

member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-23. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to electronic medical and health records; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8003

Whereas, expanded health information technology has the potential to revolutionize the delivery of health care in the United States by enabling continuity of care, improving cost efficiency, lowering rates of medical malpractice, decreasing duplicative care, providing better care management for patients, and producing better health outcomes; and

Whereas, major investments in the hardware and software infrastructure required to facilitate the expansion of health information technology are being made now by health care providers; and

Whereas, the health information systems currently being constructed are often incapable of communicating with each other; and

Whereas, the costs to providers of maintaining incompatible systems in the name of proprietary licensing will grow exponentially with every delay in reaching a universal standard of interoperability; and

Whereas, the benefit from health information technology is only derived from the ability of systems to communicate with each other on a fully compatible platform; and

Whereas, a national public-private partnership has recently commenced with leadership from the United States department of health and human services to define standards of interoperability with the goal of implementing electronic health records for all Americans by the year 2014;

Now, therefore, your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress institute a date certain, no later than January 1, 2013, at which time all vendors, suppliers, and manufacturers of health information technology must comply with a uniform national standard of interoperability, such that all electronic medical and health records can be readily shared and accessed across all health care providers and institutions while at the same time preserving the proprietary nature of health information technology producers that will encourage future innovation and competition: Be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Governor of the State of Washington, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of Washington.

POM-24. A joint memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Washington relative to the issuance of a commemorative stamp by the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4005

Whereas, the Nisei veterans of the Second World War provided the avenue for Japanese-Americans to prove their loyalty to the United States by serving as the ultimate patriots in the Armed Forces; and

Whereas, these veterans served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the 100th Infantry Battalion, and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS); and

Whereas, the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the United States Army were comprised of Japanese-Americans who fought in Europe during the Second World War; and

Whereas, the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team were mem-

bers of the most highly decorated military unit of its size in the history of the United States Armed Forces, with twenty-one Medal of Honor recipients, numerous Purple Hearts, and many other awards; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of lives were saved because the MIS used their knowledge of Japanese language and culture to help the Allies end the Second World War quickly in the Pacific; and

Whereas, the Nisei veterans' proud American legacy continues, however many Nisei veterans have passed away and those still alive are now in their eighties and nineties; and

Whereas, these Nisei veterans should be publicly commemorated:

Now, therefore, your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United States Postal Service issue a postage stamp in commemoration of the Nisei veterans' service in the United States Armed Forces during the Second World War: Be it

Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be immediately transmitted to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each Member of Congress from the State of Washington.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 663. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building".

H.R. 918. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building".

H.R. 1284. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office".

H.R. 1595. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building".

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Lawrence E. Strickling, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

*Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

*John D. Porcari, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

*J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

*Aneesh Chopra, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations beginning with Mark H. Pickett and ending with Ryan A. Wartick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 14, 2009.

*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations beginning with Heather L. Moe and ending with Marina O. Kosenko, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 14, 2009.

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Judith A. McHale, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

*Robert Orris Blake, Jr., of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

By Mr. DODD for Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Seth David Harris, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

*Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

*Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2012.

*John Q. Easton, of Illinois, to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education for a term of six years.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Marisa J. Demeo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

*David Heyman, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

*Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census.

*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.

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. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1081. A bill to prohibit the release of enemy combatants into the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1082. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to

defer recognition of reinvested capital gains distributions from regulated investment companies; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1083. A bill to require that, in the questionnaires used in the taking of any decennial census of population, a checkbox or other similar option be included so that respondents may indicate Caribbean extraction or descent; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1084. A bill to require that, in the questionnaires used in the taking of any decennial census of population, a checkbox or other similar option be included so that respondents may indicate Dominican extraction or descent; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1085. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote family unity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1086. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1087. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal certain tax incentives related to oil and gas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1088. A bill to authorize certain construction in coastal high hazard areas using assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BOND, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. McCASKILL, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1089. A bill to facilitate the export of United States agricultural commodities and products to Cuba as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba, to remove impediments to the export to Cuba of medical devices and medicines, to allow travel to Cuba by United States citizens and legal residents, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1090. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credit parity for electricity produced from renewable resources; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1091. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an energy investment credit for energy storage property connected to the grid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1092. A bill to establish a program to provide loans for use in carrying out residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation energy efficiency and renewable generation projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1093. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives

for increasing motor vehicle fuel efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1094. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an energy carrier production tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1095. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to convert the renewable fuel standard into a low-carbon fuel standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1096. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an EnergyGrant Competitive Education Program to competitively award grants to consortia of institutions of higher education in regions to conduct research, extension, and education programs relating to the energy needs of the region; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1097. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, to establish a program to provide for workforce training and education, at community colleges, in sustainable energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1098. A bill to establish EnergySmart transport corridors to promote the planning and development of measures that will increase the energy efficiency of the Interstate System and reduce the emission of greenhouse gases and other environmental pollutants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1099. A bill to provide comprehensive solutions for the health care system of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. McCAIN):

S. 1100. A bill to provide that certain photographic records relating to the treatment of any individual engaged, captured, or detained after September 11, 2001, by the Armed Forces of the United States in operations outside the United States shall not be subject to disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1101. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a Food Protection Training Institute, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 1102. A bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BOND, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1103. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to establish standards for the distribution of voter registration application forms and to require organizations to register with the State prior to the distribution of such forms; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. INOUYE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. KAUFMAN):

S. 1104. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Investment program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. 1105. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. BURRIS):

S. 1106. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the provision of medical and dental readiness services to certain members of the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve based on medical need, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1107. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a limited 6-month period for Federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors' Annuities System and begin contributing toward an annuity for their spouse and dependent children upon their death, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1108. A bill to require application of budget neutrality on a national basis in the calculation of the Medicare hospital wage index floor for each all-urban and rural State; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1109. A bill to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes or the benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1110. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to create a sensible infrastructure for delivery system reform by renaming the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, making the Commission an executive branch agency, and providing the Commission new resources and authority to implement Medicare payment policy; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1111. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to enter into agreements with States to resolve outstanding claims for reimbursement under the Medicare program relating to the Special Disability Workload project; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1112. A bill to make effective the proposed rule of the Food and Drug Administration relating to sunscreen drug products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1113. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish and maintain a national clearinghouse for records related to alcohol and controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle operators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1114. A bill to establish a demonstration project to provide for patient-centered medical homes to improve the effectiveness and

efficiency in providing medical assistance under the Medicaid program and child health assistance under the State Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 46

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 46, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 292, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

S. 566

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 566, a bill to create a Financial Product Safety Commission, to provide consumers with stronger protections and better information in connection with consumer financial products, and to give providers of consumer financial products more regulatory certainty.

S. 581

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 581, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to require the exclusion of combat pay from income for purposes of determining eligibility for child nutrition programs and the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.

S. 597

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 597, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those

serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 607, a bill to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve standards for physical education.

S. 688

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 688, 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. 693

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 693, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants for the training of graduate medical residents in preventive medicine.

S. 717

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 717, a bill to modernize cancer research, increase access to preventative cancer services, provide cancer treatment and survivorship initiatives, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 717, *supra*.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 730, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered

through institutions of higher education.

S. 796

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, and for other purposes.

S. 801

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 801, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to provide for enhanced treatment, support, services, and research for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

S. 823

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 823, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a 5-year carryback of operating losses, and for other purposes.

S. 844

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 844, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prevent and treat diabetes, to promote and improve the care of individuals with diabetes, and to reduce health disparities relating to diabetes within racial and ethnic minority groups, including African-American, Hispanic American, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and American Indian and Alaskan Native communities.

S. 891

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 891, a bill to require annual disclosure to the Securities and Exchange Commission of activities involving columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, and wolframite from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and for other purposes.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran.