

term financial assistance to assure the availability of student loans to students and families of this Commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of the Treasury, the United States Secretary of Education, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board and the president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh and the presiding officer of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-367. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Maine urging Congress to enact legislation to ensure health care for all, to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, every person in Maine and in the United States deserves access to affordable, quality health care; and

Whereas, there is a growing crisis in health care in the United States of America, manifested by rising health care costs, increased premiums, increased out-of-pocket spending, the decreased competitiveness of our businesses in the global economy and significant worker layoffs; and

Whereas, most health insurance access is provided through employment, and health insurance premiums have grown 4 times faster than worker earnings over the last 6 years; and

Whereas, Maine ranks 5th in the nation in access to health care and 2nd in quality and is committed to maintaining access to affordable, quality health care for all Maine people and all Americans; and

Whereas, forty-seven million Americans lack health insurance, with 129,000 people in Maine without health insurance; and

Whereas, even those insured now often experience unacceptable medical debt and sometimes life-threatening delays in obtaining health care; and

Whereas, those without health insurance suffer higher rates of mortality and a decreased quality of life; and

Whereas, access to consistent, preventive health care saves lives and dollars; and

Whereas, one-half of all personal bankruptcies are due to illnesses or medical bills; and

Whereas, the complex, fragmented and bureaucratic system for financing and providing health insurance consumes approximately 30% of United States health care spending; and

Whereas, access to affordable health care will improve the competitiveness of businesses and the viability of our health care providers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, your Memorialists, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to respectfully urge and request that the United States Congress enact legislation to ensure the availability of health care for all Americans that guarantees quality, affordable health care coverage for every American; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 3179. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to authorize the use of Federal supply schedules for the acquisition of law enforcement, security, and certain other related items by State and local governments (Rept. No. 110-344).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Whether Public Statements Regarding Iraq by U.S. Government Officials were Substantiated by Intelligence Information" (Rept. No. 110-345). Additional and Minority Views.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Intelligence Activities Relating to Iraq Conducted by the Policy Counterterrorism Evaluation Group and the Office of Special Plans within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy" (Rept. No. 110-346). Minority View.

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 2355. A bill to amend the National Climate Program Act to enhance the ability of the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-347).

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 Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 3084. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize certain aliens who have earned a master's or higher degree from a United States institution of higher education in a field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics to be admitted for permanent residence and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 3085. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a cooperative watershed management program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3086. A bill to amend the antitrust laws to ensure competitive market-based fees and terms for merchants' access to electronic payment systems; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 3087. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the home loan guaranty programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 3088. A bill to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 3089. A bill to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and non-Federal land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3090. A bill to provide for adequate oversight and inspection by the Federal Aviation

Administration of facilities outside the United States that perform maintenance and repair work on United States commercial aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3091. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exempt negative pressure wound therapy pumps and related supplies and accessories from the Medicare competitive acquisition program until the clinical comparability of such products can be validated; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 3092. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure sufficient resources and increase efforts for research at the National Institutes of Health relating to Alzheimer's disease, to authorize an education and outreach program to promote public awareness and risk reduction with respect to Alzheimer's disease (with particular emphasis on education and outreach in Hispanic populations), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 3093. A bill to extend and improve the effectiveness of the employment eligibility confirmation program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3094. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Long Path Trail, a system of trails and potential trails running from Fort Lee, New Jersey, to the Adirondacks in New York, to determine whether to add the trail to the National Trails System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3095. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program to increase the delivery of mental health services and other health services to veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom and to other residents of rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S.J. Res. 38. A joint resolution waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of a Deputy United States Trade Representative; 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. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REID, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 584. A resolution recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SHELBY, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 585. A resolution supporting National Men's Health Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 586. A resolution congratulating the Arizona State University women's softball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Softball Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 587. A resolution declaring June 6, 2008, a national day of prayer and rededication for the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their mission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 771

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 911

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

S. 1125

At the request of Mr. WICKER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1125, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to encourage investment in the expansion of freight rail infrastructure capacity and to enhance modal tax equity.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1314

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1314, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1390

At the request of Mr. WICKER, 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. 1437

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1437, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 2347

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2347, a bill to restore and protect access to discount drug prices for university-based and safety-net clinics.

S. 2681

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) 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. 2760

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2760, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response, and for other purposes.

S. 2812

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2812, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of telehealth services under the Medicare program.

S. 2858

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2858, a bill to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues associated with recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment

in the profession of social work, and for other purposes.

S. 2883

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 2883, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day.

S. 3047

At the request of Mr. KERRY, his 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. 3063

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3063, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for S corporation reform, and for other purposes.

S. 3068

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3068, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. RES. 580

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 580, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability.

AMENDMENT NO. 4822

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4822 intended to be proposed to S. 3036, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4823

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4823 intended to be proposed to S. 3036, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4825

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from