

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3170. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to modify the conditions for the release of products from the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve Account, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 3171. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain tax-exempt financing of energy transportation infrastructure from the private business use tests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3172. A bill to provide conditions for funds made available for certain projects located in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REED, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. GREGG):

S. Res. 596. A resolution congratulating the Boston Celtics on winning the 2008 National Basketball Association Championships; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 613

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to enhance the overseas stabilization and reconstruction capabilities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) 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. 809

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 809, a bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt qualified public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, *supra*.

S. 1003

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 1311

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1311, a bill to permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing in the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) 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. 2279

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

S. 2504

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) 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. 2510

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2510, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes.

S. 2559

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2559, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to increase the level of earnings under which no individual who is blind is determined to have demonstrated an ability to engage in substantial gainful activity for purposes of determining disability.

S. 2883

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Ten-

nessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2907

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2920

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2920, a bill to reauthorize and improve the financing and entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2932

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) 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. 3038

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) 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. 3130

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3130, a bill to provide energy price relief by authorizing greater resources and authority for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 3133

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3133, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual production incentive fee with respect to Federal onshore and offshore land that is subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas under which production is not occurring, to authorize use of the fee for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, and for other purposes.

S. 3140

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs.

MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3140, a bill to provide that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes.

S. 3144

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. 3144, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay and reform the Medicare competitive acquisition program for purchase of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies.

S.J. RES. 41

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 41, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

S. RES. 440

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 440, a resolution recognizing soil as an essential natural resource, and soils professionals as playing a critical role in managing our Nation's soil resources.

S. RES. 584

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of 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.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 584, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 4979

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4979 intended to be proposed to S. 3001, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3160. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. INOUE. 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. 3160

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 "National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES

Except as otherwise expressly provided therein, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.).

SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Section 202(a) (33 U.S.C. 1121(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking subparagraphs (D) and (E) of paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(D) encourage the development of preparation, forecast, analysis, mitigation, response, and recovery systems for coastal hazards;

"(E) understand global environmental processes and their impacts on ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources; and";

(2) by striking "program of research, education," in paragraph (2) and inserting "program of integrated research, education, extension,"; and

(3) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

"(6) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through the national sea grant college program, offers the most suitable locus and means for such commitment and engagement through the promotion of activities that will result in greater such understanding, assessment, development, management, and conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. The most cost-effective way to promote such activities is through continued and increased Federal support of the establishment, development, and operation of programs and projects by sea grant colleges, sea grant institutes, and other institutions, including strong collaborations between Administration scientists and research and outreach personnel at academic institutions."

(b) PURPOSE.—Section 202(c) (33 U.S.C. 1121(c)) is amended by striking "to promote research, education, training, and advisory service activities" and inserting "to promote integrated research, education, training, and extension services and activities".

(c) TERMINOLOGY.—Subsections (a) and (b) of section 202 (15 U.S.C. 1121(a) and (b)) are amended by striking "utilization," each place it appears and inserting "management,".

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

Section 203 (33 U.S.C. 1122) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4) by striking "utilization," and inserting "management,";

(2) in paragraph (11) by striking "advisory services" and inserting "extension services";

(3) in each of paragraphs (12) and (13) by striking "(33 U.S.C. 1126)"; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

"(17) The term 'regional research and information plan' means a plan developed by one or more sea grant colleges or sea grant institutes that identifies regional priorities."

SEC. 5. NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.

(a) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—Section 204(b) (33 U.S.C. 1123(b)) is amended—

(1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(1) sea grant programs that comprise a national sea grant college program network, including international projects conducted within such programs and regional and national projects conducted among such programs";

(2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

"(2) administration of the national sea grant college program and this title by the national sea grant office and the Administration"; and

(3) by amending paragraph (4) to read as follows:

"(4) any regional or national strategic investments in fields relating to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources developed in consultation with the Board and with the approval of the sea grant colleges and the sea grant institutes."

(b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 204(c)(2) (33 U.S.C. 1123(c)(2)) is amended by striking "Within 6 months of the date of enactment of the National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorization Act of 1998, the" and inserting "The".

(c) FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.—Section 204(d) (33 U.S.C. 1123(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking "long range";

(2) in paragraph (3)(A)—

(A) by striking "(A)(i) evaluate" and inserting "(A) evaluate and assess";

(B) by striking "activities; and" and inserting "activities"; and

(C) by striking clause (ii); and

(3) in paragraph (3)(B)—

(A) by redesignating clauses (ii) through (iv) as clauses (iii) through (v), respectively, and by inserting after clause (i) the following:

"(ii) encourage collaborations among sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes to address regional and national priorities established under subsection (c)(1);"; and

(B) in clause (iii) (as so redesignated) by striking "encourage" and inserting "ensure".

SEC. 6. PROGRAM OR PROJECT GRANTS AND CONTRACTS.

Section 205 (33 U.S.C. 1124) is amended—

(1) by striking "States or regions." in subsection (a)(2) and inserting "States, regions, or the Nation."; and

(2) by striking the matter following paragraph (3) in subsection (b) and inserting the following:

"The total amount that may be provided for grants under this subsection and subsection 208(b) during any fiscal year shall not exceed an amount equal to 5 percent of the total funds appropriated for such year under section 212."

SEC. 7. EXTENSION SERVICES BY SEA GRANT COLLEGES AND SEA GRANT INSTITUTES.

Section 207(a) (33 U.S.C. 1126(a)) is amended in each of paragraphs (2)(B) and (3)(B) by striking "advisory services" and inserting "extension services".