

S. 1774. A bill for the relief of Hotaru Nakama Ferschke; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1775. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide that interest shall not accrue on Federal Direct Loans for members of the Armed Forces on active duty regardless of the date of disbursement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1776. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the update under the Medicare physician fee schedule for years beginning with 2010 and to sunset the application of the sustainable growth rate formula, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 1777. A bill to facilitate the remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BOND):

S. Res. 311. A resolution encouraging the United States Trade Representative to pursue a free trade agreement between the United States and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BOND):

S. Res. 312. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on empowering and strengthening the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 313. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week, 2009; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 640

At the request of Mr. LEMIEUX, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 640, a bill to provide Congress a second look at wasteful spending by establishing enhanced rescission authority under fast-track procedures.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 659, a bill to improve the teaching and learning of American history and civics.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include service after September 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay.

S. 870

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) 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 names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors 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. 994

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase awareness of the risks of breast cancer in young women and provide support for young women diagnosed with breast cancer.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, 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. 1019

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids.

S. 1065

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, supra.

S. 1121

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to amend part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the repair, renovation, and construction of elementary and secondary schools, including early learning facilities at the elementary schools.

S. 1326

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1326, a bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 to clarify the low-income housing credits that are eligible for the low-income housing grant election, and for other purposes.

S. 1340

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1340, a bill to establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund.

S. 1341

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1341, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on certain proceeds received on SILO and LILO transactions.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to improve and expand the Peace Corps for the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 1389

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1389, a bill to clarify

the exemption for certain annuity contracts and insurance policies from Federal regulation under the Securities Act of 1933.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to grant family of members of the uniformed services temporary annual leave during the deployment of such members.

S. 1472

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1472, a bill to establish a section within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice to enforce human rights laws, to make technical and conforming amendments to criminal and immigration laws pertaining to human rights violations, and for other purposes.

S. 1492

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 1535

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1535, a bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to establish additional prohibitions on shooting wildlife from aircraft, and for other purposes.

S. 1536

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1536, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to reduce the amount of Federal highway funding available to States that do not enact a law prohibiting an individual from writing, sending, or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle.

S. 1553

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1553, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Future Farmers of America Organization and the 85th anniversary of the founding of the National Future Farmers of America Organization.

S. 1583

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1583, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit through 2014, and for other purposes.

S. 1652

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. DODD) 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. 1657

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1657, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the exception from the 10 percent penalty for early withdrawals from government plans for qualified public safety employees.

S. 1659

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1659, a bill to enhance penalties for violations of securities protections that involve targeting seniors.

S. 1681

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1681, a bill to ensure that health insurance issuers and medical malpractice insurance issuers cannot engage in price fixing, bid rigging, or market allocations to the detriment of competition and consumers.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to require certain issuers to disclose payments to foreign governments for the commercial development of oil, natural gas, and minerals, to express the sense of Congress that the President should disclose any payment relating to the commercial development of oil, natural gas, and minerals on Federal land, and for other purposes.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to promote freedom of the press around the world.

S. 1749

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1749, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession or use of cell phones and similar wireless devices by Federal prisoners.

S. RES. 295

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 295, a resolution designating October 13, 2009, as "National Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 2644

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2644 proposed to H.R. 2847, a bill making appropriations

for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2668

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2668 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3548, a bill to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the temporary availability of certain additional emergency unemployment compensation, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2670

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2670 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2847, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1773. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of comprehensive cancer care planning under the Medicare Program and to improve the care furnished to individuals diagnosed with cancer by establishing a Medicare hospice care demonstration program and grant programs for cancer palliative care and symptom management programs, provider education, and related research; to the Committee on Finance.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, it is my pleasure today to introduce the Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act, a bill to improve cancer care quality by encouraging the development of written plans for cancer care. The U.S. has a system of cancer care that is the envy of all nations for its technical superiority and the sophistication of treatment offered to many patients. Unfortunately, not all Americans receive the best care the Nation has to offer.

The Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act would take a step towards ensuring that all Americans have access to cancer care of the highest quality. The bill would authorize a Medicare service for cancer care planning and encourage the adoption of care planning as a routine practice in all cancer care settings. The Institute of Medicine, IOM, has identified as critical to high-quality cancer care the development of plans of care at the beginning of cancer treatment and at the transition to survivorship. Moreover, the debate on health care reform has highlighted care coordination to improve efficiency and reduce unnecessary utilization of health care resources. Care planning facilitates the coordination of cancer care.

The need for this legislation was first brought to my attention in dramatic