack of funding cannot simply be restarted when the funding returns because there are informants, ties to the community, and personnel that will be lost with the funding shortfall; so as a result, programs must be rebuilt from scratch; and

Whereas by law, the federal Department of Justice, which is responsible for distributing the moneys for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, cannot write checks to local law enforcement agencies for less than \$10,000; therefore any state or local entity that received less than \$30,000 in the federal fiscal year 2007 will receive no moneys in the federal fiscal year 2008; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:* (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, urge Congress to restore funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and thereby continue the financial support that is critical to enabling local law enforcement agencies to continue protecting the lives and property of citizens in their communities; and (2) That we urge Colorado's congressional delegation to support funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program through emergency supplemental spending bill legislation. Be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Colorado's Congressional delegation.

POM-439. A joint resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Colorado concerning endorsement of the federal "Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 08-015

Whereas men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces put their lives on hold in order to serve and protect our country and, as such, deserve a tangible expression of our gratitude; and

Whereas the federal "Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007" seeks to expand the list of educational benefits offered to United States military service men and women who have served in the Armed Forces since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and

Whereas the proposed legislation amends the GI Bill that was passed in the 1940s after World War II to help Veterans readjust to civilian life and to enable them to pursue education and training upon their return from military service; and

Whereas occupational instability is only one of several postwar readjustment problems with which veterans have struggled since their military service, as reported by the National Vietnam Veterans' Readjustment Study; and

Whereas it is of paramount importance that the federal government extend provisions of educational assistance to military personnel serving in the post-9/11 era to help offset the postwar readjustment problems endured by so many veterans to this day; and

Whereas several military and veterans groups, such as the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), and the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), have voiced support for the proposed legislation; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:* (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, support the federal "Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007"; and (2) That we encourage members of Congress to adopt this legislation in order to enable our country's military service men and women to pursue their educational goals so they can further enrich lives. Be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Colorado's Congressional delegation, each member of the United States Senate, the United Veterans Committee of Colorado, and Jim Webb, United States Senator for Virginia.

POM-440. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission relative to supporting the enactment by Congress of the Ocean Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act (HR 21); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-441. A collection of petitions forwarded by the Benefit Security Coalition relative to establishing a more equitable method of computing cost of living adjustments for Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-442. A collection of petitions from a Polish-American organization relative to concerns regarding Social Security benefits and the Windfall Elimination Provision; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-443. A report from the United Nations World Tourism Organization entitled "Destination Management and Marketing: Two Strategic Tools to Ensure Quality Tourism"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-444. A communication from the Latvian Saeima (Parliament) relative to the Republic of Latvia's independence day; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-445. A communication from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe relative to the Astana Declaration and adopted resolutions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-446. A resolution from the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami Beach relative to granting temporary protective status to Haitians in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-447. A letter from a private citizen relative to Native Americans and the healthcare system; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

### 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. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. KERRY)):

S. 3648. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to require employers to keep records of non-employees who perform labor or services for remuneration and to provide a special penalty for employers who misclassify employees as non-employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 3649. A bill to amend section 114 of title 17, United States Code, to provide for agreements for the reproduction and performance of sound recordings by webcasters; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 3650. A bill to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 3651. A bill to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 3652. A bill to provide for financial market investigation, oversight, and reform; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3653. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to provide for country of origin labeling for dairy products; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REED:

S. 3654. A bill to improve research on health hazards in housing, to enhance the capacity of programs to reduce such hazards, to require outreach, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) 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. 826

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 826, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women.

S. 1069

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss.

S. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) were added as cosponsors of S. 2668, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 3047

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3047, a bill to provide for the coordination of the Nation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education initiatives.

S. 3273

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3273, a bill to promote the international deployment of clean technology, and for other purposes.

S. 3283

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the

Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3283, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow, in recognition of his especially meritorious role as a warrior of the Crow Tribe, Army Soldier in World War II, and author.

S. 3429

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3429, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide for an increased mileage rate for charitable deductions.

S. 3490

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3490, a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

S. 3498

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3498, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line.

S. 3507

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3507, a bill to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation.

S. 3610

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3610, a bill to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes.

### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 3651. A bill to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, the Tlingit and Haida people, the first people of Southeast Alaska, were perhaps the first group of Alaska Natives to organize for the purpose of asserting their aboriginal land claims. The Native land claims movement in the rest of Alaska did not gain momentum until the 1960s when aboriginal land titles were threatened by the impending construction of the Trans Alaska Pipeline. In southeast Alaska, the taking of Native lands for the Tongass National Forest and Glacier Bay National Monument spurred the Tlingit and Haida