

S. 3061. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 3062. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify certain provisions relating to oil shale leasing; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3063. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for S corporation reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3064. A bill to establish a multi-faceted approach to improve access and eliminate disparities in oral health care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 3065. A bill to establish the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR:

S. 3066. A bill to designate certain National Forest System land in the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and certain land in the Royal Gorge Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management in the State of Colorado as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3067. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Dental Health Improvement Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. REID, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3068. A bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 3069. A bill to designate certain land as wilderness in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SMITH, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. LUGAR, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BURR, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 3070. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 3071. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to temporarily prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from consid-

ering global climate change as a natural or manmade factor in determining whether a species is a threatened or endangered species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 3072. A bill to provide for comprehensive health reform; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. KYL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BOND, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 3073. A bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve procedures for the collection and delivery of absentee ballots of absent overseas uniformed services voters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DODD):

S.J. Res. 34. A joint resolution to provide a replacement laboratory and support space at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) Mathias Laboratory; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DODD):

S.J. Res. 35. A joint resolution to amend Public Law 108-331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DODD):

S.J. Res. 36. A joint resolution to provide replacement laboratory space for terrestrial research at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 574. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release from custody the children of Rebiya Kadeer and Canadian citizen Huseyin Celil and should refrain from further engaging in acts of cultural, linguistic, and religious suppression directed against the Uyghur people; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. INOUE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAIG, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 575. A resolution expressing the support of the Senate for veteran entrepreneurs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BURR, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 576. A resolution designating August 2008 as "Digital Television Transition Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BURR, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. REID, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. Res. 577. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of gasoline and other fuels by Federal departments and agencies; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. Res. 578. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. SHELBURY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BURR, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 579. A resolution designating the week beginning May 26, 2008, as "National Hurricane Preparedness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Con. Res. 84. A concurrent resolution honoring the memory of Robert Mondavi; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BURR):

S. Con. Res. 85. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol to honor Frank W. Buckles, the last surviving United States veteran of the First World War; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 612

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 612, a bill to improve the health of women through the establishment of Offices of Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 678

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 678, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure air passengers have access to necessary services while on a grounded air carrier and are not unnecessarily held on a grounded air carrier before or after a flight, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) 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. 1146

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans who live in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1253

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado

(Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1253, a bill to establish a fund for the National Park Centennial Challenge, and for other purposes.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1390

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) 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. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors 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. 1680

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to provide for the inclusion of certain non-Federal land in the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 1699

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1699, a bill to amend the provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding school library media specialists, and for other purposes.

S. 1711

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1711, a bill to target cocaine kingpins and address sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine.

S. 1906

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 1906, a bill to understand and comprehensively address the oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use.

S. 2161

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2161, a bill to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of independent pharmacies and

health plans and health insurance issuers (including health plans under parts C and D of the Medicare Program) in the same manner as such laws apply to protected activities under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2162

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2162, a bill to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 2389

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2389, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the alternative minimum tax credit amount for individuals with long-term unused credits for prior year minimum tax liability, and for other purposes.

S. 2433

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2433, a bill to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day.

S. 2504

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2504, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.

S. 2555

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2555, a bill to permit California and other States to effectively control greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 2560

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2560, a bill to create the income security conditions and family supports needed to ensure permanency for the Nation's unaccompanied youth, and for other purposes.

S. 2568

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2568, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit preleasing, leasing, and related activities in the Chukchi and Beaufort

Sea Planning Areas unless certain conditions are met.

S. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) 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. 2681

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2681, a bill to require the issuance of medals to recognize the dedication and valor of Native American code talkers.

S. 2684

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2684, a bill to reform the housing choice voucher program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

S. 2742

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2742, a bill to reduce the incidence, progression, and impact of diabetes and its complications and establish the position of National Diabetes Coordinator.

S. 2743

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2743, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of financial security accounts for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2785

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2785, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Security Act to preserve access to physicians' services under the Medicare program.

S. 2792

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2792, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the deduction for the travel expenses of a taxpayer's spouse who accompanies the taxpayer on business travel.

S. 2854

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2854, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to clarify the effective date of active duty members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces receiving an alert order anticipating a call or order to active duty in

support of a contingency operation for purposes of entitlement to medical and dental care as members of the Armed Forces on active duty.

S. 2928

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2928, a bill to ban bisphenol A in children's products.

S. 2931

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2931, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exempt complex rehabilitation products and assistive technology products from the Medicare competitive acquisition program.

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2931, *supra*.

S. 2932

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2932, a bill 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. 2979

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2979, a bill to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization, and for other purposes.

S. 2994

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2994, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern.

S. 3005

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3005, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish procedures for the timely and effective delivery of medical and mental health care to all immigration detainees in custody, and for other purposes.

S. 3008

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3008, a bill to improve and enhance the mental health care benefits available to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, to enhance counseling and other benefits available to survivors of members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 3022

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3022, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to prohibit the sale of dishwashing detergent in the United States if the detergent contains a high level of phosphorus.

AMENDMENT NO. 4796

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4796 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2642, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4800

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4800 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2642, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 3052. A bill to provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, today, Senator LUGAR and I are introducing the Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2008, a bill to permit the transfer of certain U.S. Navy vessels to particular foreign countries. All of the proposed ship transfer authorizations have been requested by the U.S. Navy, with the approval of the Office of Management and Budget.

Pursuant to section 824(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1994, as amended, 10 U.S.C. 7307(a), a naval vessel that is in excess of 3,000 tons or that is less than 20 years of age may not be disposed of to another nation unless the disposition of that vessel is approved by law enacted after August 5, 1974. The bill we introduce today would provide that required approval for six transfers: a guided missile frigate for Pakistan; two minehunter coastal ships for Greece; an oiler for Chile; and two amphibious tank landing ships for Peru. These would all be grant transfers under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j). If any Member of this body has questions or concerns regarding one or more of the proposed ship transfers, please let us know.

The bill also contains provisions that are traditionally included in ship transfer bills, relating to transfer costs and repair and refurbishment of the ships, and exempting the value of a vessel transferred on a grant basis from

the aggregate value of excess defense articles in a given fiscal year.

The authority provided by this bill would expire 2 years after the date of enactment of the bill.

Finally, the Department of Defense has provided the following information on this bill:

These proposed transfers would improve the United States' political and military relationships with close allies. They would support strategic engagement goals and regional security cooperation objectives. Active use of former naval vessels by coalition forces in support of regional priorities is more advantageous than retaining vessels in the Navy's inactive fleet and disposing of them by scrapping or another method.

The United States would incur no costs in transferring these naval vessels. The recipients would be responsible for all costs associated with the transfers, including maintenance, repairs, training, and fleet turnover costs.

This act does not alter the effect of the Toxic Substances Control Act, or any other law, with regard to their applicability to the transfer of ships by the U.S. to foreign countries for military or humanitarian use. The laws and regulations that apply today would apply in the same manner if this section were enacted.

The Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Donald C. Winter, has added: "Expedient enactment of the proposal is in the best interests of the Navy's Maritime Strategy as it will allow us to strengthen the capabilities of partner nations."

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3052

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2008".

SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS TO CERTAIN FOREIGN RECIPIENTS.

(a) TRANSFERS BY GRANT.—The President is authorized to transfer vessels to foreign recipients on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j), as follows:

(1) PAKISTAN.—To the Government of Pakistan, the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile frigate MCINERNEY (FFG-8).

(2) GREECE.—To the Government of Greece, the OSPREY class minehunter coastal ships OSPREY (MHC-51) and ROBIN (MHC-54).

(3) CHILE.—To the Government of Chile, the KAISER class oiler ANDREW J. HIGGINS (AO-190).

(4) PERU.—To the Government of Peru, the NEWPORT class amphibious tank landing ships FRESNO (LST-1182) and RACINE (LST-1191).

(b) GRANTS NOT COUNTED IN ANNUAL TOTAL OF TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.—The value of a vessel transferred to a recipient on a grant basis pursuant to authority provided by subsection (a) shall not be counted against the aggregate value of excess defense articles transferred in any fiscal year under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

(c) COSTS OF TRANSFERS.—Any expense incurred by the United States in connection with a transfer authorized by this section