

law, a report relative to provisions of Section 7072 of the Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009, as they relate to restrictions on assistance to the central government of Serbia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1783. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 "Joint Communiqué" and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 "Joint Statement"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1784. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Suspending Prohibitions on Certain Sales and Leases Under the Anti-Economic Discrimination Act of 1994 with regards to Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1785. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2009-0068—2009-0073); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1786. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Lacosamide into Schedule V" (Docket Number DEA-325) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 3, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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:

S. 1166. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate part or all of any income tax refund to support reservists and National Guard members; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1167. A bill to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1168. A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1169. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of autism under TRICARE; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1170. A bill to improve aviation safety in Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Com-

mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1171. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore State authority to waive the 35-mile rule for designating critical access hospitals under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1172. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program to facilitate the production of clean, renewable energy from municipal solid waste, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 1173. A bill to establish a demonstration project to train unemployed workers for employment as health care professionals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1174. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Social Security Act to increase the number of primary care physicians and primary care providers and to improve patient access to primary care services, and for other services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1175. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to authorize the Secretary of Energy to make loans to electric utilities to carry out projects to comply with any Federal renewable electricity standard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1176. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote and improve the allied health professionals; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1177. A bill to improve consumer protections for purchasers of long-term care insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1178. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KYL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. VITTER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. WEBB):

S. Res. 167. A bill commending the people who have sacrificed their personal freedoms to bring about democratic change in the People's Republic of China and expressing sympathy for the families of the people who were killed, wounded, or imprisoned, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre in Beijing, China from June 3 through 4, 1989; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors 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. 461

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 461, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) 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. 535

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 546

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors 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. 565

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 565, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide continued entitlement to coverage for immunosuppressive drugs furnished to beneficiaries under the Medicare Program that have received a kidney transplant and whose entitlement to coverage would otherwise expire, and for other purposes.

S. 581

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) 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. 614

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

S. 645

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to modify the Department of Defense share of expenses under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors 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. 718

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to amend the Legal Services Corporation Act to meet special needs of eligible clients, provide for technology grants, improve corporate practices of the Legal Services Corporation, and for other purposes.

S. 769

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Montana

(Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to, and increase utilization of, bone mass measurement benefits under the Medicare part B program.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 812, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, *supra*.

S. 823

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor 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. 832

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 832, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.

S. 837

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 837, a bill to require that North Korea be listed as a state sponsor of terrorism, to ensure that human rights is a prominent issue in negotiations between the United States and North Korea, and for other purposes.

S. 891

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) 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. 934

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 934, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren and protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs by updating the national school nutrition standards for foods and beverages sold outside of school meals to conform to current nutrition science.

S. 950

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1023, a bill to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

S. 1026

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1026, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve procedures for the collection and delivery of marked absentee ballots of absent overseas uniformed service voters, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1048, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the food labeling requirements of the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990 to enable customers to make informed choices about the nutritional content of standard menu items in large chain restaurants.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for enhanced State and local oversight of activities conducted under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1066

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1066, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1067

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 1067, a bill to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1076

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1076, a bill to improve the accuracy of fur product labeling, and for other purposes.

S. 1103

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1113

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1121

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) 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. 1147

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1147, a bill to prevent tobacco smuggling, to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES) were added as cosponsors of S. 1148, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify a provision relating to the renewable fuel program.

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution

supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 71

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 71, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority in Iran and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. RES. 142

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 142, a resolution designating July 25, 2009, as "National Day of the American Cowboy".

AMENDMENT NO. 1229

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1229 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees' Retirement System, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1229 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1256, supra.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REID:

S. 1166. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate part or all of any income tax refund to support reservists and National Guard members; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to help reduce the financial burden placed on our Reserve and National Guard troops and their families. More than a quarter of a million have deployed in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we must make it a priority to honor their service at home.

Nevada alone has more than three thousand Guards men and women, and a thousand Reservists—many of whom work full-time jobs when they are not on active duty. Since September 11th, our National Guard and Reserve Troops have significantly increased their deployments beyond what had been forecasted, advertised or expected. They have continued their engagements around the globe while still responding to historic callouts in support of disaster relief.

In our Democracy, we enjoy the luxury of an all-volunteer military force.

Yet in volunteering, many of our Citizen-Soldiers are financially penalized for their service. Far too frequently, when a Service Member is mobilized in service to their state or our nation, they suffer a financial burden in the reduced pay received while mobilized. A National Guard medic might earn much less while he or she is deployed in Afghanistan than they did working a full-time job in a Nevada hospital. This legislation gives American taxpayers the option of contributing money to help our military families to make up for wages lost during a deployment.

The bill I am introducing today allows Americans to designate all or a portion of their income tax refunds to the Reserve Income Replacement Program. The Program is a compensation that must be paid to all eligible Service Members when they incur a loss in monthly income as a result of a mobilization. The funds that volunteers donate will be transferred from the Treasury Department to this program, which was developed specifically to provide payments to eligible members of the National Guard and Reserve who are involuntarily serving on active-duty and who are experiencing a monthly active-duty income differential of more than \$50. In 2007, the IRS issued 106 million refunds that totaled \$246 billion with the average refund coming in at \$2,342. Even a small percentage of this amount could make a significant difference in the lives of these reservist and National Guard families.

The financial stress of deployments during a recession has placed enormous pressures on our National Guard and Reserve Service Members and their families. Many of these members are returning from war only to find their businesses facing extreme difficulty. This bill would not only assist the Guard with monetary resources, but it would also rightfully focus more attention on the financial struggles that our brave and dedicated citizen Soldiers and Airmen undertake in defense of our country. With this legislation, we can show them that their service is not taken for granted.

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. 1166

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Voluntary Support for Reservists and National Guard Members Act".

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF OVERPAYMENTS TO SUPPORT RESERVISTS AND NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS.

(a) DESIGNATION.—Subchapter A of chapter 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new part:

"PART IX—DESIGNATION OF OVERPAYMENTS TO RESERVE INCOME REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

"Sec. 6097. Designation.