

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 3175. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster hazard mitigation program, to make technical corrections to that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-479).

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment to the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 3192. A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to authorize the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, the Coquille Indian Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon to obtain 99-year lease authority for trust land (Rept. No. 110-480).

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 Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 3528. A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 3529. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide assistance to foreign countries to promote food security, to stimulate rural economies, and to improve emergency response to food crises, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3530. A bill to establish the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal for organ donors and the family or organ donors; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3531. A bill to authorize assistance for Afghanistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DODD, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 3532. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to establish the standard mileage rate for use of a passenger automobile for purposes of the charitable contributions deduction and to exclude charitable mileage reimbursements from gross income; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3533. A bill to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 3534. A bill to provide for the expansion of Federal programs to prevent and manage

vision loss, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 3535. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to index certain assets for purposes of determining gain or loss; read the first time.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 3536. A bill to amend section 5402 of title 39, United States Code, to modify the authority relating to United States Postal Service air transportation contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 3537. A bill to establish the World War I Centennial Commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. Res. 669. A resolution recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding Hispanic scientists in the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 670. A resolution designating September 25, 2008, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 671. A resolution congratulating the University of Maryland School of Medicine on its 200th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. Res. 672. A resolution designating September 12, 2008, as "National Day of Encouragement"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 673. A resolution recognizing the importance of workplace wellness as a strategy to help maximize employees' health and well being; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BURR, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 674. A resolution designating September 22, 2008, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BURR, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DEMINT, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BROWNBAC,

Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 675. A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 676. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 677. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in Ramsey, et al. v. Wilson, et al.; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. Con. Res. 100. A concurrent resolution authorizing the last surviving United States veteran of the First World War to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol upon his death; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 368

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 368, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the purpose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to establish

the United States Public Service Academy.

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) 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. 1255

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1255, a bill to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) 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 Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) 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. 1738

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 1782

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1782, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 2263

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2263, a bill to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to establish an initiative to promote the research, development, and demonstration of miner tracking and communications systems and to promote the establishment of standards and other measurement services regarding underground communications to protect miners in the United States.

S. 2851

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2851, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the penalty on the understatement of taxpayer's liability by tax return preparers.

S. 3021

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3021, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to length and weight limitations for buses, trucks, and other large vehicles on Federal highways, and for other purposes.

S. 3246

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3246, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to set the standard mileage rate for use of a passenger automobile for purposes of the charitable contributions deduction.

S. 3308

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3308, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 3344

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3344, a bill to defend against child exploitation and child pornography through improved Internet Crimes Against Children task forces and enhanced tools to block illegal images, and to eliminate the unwarranted release of convicted sex offenders.

S. 3356

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3356, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemora-

tion of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

S. 3367

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3367, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the timeframe for recognition of certain designations in certifying rural health clinics under the Medicare program.

S. 3426

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3426, a bill to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to extend comparability pay adjustments to members of the Foreign Service assigned to posts abroad, and to amend the provision relating to the death gratuity payable to surviving dependents on Foreign Service employees who die as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad.

S. 3429

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3429, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide for an increased mileage rate for charitable deductions.

S. 3446

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3446, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to defer the tax on the gain on the sale of certain telecommunications and media businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 3484

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) 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. 3487

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name and the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3487, a bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

S. 3491

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3491, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the effectiveness of rural health care support under section 254(h) of that Act.

S. 3498

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3498, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line.

S. 3509

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3509, a bill to address the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Iraq and potential security breakdown resulting from the mass displacement of Iraqis inside Iraq and as refugees into neighboring countries.

S. 3521

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of 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".

S. 3526

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. RES. 616

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 616, a resolution reducing maternal mortality both at home and abroad.

S. RES. 660

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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.

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 660, *supra*.

S. RES. 661

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Penn-

sylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 661, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Spina Bifida Awareness Month.

S. RES. 666

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 666, a resolution recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of the founding of AARP.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 3529. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to provide assistance to foreign countries to promote food security, to stimulate rural economies, and to improve emergency response to food crises, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I am pleased today to announce the introduction of the Global Food Security Act of 2008. I would like to thank my friend Senator CASEY for lending his ideas and support to this bipartisan effort. I also thank USAID Administrator Henrietta Fore, who took an early interest in potential legislation. Her leadership is very much appreciated. Finally, I want to thank the members of USAID's informal food security team, who advised us on problems and possible legislative solutions.

As we know, food prices started a steep climb in the fall of 2007 and continued to increase during the spring of this year. The crisis has abated somewhat, largely due to the drop in energy prices. Nonetheless, this episode demonstrated that there are significant structural challenges to attaining global food security. The system is vulnerable to periodic disruptions that both expose and exacerbate deeper problems.

We live in a world where nearly 1 billion people suffer from chronic food insecurity. When droughts occur, hurricanes hit, or other disruptions arise, transitory food insecurity can put as many as 100 million people at a time in grave danger. In fact, the World Food Program reports that 25,000 people die each day from malnutrition-related causes. Health experts advise us that a diverse and secure food supply has major health benefits, including increasing child survival, improving cognitive and physical development of children, and increasing immune system function including resistance to HIV/AIDS.

Food insecurity is a global tragedy, but it is also an opportunity for the U.S. The U.S. is the indisputable world leader in agricultural production and technology. A more focused effort on our part to join with other nations to increase yields, improve food distribu-

tion, and broaden agricultural knowledge could begin a new era in U.S. diplomacy. Such an effort could solidify relationships with nations where, up to now, we have had few positive contacts. It could improve our broader trade relations and serve as a model for similar endeavors in the areas of energy and scientific cooperation. Achieving food security for all people also would have profound implications for peace and U.S. national security. Hungry people are desperate people, and desperation often sows the seeds of conflict and extremism.

The U.S. has always stood for big ideas—from the founding of the Republic on the basis of freedom to President Kennedy's vow to put a man on the moon. One of today's big ideas should be the eradication of hunger. We can bring America's dedication to science, innovation, technology, and education together to lead an effort devoted to overcoming the obstacles to food security.

The Global Food Security Act of 2008, is a 5-year authorization that seeks to provide solutions that will have the greatest effect. First, it creates a Special Coordinator for Global Food Security and puts that person in charge of developing a food security strategy. We call on the development of that strategy to take a whole-of-government approach and to work with other international donors, the NGO community, and the private sector.

Second, the bill authorizes additional resources for agricultural productivity and rural development. U.S. foreign assistance for agriculture has declined by nearly 70 percent since the 1980s. Globally, only four percent of official development assistance from all donors is allocated for agriculture. This amounts to neglect of what should be considered one of the most vital sectors in the alleviation of poverty. Food shortages are likely to recur frequently if the U.S. and the global community fail to invest in agricultural productivity in the developing world.

World leaders must understand that over the long term, satisfying global demand for more and better food can be achieved only by increasing yields per acre. In the 1930s, my father, Marvin Lugar, produced corn yields of approximately 40 to 50 bushels per acre. Today, the Lugar farm yields about 150 bushels per acre on the same land in Marion County, IN. The Green Revolution, from 1965 to 1985, saw the introduction of high yield seeds and improved agricultural techniques that resulted in a near doubling of cereal grain production per acre over 20 years. But yields may have to be doubled or tripled again.

Increasing acreage under production will not satisfy the growth in food demand, and these steps come with serious environmental and national security costs. We need a second green revolution that will benefit developed and developing nations alike.

Recent studies have demonstrated that funds spent in agriculture can be