

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 3556. A bill to improve the administration of the Minerals Management Service; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3557. A bill to encourage savings, promote financial literacy, and expand opportunities for young adults by establishing KIDS Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 3558. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to monitor, restore, and protect the resource productivity, water quality, and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 3559. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure that third party review is available whenever health insurance coverage in the individual market is terminated; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 3560. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide additional funds for the qualifying individual (QI) program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3561. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit against income tax to assist individuals with high residential energy costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 3562. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for the waiver of requirements relating to recertification kits for the conversion of vehicles into vehicles powered by natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 3563. An original bill to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 3564. An original bill to restore the value of every American in environmental decisions, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 3565. An original bill to address the health and economic development impacts of nonattainment of federally mandated air quality standards in the San Joaquin Valley, California, by designating air quality empowerment zones; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3566. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Labor from issuing, administering, or enforcing any rule, regulation, or requirement derived from the proposal submitted to the Office of Management and Budget entitled "Requirements for DOL Agencies' Assessment of Occupational Health Risks" (RIN: 1290-AA23); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3567. A bill to establish a Commission on the conflict between Russia and Georgia, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 3568. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address the use of intrathecal pumps; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3569. A bill to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3570. A bill to establish a National Public Health Coordinating Council to assess the impact of Federal health-related socio-economic and environmental policies across Federal agencies to improve the public's health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3571. A bill to stimulate social policy and community environments to improve health by encouraging policies and programs to improve community health by policy and design, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3572. A bill to provide for disaster assistance for power transmission and distribution facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 679. A resolution commemorating the 219th anniversary of the United States Marshals Service; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 680. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 681. A resolution to allow the part time, volunteer practice of medicine in private medical facilities; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. REID, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LUGAR, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. Res. 682. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the Nation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOND, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 683. A resolution designating the week of October 19 through October 25, 2008, as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 684. A resolution calling for a comprehensive strategy to address the crisis in Darfur, Sudan; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. Con. Res. 102. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that ensuring the availability of adequate housing is an essential component of an effective strategy for the prevention and treatment of HIV and the care of individuals with HIV; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. Con. Res. 103. A concurrent resolution recognizing the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Minority AIDS Initiative; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) 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. 508

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 508, a bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to apply whistleblower protections available to certain executive branch employees to legislative branch employees, and for other purposes.

S. 602

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 602, a bill to develop the next generation of parental control technology.

S. 960

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Montana

(Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 960, a bill to establish the United States Public Service Academy.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1007, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to work with the Government of Brazil and other foreign governments to develop partnerships that will strengthen diplomatic relations and energy security by accelerating the development of biofuels production, research, and infrastructure to alleviate poverty, create jobs, and increase income, while improving energy security and protecting the environment.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to improve domestic fuels security.

S. 1693

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1693, a bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2510

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors 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.

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2510, *supra*.

S. 2641

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2641, a bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the transparency of information on skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities and to clarify and improve the targeting of the enforcement of requirements with respect to such facilities.

S. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) 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. 2770

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2770, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to strengthen the food safety inspection system by imposing stricter penalties for the slaughter of nonambulatory livestock.

S. 2794

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) 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. 2937

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2937, a bill to provide permanent treatment authority for participants in Department of Defense chemical and biological testing conducted by Deseret Test Center and an expanded study of the health impact of Project Shipboard Hazard and Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 3187

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3187, a bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner.

S. 3325

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3325, a bill to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3325, *supra*.

S. 3331

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3331, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require

that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly.

S. 3344

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor 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. 3364

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3364, a bill to increase the recruitment and retention of school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists by low-income local educational agencies.

S. 3380

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3380, a bill to promote increased public transportation use, to promote increased use of alternative fuels in providing public transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 3416

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor 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 name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) 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. 3484

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) 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. 3505

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.

ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3505, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home infusion therapy under the Medicare Program.

S. 3507

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor 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 Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) 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. 3538

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3538, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to suspend a prohibition on payments to certain farms with limited base acres for the 2008 and 2009 crop years, to extend the signup for direct payments and counter-cyclical payments for the 2008 crop year, and for other purposes.

S. 3547

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3547, a bill to establish in the Federal Bureau of Investigation the Nationwide Mortgage Fraud Coordinator to address mortgage fraud in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 662

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) 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.

S. RES. 664

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 664, a resolution celebrating the centennial of Union Station in Washington, District of Columbia.

S. RES. 665

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 665, a resolution designating October 3, 2008, as "National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day".

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 665, *supra*.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3552. A bill to conserve the United States fish and aquatic communities through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation and improve the quality of life for the people of the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise to speak about the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act, which I am introducing today along with my colleagues Senators BOND and VOINOVICH. This legislation would establish the most comprehensive effort ever attempted to treat the causes of fish habitat decline.

Healthy waterways and robust fish populations are vital to the well-being of our society. They provide clean water and sustainable fisheries. They also provide recreational value to those who fish wild waters or canoe tranquil streams. Unfortunately, today 40 percent of our fish populations are in decline and half of our waters are impaired. Unless we act in an informed and coordinated fashion, fish habitats will continue to be lost.

Our Nation's current efforts to address threats to fish species are often highly fragmented and not comprehensive enough to reverse this downward trend. Under the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act, Federal Government agencies, state and local governments, conservation groups, fishing industry groups, and businesses will work together collectively for the first time to conserve and protect aquatic habitats.

This legislation leverages Federal, State and private funds to build regional partnerships aimed at addressing the nation's biggest fisheries problems. By directing critical new resources towards the nation's fish and aquatic communities through these partnerships, we can foster fish habitat conservation efforts and improve the quality of life for the American people. Using a bottom-up approach, the goal of this effort is to foster landscape scale, multi-state aquatic habitat improvements across the country that perpetuate not only fishery resources but the tradition of recreational fishing.

The National Fish Habitat Conservation Act authorizes \$75 million annually to be directed toward fish habitat projects that are supported by regional Fish Habitat Partnerships. Based on the hugely successful North American Wetlands Conservation Act model, this legislation establishes a multi-stakeholder National Fish Habitat Board charged with recommending projects to

the Secretary of Interior for funding. Regional Fish Habitat Partnerships are responsible for implementing approved on-the-ground projects that are designed to protect, restore and enhance fish habitats and fish populations.

The National Fish Habitat Conservation Act lays the foundation for a new paradigm of how fish habitats should be protected and preserved. This bill will bring together all of the different groups that have a stake in the health and productivity of our nation's fish habitats and I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this important legislation.

Mr. BOND. Madam President, today, along with my colleagues Senators LIEBERMAN and VOINOVICH, I am introducing the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act. This legislation will enable us to stop the causes of fish habitat decline throughout the Nation.

Preventing the decline of fish species and their habitat will require everyone working together. Under the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act, Federal Government agencies, State and local governments, conservation groups, fishing industry groups, and businesses will all work together to preserve our aquatic habitats.

Together, they will improve waterways vital to securing a robust fish population. The well-being of our water resources is essential not only for healthy fish but also those who boat through beautiful streams and fish in wild waters for recreational entertainment. This, however, may not be an option if we do not take action now. As of today, 40 percent of the fish population is in decline and half of our waters have become weakened and polluted.

The National Fish Habitat Conservation Act will authorize \$75 million every year to fund local fish habitat projects supported by regional Fish Habitat Partnerships. This bill creates a multistakeholder National Fish Habitat Board that will recommend projects to the Secretary of the Interior for funding. This idea draws from the already successful North American Wetlands Conservation Act model, which has benefited wetlands in America, Canada, and Mexico. The Regional Fish Partnerships will also be called on to execute approved on-the-ground projects designed to ensure the improvement of the fish population and habitat.

By using a bottom-up approach, we will engage those who most directly impact the health of local waterways and fish populations. These partnerships are imperative to our efforts in conserving the fish species and our goal of improving the quality of life for the American people.

I am thankful to Senator LIEBERMAN for his work on this bipartisan effort and encourage all of my colleagues to join our efforts to protect fish and fish habitat.

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