

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Kurt A. Sebastian and ending with Glenn M. Sulmasy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2008.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with John J. Arenstam and ending with John D. Wood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2008.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Lara A. Anderson and ending with Christopher H. Zorman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 15, 2008.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Robert P. Branc and ending with Hekmat D. Tamimie, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 16, 2008.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. REID (for himself and Mr. BYRD):

S. 3604. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for economic recovery for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; read twice; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. HATCH)):

S. 3605. A bill to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks; considered and passed.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3606. A bill to extend the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 3607. A bill to reauthorize the memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 3608. A bill to establish a Salmon Stronghold Partnership program to protect wild Pacific salmon and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3609. A bill to amend the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 to define environmental intervention blood lead level, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3610. A bill to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 3611. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of rehabilitation services and case management and targeted case management services under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3612. A bill to protect citizens and legal residents of the United States from unreasonable searches and seizures of electronic equipment at the border, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 3613. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide certain high cost Medicare beneficiaries suffering from multiple chronic conditions with access to Independence at home services in lower cost treatment settings, such as their residences, under a plan of care developed by an Independence at Home physician or Independence at Home nurse practitioner; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 3614. A bill to require semiannual indexing of mandatory Federal food assistance programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3615. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of church pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3616. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for the licensing of Internet skill game facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 3617. An original bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3618. A bill to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3619. A bill to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 3620. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to enable States to carry out quality initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 3621. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize extended benefits for certain autistic dependents of certain retirees; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 3622. A bill to establish a grant program to promote the conservation of the Great Lakes and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3623. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal years 2008 and 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER:

S. 3624. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require States and metropolitan planning organizations to develop transportation greenhouse gas reduction plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 3625. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 245 North Main Street in New City, New York, as the "Kenneth Peter Zebrowski Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 3626. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access to health care through expanded health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 3627. A bill to improve the calculation of, the reporting of, and the accountability for, secondary school graduation rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 3628. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodations in employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3629. A bill to create a new Consumer Credit Safety Commission, to provide individual consumers of credit with better information and stronger protections, and to provide sellers of consumer credit with more regulatory certainty; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3630. A bill to authorize a comprehensive program of nationwide access to Federal remote sensing data, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3631. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a State plan option under Medicaid to provide an all-inclusive program of care for children who are medically fragile or have one or more chronic conditions that impede their ability to function; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3632. A bill to combat predatory lending practices and to provide access to capital to those living in low-income and traditionally underserved communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3633. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require country of origin labeling on prescription and over-the-counter drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3634. A bill to reduce gun trafficking by prohibiting bulk purchases of handguns; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3635. A bill to authorize a loan forgiveness program for students of institutions of

higher education who volunteer to serve as mentors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3636. A bill to amend title II of the Public Health Service Act to provide for an improved method to measure poverty so as to enable a better assessment of the effects of programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3637. A bill to provide for an annual comprehensive report on the status of United States efforts and the level of progress achieved to counter and defeat Al Qaeda and its related affiliates and undermine long-term support for the violent extremism that helps sustain Al Qaeda's recruitment efforts, as carried out under a broad counterterrorism strategy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 3638. A bill to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 3639. An original bill to protect pregnant women and children from dangerous lead exposures; from the Committee on Environment and Public Works; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3640. A bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons who have been released from incarceration; 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. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 686. A resolution to authorize the production of records; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 687. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in *People of the State of Michigan v. Sereal Leonard Gravlin*; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 688. A resolution to authorize testimony in *United States v. Max Obuszewski*, et al; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. Res. 689. A resolution to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the *Senate Rules and Manual*; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BURR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Con. Res. 104. A concurrent resolution supporting "Lights On Afterschool!", a national celebration of after school programs; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.

AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 459

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 826

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) 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. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) 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. 988

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) 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. 1589

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1589, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to reduce the costs of prescription drugs for enrollees of Medicaid managed care organizations by extending the discounts offered under fee-for-service Medicaid to such organizations.

S. 1627

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand the benefits for businesses operating in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) 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. 2102

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2102, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for Medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 2162

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2162, a bill to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 2593

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2593, a bill to establish a program at the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to carry out collaborative ecological restoration treatments for priority forest landscapes on public land, and for other purposes.

S. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) 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.

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2668, *supra*.