

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1739. A bill to promote freedom of the press around the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1740. A bill to promote the economic security and safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1741. A bill to authorize States or political subdivisions thereof to regulate fuel economy and emissions standards for taxicabs; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1742. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide assistance for graduate medical education funding for women's hospitals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1743. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the rehabilitation credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1744. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe regulations to ensure that all crew-members on air carriers have proper qualifications and experience, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 1745. A bill to expand whistleblower protections to non-Federal employees whose disclosures involve misuse of Federal funds; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 1746. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exempt small pharmacies from certain Medicare accreditation requirements for the purpose of providing diabetic testing strips under part B; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1747. A bill for the relief of Javier Lopez-Urenda and Maria Leticia Arenas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1748. A bill to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires (except during time of war and subject to suspension by Congress) that the total amount of money expended by the United States during any fiscal year not exceed the amount of certain revenue received by the United States during such fiscal year and not exceed 20 percent of the gross national product of the United States during the previous calendar year; 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. WEBB:

S. Res. 297. A resolution to recognize the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a unique

and precious ecosystem; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. INOUYE, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 298. A resolution recognizing Filipino American History Month in October 2009; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. Res. 299. A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Infant Mortality Awareness Month 2009; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DODD, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 300. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Fire Prevention Week and the work of firefighters in educating and protecting the communities of this Nation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. SHELBY):

S. Con. Res. 42. A concurrent resolution providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 43. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 254

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 254, 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. 456

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop guidelines to be used on a voluntary basis to develop plans to manage the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools and early childhood education programs, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 493

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of ABLE accounts for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 524

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 524, a bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Mississippi

(Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 604, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited by the Comptroller General of the United States and the manner in which such audits are reported, and for other purposes.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 850, a bill to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks.

S. 870

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 870, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the credit for renewable electricity production to include electricity produced from biomass for on-site use and to modify the credit period for certain facilities producing electricity from open-loop biomass.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

S. 991

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 991, a bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of

their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to encourage energy efficiency and conservation and development of renewable energy sources for housing, commercial structures, and other buildings, and to create sustainable communities.

S. 1532

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1532, a bill to establish partnerships to create or enhance educational and skills development pathways to 21st century careers, and for other purposes.

S. 1652

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1652, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1683

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1683, a bill to apply recaptured taxpayer investments toward reducing the national debt.

S. 1692

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1692, a bill to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters, and for other purposes.

S. 1709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to establish a grant program to promote efforts to develop, implement, and sustain veterinary services, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 263

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana

(Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 263, a resolution designating October 2009 as “National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month”.

S. RES. 295

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 295, a resolution designating October 13, 2009, as “National Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day”.

S. RES. 296

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 296, a resolution designating October 2009 as “National Work and Family Month”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2555

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2555 proposed to H.R. 3326, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2560

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2560 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3326, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2561

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2561 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3326, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2562

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2562 proposed to H.R. 3326, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2582

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2582 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3326, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1737. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act

and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to increase the number of children eligible for free school meals, with a phased-in transition period; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, in a country as wealthy as ours, it is shameful to let any child go hungry. That is why today, Senator MURKOWSKI and I are introducing the Expand School Meals Act. By eliminating the reduced price meals category and replacing it with the free meal program, this legislation will ensure that low-income children are not denied nutritious food during the school day if their family can't afford to pay for it.

It is important to remember that this will improve student readiness for school. Parents have long known, and recent studies confirm, that children cannot learn on empty stomachs. Hungry children perform worse on achievement tests, have trouble concentrating, and are more likely to act out in school. Securing access to healthy foods for low-income children is therefore not only a means of reducing child hunger, but also an important strategy for narrowing the achievement gap.

There are 3.1 million low-income children across the Nation, and 54,000 children in Minnesota are eligible for reduced-price school meals. This means that the families of these children pay for part of their children's school meals. Currently, these families must pay 40 cents for each lunch and 30 cents for each breakfast their children eat at school. While this may not sound like a lot of money to members of Congress, to a family that is barely scraping by, especially in today's economy, the cost can be prohibitive.

In this tough economy, a growing number of these families simply can no longer afford to pay. Low-income children in Minnesota and across the country are increasingly being turned away from school lunch counters because they don't have enough money in their meal accounts. In some districts, children in the reduced price meal program are humiliated when they are forced to pay small fees in front of their peers, or when they are handed cheese sandwiches instead of regular meals on the days they cannot afford to pay. It then becomes abundantly clear to all of their peers in the lunchroom that they are in the reduced price program. Teachers in Minnesota and elsewhere have reported that many children choose to avoid this stigma by just skipping meals.

The indecency of turning away children from the school lunch counter becomes all too evident when one hears the stories of the food service workers and teachers who have to confront these children directly. In the Roseville, Minnesota, school district, for example, schools recently reported that parents with health problems showed up at the district office unable to pay for reduced-price lunch. The families,