

failure to timely resolve discrepancies with the Social Security Administration after receiving a “no match” notice as evidence that the employer violated section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act; read the first time.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 2711. A bill to improve the enforcement of laws prohibiting the employment of unauthorized aliens and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2712. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to complete at least 700 miles of reinforced fencing along the Southwest border by December 31, 2010, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2713. A bill to prohibit appropriated funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; read the first time.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2714. A bill to close the loophole that allowed the 9/11 hijackers to obtain credit cards from United States banks that financed their terrorists activities, to ensure that illegal immigrants cannot obtain credit cards to evade United States immigration laws, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 2715. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 2716. A bill to authorize the National Guard to provide support for the border control activities of the United States Customs and Border Protection of the Departments of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2717. A bill to provide for enhanced Federal enforcement of, and State and local assistance in the enforcement of, the immigration laws of the United States, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2718. A bill to withhold 10 percent of the Federal funding apportioned for highway construction and maintenance from States that issue driver’s licenses to individuals without verifying the legal status of such individuals; read the first time.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. 2719. A bill to provide that Executive Order 13166 shall have no force or effect, and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2720. A bill to withhold Federal financial assistance from each country that denies or unreasonably delays the acceptance of nationals of such country who have been ordered removed from the United States and to prohibit the issuance of visas to nationals of such country; read the first time.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 2721. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to prescribe the binding oath or affirmation of renunciation and allegiance required to be naturalized as a citizen of the United States, to encourage and support the efforts of prospective citizens of the United States to become citizens, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. 2722. A bill to prohibit aliens who are repeat drunk drivers from obtaining legal status or immigration benefits; read the first time.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr.

DODD, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. REED, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. STEVENS):

S.J. Res. 28. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 473. A resolution designating March 26, 2008, as “National Support the Troops and Their Families Day” and encouraging the people of the United States to participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces both at home and abroad, as well as the sacrifices of their families; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 474. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that providing breakfast in schools through the National School Breakfast Program has a positive impact on the lives and classroom performance of low-income children; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 12

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 12, a bill to promote home ownership, manufacturing, and economic growth.

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) 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. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 594

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

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) 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. 1161

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1161, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of Medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 1164

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) 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. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1390

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to provide for the issuance of a "forever stamp" to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women of the armed forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

S. 1430

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1576, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minority groups.

S. 1675

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service.

S. 1693

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1693, a bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.

S. 1853

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1853, a bill to promote competition, to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services, and for other purposes.

S. 2004

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2004, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish epilepsy centers of excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2119

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2119, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became

disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 2170

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2170, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of qualified restaurant property as 15-year property for purposes of the depreciation deduction.

S. 2243

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2243, a bill to strongly encourage the Government of Saudi Arabia to end its support for institutions that fund, train, incite, encourage, or in any other way aid and abet terrorism, to secure full Saudi cooperation in the investigation of terrorist incidents, to denounce Saudi sponsorship of extremist Wahhabi ideology, and for other purposes.

S. 2369

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2369, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide that certain tax planning inventions are not patentable, and for other purposes.

S. 2421

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2421, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits to individuals who have been wrongfully incarcerated.

S. 2439

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2439, a bill to require the National Incident Based Reporting System, the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, and the Law Enforcement National Data Exchange Program to list cruelty to animals as a separate offense category.

S. 2458

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2458, a bill to promote and enhance the operation of local building code enforcement administration across the country by establishing a competitive Federal matching grant program.

S. 2460

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2460, a bill to extend by one year the moratorium on implementation of a rule relating to the Federal-State financial partnership under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program and on finalization of a rule regarding graduate medical education under Medicaid and to include a moratorium on the finalization of the outpatient Medicaid rule making similar changes.

S. 2598

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2598, a bill to increase the supply and lower the cost of petroleum by temporarily suspending the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

S. 2606

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2606, a bill to reauthorize the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2639

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2639, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. RES. 455

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 455, a resolution calling for peace in Darfur.

S. RES. 459

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 459, a resolution expressing the strong support of the Senate for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to extend invitations for membership to Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia at the April 2008 Bucharest Summit, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4088

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4088 intended to be proposed to S. 2663, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4093

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4093 intended to be proposed to S. 2663, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4105

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4105 proposed to S. 2663, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of

consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4105 proposed to S. 2663, supra.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 2716. A bill to authorize the National Guard to provide support for the border control activities of the United States Customs and Border Protection of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; read the first time.

Mr. DOMENICI Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill that builds upon border security successes achieved as part of Operation Jump Start by continuing that effort and allowing Governors to use their respective State's National Guard units for border activities in support of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, CBP.

As a border State Senator, I know firsthand the need to secure our international borders because every day I hear from constituents who must deal with illegal entries into our country. We have a crisis on our borders, and the status quo is not acceptable.

I also know firsthand the improvements in border security we have made over the past few years. One of those successes has come in the form of Operation Jumpstart, which was an initiative begun in the summer of 2006 to allow National Guardsmen from across America to deploy to the southwest border in support of CBP. This program proved successful almost immediately. During the summer of 2006, Border Patrol agents apprehended more than 2,500 illegal immigrants in about 6 weeks with the support of National Guardsmen. Tens of thousands of pounds of illegal drugs were seized during the same time period.

The program is also beneficial to the National Guard. Deploying as part of Operation Jumpstart has allowed these men and women to gain valuable training in areas including construction, vehicle maintenance, technology support, aviation support, intelligence support, surveillance and reconnaissance support, and intelligence analysis.

Despite these successes, Operation Jumpstart is being phased out; there are fewer National Guardsmen on the border today than there were a year ago. I believe to phase out this mutually beneficial work between CBP and the National Guard is a mistake, and National Guardsmen should be able to continue helping to secure our border.

For that reason, I am introducing legislation that addresses this need in two ways. First, the bill calls for the continuation of Operation Jumpstart at its initial level of 6,000 guardsmen on the southwest border until we have control of that border. Second, the bill expands existing Federal law that allows Governors to utilize their State's

guardsmen for drug interdiction and counterdrug activities to allow Governors to also utilize their State's guardsmen for border control activities, including constructing roads, fences, and vehicle barriers, conducting search and rescue missions, gathering intelligence, repairing infrastructure, and otherwise supporting CBP. The legislation provides that in order to utilize guardsmen for border activities, Governors must submit plans to the Secretary of Defense regarding the use of the Guard, and the plans must be approved by the Secretary of Defense in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security. Additionally, the Secretary of Defense would be required to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the activities carried out as part of this work under my bill.

Mr. President, I believe our National Guardsmen are an invaluable asset in securing our borders, and I believe guardsmen should be able to continue working on the border.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 473—DESIGNATING MARCH 26, 2008, AS “NATIONAL SUPPORT THE TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES DAY” AND ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REFLECT UPON THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, AS WELL AS THE SACRIFICES OF THEIR FAMILIES

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 473

Whereas it was through the brave and noble efforts of the Nation's forefathers that the United States first gained freedom and became a sovereign country;

Whereas there are more than 1,500,000 active and reserve component members of the Armed Forces serving the Nation in support and defense of the values and freedom that all Americans cherish;

Whereas the members of the Armed Forces deserve the utmost respect and admiration of their fellow Americans for putting their lives in danger for the sake of the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces are defending freedom and democracy around the globe and are playing a vital role in protecting the safety and security of Americans;

Whereas the families of our Nation's troops have made great sacrifices and deserve the support of all Americans;

Whereas all Americans should participate in a moment of silence to support the troops and their families; and

Whereas March 26th, 2008, is designated as “National Support Our Troops and Their Families Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate designates March 26, 2008, as “National Support the Troops and Their Families Day”; and

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that all Americans should participate in a moment

of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad, as well as their families.

SENATE RESOLUTION 474—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT PROVIDING BREAKFAST IN SCHOOLS THROUGH THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES AND CLASSROOM PERFORMANCE OF LOW-INCOME CHILDREN

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 474

Whereas participants in the National School Breakfast Program established under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) include public, private, elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as schools in rural, suburban, and urban areas;

Whereas access to nutrition programs such as the National School Lunch Program and the National School Breakfast Program helps to create a stronger learning environment for children and improves children's concentration in the classroom;

Whereas missing breakfast and the resulting hunger has been shown to harm the ability of children to learn and hinders academic performance;

Whereas students who eat a complete breakfast have been shown to make fewer mistakes and to work faster in math exercises than those who eat a partial breakfast;

Whereas implementing or improving classroom breakfast programs has been shown to increase breakfast consumption among eligible students dramatically, doubling and in some cases tripling numbers of participants in school breakfast programs, as evidenced by research in Minnesota, New York, and Wisconsin;

Whereas providing breakfast in the classroom has been shown in several instances to improve attentiveness and academic performance, while reducing absences, tardiness, and disciplinary referrals;

Whereas studies suggest that eating breakfast closer to the time students arrive in the classroom and take tests improves the students' performance on standardized tests;

Whereas studies show that students who skip breakfast are more likely to have difficulty distinguishing among similar images, show increased errors, and have slower memory recall;

Whereas children who live in families that experience hunger are likely to have lower math scores, receive more special education services, and face an increased likelihood of repeating a grade;

Whereas making breakfast widely available in different venues or in a combination of venues, such as by providing breakfast in the classroom, in the hallways outside classrooms, or to students as they exit their school buses, has been shown to lessen the stigma of receiving free or reduced-price school breakfasts, which sometimes prevents eligible students from obtaining traditional breakfast in the cafeteria;

Whereas, in fiscal year 2006, 7,700,000 students in the United States consumed free or reduced-price school breakfasts provided under the National School Breakfast Program;