

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 3114. A bill to provide safeguards against faulty asylum procedures, to improve conditions of detention for detainees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3115. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit preexisting condition exclusions for children in group health plans and health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3116. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize and modernize the provision of partial hospitalization services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 3117. A bill to apply an alternative payment amount under the Medicare program for certain graduate medical education programs established to train residents displaced by natural disasters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. KYL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BURR, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 3118. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to preserve beneficiary access to care by preventing a reduction in the Medicare physician fee schedule, to improve the quality of care by advancing value based purchasing, electronic health records, and electronic prescribing, and to maintain and improve access to care in rural areas, and for other purposes; read the first time.

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. 591. A resolution recognizing the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for the historic touchdown of the Phoenix Mars Lander during its 50th anniversary year; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Con. Res. 89. A concurrent resolution authorizing Frank Woodruff Buckles to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol upon his death; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1418

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1418, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1437

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor

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. 1810

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1810, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1995

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1995, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 2059

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2059, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews.

S. 2279

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2279, a bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

S. 2319

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2319, a bill to ensure the continued and future availability of life saving trauma health care in the United States and to prevent further trauma center closures and downgrades by assisting trauma centers with uncompensated care costs, core mission services, and emergency needs.

S. 2465

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2465, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include all public clinics for the distribution of pediatric vaccines under the Medicaid program.

S. 2544

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2544, a bill to provide for a program of temporary extended unemployment compensation.

S. 2630

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 2630, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Federal grant program to provide increased health care coverage to and access for uninsured and underinsured workers and families in the commercial fishing industry, and for other purposes.

S. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) 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. 2708

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2708, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to attract and retain trained health care professionals and direct care workers dedicated to providing quality care to the growing population of older Americans.

S. 2838

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2838, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 2907

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2907, a bill to establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes.

S. 2932

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) 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. 2938

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2938, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces and veterans in order to enhance recruitment and retention for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2955

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2955, a bill to authorize funds

to the Local Initiatives Support Corporation to carry out its Community Safety Initiative.

S. 2979

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2979, a bill to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization, and for other purposes.

S. 3038

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3038, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the adoption incentives program, to authorize States to establish a relative guardianship program, to promote the adoption of children with special needs, and for other purposes.

S. 3070

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 3098

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3098, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3098, *supra*.

S. 3101

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3101, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes.

S. 3103

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3103, a bill to amend the Iran, North Korea, and Syria nonproliferation Act to allow certain extraordinary payments in connection with the International Space Station.

S. 3108

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3108, a bill to require the President to call a White House Conference on Food and Nutrition.

S.J. RES. 37

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

DURBIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 37, a joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should sign the Declaration of the Oslo Conference on Cluster Munitions and future instruments banning cluster munitions that cause unacceptable harm to civilians.

S. CON. RES. 82

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 82, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 273

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 273, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should issue a semipostal stamp to support medical research relating to Alzheimer's disease.

S. RES. 300

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 300, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) should stop the utilization of materials that violate provisions of the United Nations-brokered Interim Agreement between FYROM and Greece regarding "hostile activities or propaganda" and should work with the United Nations and Greece to achieve longstanding United States and United Nations policy goals of finding a mutually-acceptable official name for FYROM.

S. RES. 576

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 576, a resolution designating August 2008 as "Digital Television Transition Awareness Month".

S. RES. 580

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 580, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 3112. A bill to reauthorize the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act and the Randolph-Sheppard Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Javits-Wagner-O'Day and Randolph-Sheppard Modernization Act of 2008. This legislation was drafted after thousands of hours were spent listening to the concerns of persons with disabilities and other affected parties.

The Randolph-Sheppard Act, enacted in 1936, gives persons who are legally blind training, support and contracting priority to fulfill certain Government food service contracts.

The Wagner-O'Day Act, enacted in 1938, required the Federal Government to make certain commodities purchases from organizations, 75 percent of whose direct laborers were blind. In 1971, Senator Jacob Javits fought to include individuals with other severe disabilities in the law. The amended law—the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act—now requires the Federal Government to purchase over 11,000 commodities from organizations, 75 percent of whose workers have a severe disability.

Javits-Wagner-O'Day and Randolph-Sheppard are the two main Federal employment and training programs for persons with significant disabilities. Congress has paid them little attention, and has not revised them, since their creation.

Beginning in 2003, Randolph-Sheppard and JWOD stakeholders approached Congress to seek our attention and help. Each group complained the other was getting too big a share of lucrative military dining contracts.

In 2003 and 2004, the offices of Senators GREGG, KENNEDY, ENSIGN and DODD tried to informally mediate. Neither the blind vendors nor the JWOD vendors would budge. The dispute intensified in the courts and in Congress, with each side accusing the other of waste, fraud and abuse.

When I assumed the chairmanship of the HELP Committee in 2005, I decided to honor the stakeholders' long-standing request, and investigate their claims. My staff's initial findings were troubling, so I worked with my good friend Senator KENNEDY to hold a bipartisan oversight hearing.

Our hearing, in October 2005, documented several troubling facts. First and foremost, we discovered that the programs had produced bad quantitative results for persons with disabilities. There are about 15 million unemployed persons with disabilities between the ages of 16 and 64. Javits-Wagner-O'Day and Randolph-Sheppard together had created only about 48,000 jobs. Clearly we can—and must—do much better.

Second, the programs had stayed the same while the law, technology, commercial customs and social norms had changed dramatically over the past decades. Since JWOD was enacted, Congress, through the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, IDEA and Rehabilitation Act reauthorizations of 1992 and 1998, had mandated equal access, inclusion, choice, anti-discrimination and control by individuals with disabilities over their own lives. The Supreme Court in its Olmstead decision held that the unnecessary segregation of individuals with disabilities was an impermissible form of discrimination. Corporate good citizens such as Marriott had taken a leadership role in