

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 701. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access of Medicare beneficiaries to intravenous immune globulins (IVIG); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 702. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow long-term care insurance to be offered under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements and to provide additional consumer protections for long-term care insurance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 703. A bill to provide for health care for every American and to control the cost and enhance the quality of the health care system; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 704. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KAUFMAN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 705. A bill to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 706. A bill to increase housing, awareness, and navigation demonstration services (HANDS) for individuals with autism spectrum disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 707. A bill to enhance the Federal Telework Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 708. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians, to provide a process for the reorganization of a Native Hawaiian government and the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 709. A bill to better provide for compensation for certain persons injured in the course of employment at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in California; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 710. A bill to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relating to gift certificates, store gift cards, and other general-use prepaid cards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 711. A bill to require mental health screenings for members of the Armed Forces who are deployed in connection with a contingency operation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 85. A resolution congratulating the Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears for winning the 2009 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Men's Basketball National Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 277

At the request of Mr. KAUFMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, *supra*.

S. 355

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 355, a bill to enhance the capacity of the United States to undertake global development activities, and for other purposes.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 475, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

S. 476

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 476, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the minimum distance of travel necessary for reimbursement of covered beneficiaries of the military health care system for travel for specialty health care.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 493

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) 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. 511

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 511, a bill to amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an exemption of pharmacies and pharmacists from certain Medicare accreditation requirements in the same manner as such exemption applies to certain professionals.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the issuance of permits under title V of that Act for certain emissions from agricultural production.

S. 546

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 546, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 547

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 547, 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. 614

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 614, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP").

S. 622

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 622, a bill to ensure parity between the temporary duty imposed on ethanol and tax credits provided on ethanol.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) 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. 661

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 661, a bill to strengthen American manufacturing through improved industrial energy efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 663, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund 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.

S. 671

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 676

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 676, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the tax rate for excise tax on investment income of private foundations.

AMENDMENT NO. 688

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 688 proposed to H.R. 1388, a bill to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

AMENDMENT NO. 691

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 691 proposed to H.R. 1388, a bill to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

AMENDMENT NO. 692

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 692 proposed to H.R. 1388, a bill to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. NELSON, of Florida):

S. 690. A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act with the support of my colleagues, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. NELSON. This bill supports habitat protection, education, research, monitoring, and capacity building to provide for the long-term protection of neotropical migratory birds. It does this by providing grants to countries in Latin America and the Caribbean for the conservation of these birds, through a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service competitive matching grants program. Up to one-quarter of the annual grants can also be used for projects in the United States. Projects include activities that benefit bird populations, such as habitat restoration, research and monitoring, law enforcement, and outreach and education.

Neotropical migratory birds breed in Canada and the U.S. during our summer and spend our winters in Latin America and the Caribbean. There are nearly 500 species of these birds, and they face a range of threats, including development pressures, invasive species, climate change, and avian diseases. Protecting these birds requires international cooperation.

The NMBCA program has a proven track record of reversing habitat loss and advancing conservation strategies for the broad range of neotropical birds that populate the United States and the rest of the Western hemisphere. The public-private partnerships and international collaboration provided by this program are integral to preserving vulnerable bird populations. Just as importantly, this Federal program is a good value for taxpayers, leveraging over four dollars in partner contributions for every one that we spend.

Migratory birds are not only beautiful creatures eagerly welcomed by millions of Americans into their backyards every year; they help generate \$2.7 billion annually for the U.S. economy through wildlife watching activities, and they help our farmers by consuming billions of harmful insect pests. Bird watchers include over 48 million Americans, 20 million of whom take annual trips to watch birds. In 2006, 20 million American wildlife watchers spent \$12.8 billion on trip-related expenditures. Americans spend \$3.3 billion each year on bird food. 16 million Americans spend \$790 million each year on bird houses, nest boxes, feeders, and baths.

The Baltimore Oriole, the state bird of my state of Maryland, migrates in flocks to southern Mexico, Central America, and northern South America. The Oriole has recently been threatened by destruction of breeding habitat and tropical winter habitat, and by toxic pesticides ingested by the insects

which constitute the Oriole's main diet. This legislation will help ensure that the broad range of migratory birds, from the Cerulean Warbler to the Baltimore Oriole, will have the healthy habitat they need on both ends of their annual migration routes so they can continue to play their vital biological, recreational, and economic roles.

Congress passed the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act of 2000 and it became public law 106-527. It authorized an annual \$5 million for each of the fiscal years 2001 through 2005. Since 2002, the U.S. has invested more than \$25 million in 262 projects in 44 U.S. states, Canada, and 33 Latin American and Caribbean countries, and leveraged an additional \$112 million in partner funds to support these projects. The reauthorization legislation would authorize \$8 million for fiscal year 2010, gradually escalating to \$20 million for fiscal year 2015, in order to meet expanding funding needs.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 690

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT.

Section 10 of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6109) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act, to remain available until expended—

- “(1) \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;
- “(2) \$11,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;
- “(3) \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;
- “(4) \$16,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;
- “(5) \$18,000,000 for fiscal year 2014; and
- “(6) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2015.

“(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a) for each fiscal year, not less than 75 percent shall be expended for projects carried out at a location outside of the United States.”.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. 691. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southern Colorado region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I am proud to join today with my colleague and fellow Coloradan Senator MICHAEL BENNET in introducing legislation to create a national veterans' cemetery in El Paso County, CO, and provide a respectful final resting place that our Colorado veterans so deserve.

In a few months, we will honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defending our Nation, as we celebrate Memorial Day weekend. On that weekend, friends and family members of our departed veterans will go to Veterans Affairs, VA, cemeteries throughout the