

S. 1070. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-470).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 3247. A bill to improve the provision of disaster assistance for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-471).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3155. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-472).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2969. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain nurses and other critical health-care professionals, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-473).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 540. A resolution recognizing the historical significance of the sloop-of-war USS Constellation as a reminder of the participation of the United States in the transatlantic slave trade and of the efforts of the United States to end the slave trade.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 3136. A bill to encourage the entry of felony warrants into the NCIC database by States and provide additional resources for extradition.

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 Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3514. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote family unity and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 3515. A bill to establish 4 regional institutes as centers of excellence for research, planning, and related efforts to assess and prepare for the impacts of climate change on ocean and coastal areas; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 3516. A bill to permit commercial vehicles at weights up to 129,000 pounds to use certain highways of the Interstate System in the State of Idaho which would provide significant savings in the transportation of goods throughout the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 3517. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to provide parity under group health plans and group health insurance coverage for the provision of benefits for prosthetic devices and components and benefits for other medical and surgical

services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 3518. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the limitations on the deduction of interest by financial institutions which hold tax-exempt bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3519. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3520. A bill to establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 3521. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 95 Dogwood Street in Cary, Mississippi, as the "Spencer Byrd Powers Jr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 3522. A bill to establish a Federal Board of Certification to enhance the transparency, credibility, and stability of financial markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 3523. A bill to provide 8 steps for energy sufficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN):

S. 3524. A bill to improve the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 3525. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the "Star-Spangled Banner", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 3526. A bill to enhance drug trafficking interdiction by creating a Federal felony relating to operating or embarking in a submersible or semi-submersible vessel without nationality and on an international voyage; read the first time.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 3527. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY,

Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BURR, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 665. A resolution designating October 3, 2008, as "National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BYRD, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 666. A resolution recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of the founding of AARP; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. INOUE, Mr. VITTER, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CASEY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 667. A resolution designating September 2008 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. Res. 668. A resolution to commend the American Sail Training Association for its advancement of character building under sail and for its advancement of international goodwill; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 519

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 519, a bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, and for other purposes.

S. 584

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 584, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit and the low-income housing credit.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 826

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 826, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional gold medal to Alice Paul, in recognition of her role in the women's suffrage movement and in advancing equal rights for women.

S. 860

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 860, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1069

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1069, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1235

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to impose appropriate penalties for the assault or murder of a Federal law enforcement officer or Federal judge, for the retaliatory assault or murder of a family member of a Federal law enforcement

officer or Federal judge, and for other purposes.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, a bill to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators.

S. 1810

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) 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. 1895

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1895, a bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education.

S. 1906

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1906, a bill to understand and comprehensively address the oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use.

S. 2059

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) 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. 2320

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2320, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide continued entitlement to coverage for immunosuppressive drugs furnished to beneficiaries under the Medicare Program that have received a kidney transplant and whose entitlement to coverage would otherwise expire, and for other purposes.

S. 2510

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) 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. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2668, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 2794

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2794, a bill to protect older Americans from misleading and fraudulent marketing practices, with the goal of increasing retirement security.

S. 2883

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) 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. 2932

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) 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 Utah (Mr. HATCH) was withdrawn 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.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3038, *supra*.

S. 3046

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3046, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to create a new conditional approval system for drugs, biological products, and devices that is responsive to the needs of seriously ill patients, and for other purposes.

S. 3198

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3198, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to the navigation of submersible or semi-submersible vessels without nationality.

S. 3300

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3300, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for temporary improvements to the Medicare inpatient hospital payment adjustment for low-volume hospitals and to provide for the use of the non-wage adjusted PPS rate under the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program, and for other purposes.

S. 3325

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3325, a bill to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, and for other purposes.

S. 3356

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3356, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

S. 3389

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3389, a bill to require, for the benefit of shareholders, the disclosure of payments to foreign governments for the extraction of natural resources, to allow such shareholders more appropriately to determine associated risks.

S. 3416

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3416, a bill to amend section 40122(a) of title 49, United States Code, to improve the dispute resolution process at the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 3429

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3429, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide for an increased mileage rate for charitable deductions.

S. 3456

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of

S. 3456, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of 5 United States Army Five-Star Generals, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry "Hap" Arnold, and Omar Bradley, alumni of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth Kansas, to coincide with the celebration of the 132nd Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

S. 3468

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3468, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to continue the ability of hospitals to supply a needed workforce of nurses and allied health professionals by preserving funding for hospital operated nursing and allied health education programs.

S. 3484

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3484, a bill to provide for a delay in the phase out of the hospice budget neutrality adjustment factor under title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

S. 3495

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) were added as cosponsors of S. 3495, a bill to protect pregnant women and children from dangerous lead exposures.

S. 3503

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3503, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize increased Federal funding for the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

S. 3507

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3507, a bill to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation.

S. 3511

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3511, a bill to direct the Librarian of Congress and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out a joint project at the Library of Congress and the National Museum of African American History and Culture to collect video and audio recordings of

personal histories and testimonials of individuals who participated in the Civil Rights movement, and for other purposes.

S. 3513

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3513, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise regulations relating to lead-based paint hazards, lead-contaminated dust, and lead-contaminated soil, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 660

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 660, a resolution condemning ongoing sales of arms to belligerents in Sudan, including the Government of Sudan, and calling for both a cessation of such sales and an expansion of the United Nations embargo on arms sales to Sudan.

S. RES. 661

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 661, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Spina Bifida Awareness Month.

S. RES. 662

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 662, a resolution raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and designating the week of October 2, 2008, through October 4, 2008, as "Celebrate Safe Communities" week.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 3516. A bill to permit commercial vehicles at weights up to 129,000 pounds to use certain highways of the Interstate System in the State of Idaho which would provide significant savings in the transportation of goods throughout the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to introduce the Idaho Efficient Vehicle Demonstration Act of 2008. I am pleased that my colleague, Senator CRAPO, is fully supportive and an original cosponsor of this bill, and that an identical bill will be introduced today in the House of Representatives by our colleagues, Representatives MIKE SIMPSON and BILL SALI.

This is a bill that is very important to the State of Idaho. It is a bill that will improve the efficiency of freight movement within the State, provide significant economic benefits to a variety of local natural resource-based industries, and establish a record attesting to the safety of heavier, more efficient vehicles.