

Committee; 5/5/2005, \$2,000, Citizens for Hope, Responsibility, Independence & Service PAC (CHRIS PAC) (Sen. Chris Dodd, D-CT; 11/18/2005, \$500, Feinstein for Senate; 12/12/2005, \$1,000, Carper for Senate; 3/8/2006, \$1,000, Friends of Hillary; 4/27/2006, \$1,000, Feinstein for Senate; 5/17/2006, \$1,000, Friends of Mary Landrieu Inc; 6/5/2006, \$1,000, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; 6/26/2006, \$500, Green Mountain PAC (Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-VT); 9/20/2006, \$1,000, Friends of Rosa DeLauro; 9/29/2006, \$1,000, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; 10/7/2006, \$500, Adam Smith for Congress Committee; 10/8/2006, \$1,000 Green Mountain PAC (Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-VT); 10/27/2006, \$500, Friends of Dan Maffei; 3/12/2007, \$1,000, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; 5/16/2007, \$1,000, Green Mountain PAC (Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-VT); 8/16/2007, \$1,000, Friends of Rosa DeLauro; 12/21/2007, \$200, Friends of Mary Landrieu Inc; 12/21/2007, \$300, Friends of Mary Landrieu Inc; 12/31/2007, \$500, Tim Johnson for South Dakota Inc; 12/28/2008, \$1,000, Hillary Clinton for President; 2/15/2008, \$500, Hillary Clinton for President; 2/20/2008, \$500, Friends of Dan Maffei; 3/12/2008, \$500, Committee to Reelect Henry Hank Johnson; 3/23/2008, \$1,000, Nels Ackerson for Congress; 5/13/2008, \$1,000, Friends of Mary Landrieu Inc.; 6/9/2008, \$346, Conyers for Congress; 6/13/2008, \$1,000, Conyers for Congress; 6/17/2008, \$250, Friends of Mary Landrieu Inc.; 6/30/2008, \$500, Nels Ackerson for Congress; 8/20/2008, \$500, Kennedy for Senate 2012; 5/19/2005, \$1,000, Friends of Max Baucus; 7/12/2006, \$2,000, Unite Our States (Sen. Joe Biden, -DE); 12/20/2006, \$1,000, Citizens for Biden; 1/31/2007, \$300, Friends of Max Baucus; 1/31/2007, \$1,700, Friends of Max Baucus; 3/13/2007, \$1,000, Friends of Rahm Emanuel; 3/9/2008, \$1,000, Citizens for Biden; 3/20/2008, \$400, Citizens for Biden; 3/20/2008, \$400, Citizens for Biden; 8/8/2005, \$1,000, Cantwell 2012; 12/20/2006, \$1,000, Biden for President, Inc.; 3/30/2007, \$1,000, Biden for President, Inc.; 6/21/2007, \$300, Biden for President, Inc.; 6/21/2007, \$700, Biden for President, Inc.; 3/26/2008, \$1,000, Nels Ackerson for Congress; 4/9/2008, \$1,000, Biden for President, Inc.; 4/18/2008, \$1,000, Chris Dodd for President, Inc.; 6/30/2009, \$1,700, Biden for President, Inc.;

2. Spouse: Elizabeth Gitenstein; 7/20/2005, \$500, Friends of Rosa DeLauro; 7/25/2005, \$1,000, Stabenow for U.S. Senate; 8/4/2005, \$2,500, Unite Our States (Sen. Joe Biden, D-DE); 10/17/2005, \$500, Friends of Mary Landrieu Inc.; 3/23/2006, \$1,000, Friends of Rosa DeLauro; 6/9/2006, \$1,000, Friends of Rosa DeLauro; 9/26/2006, \$500, Searchlight Leadership Fund (Sen Harry Reid, D-NV); 10/13/2006, \$500, Friends of Mary Landrieu Inc.; 11/18/2007, \$2,000, Biden for President, Inc.; 4/9/2008, \$300, Biden for President, Inc.; 9/30/2007, \$250, Cantwell 2012.

3. Children and Spouses: Rebecca Gitenstein Bierlink (daughter) & Bruce Bierlink, \$75, 2008, Opposition to Cal Prop 8. Benjamin Brown Gitenstein (son) & Emily Cherkin, \$200, 2007, Gregoire for Governor; \$100, 2006, WA House Dem. Caucus; \$100, 2007, James Dow Constantine; \$50, 2006, Richard Kelley; \$50, 2006, Sally Clark; \$190.80, 2006, Voters for Affordable Housing. Sarah Brown Gitenstein (daughter), \$10, 2008, Voters for Affordable Housing.

4. Parents: \$10, 2008, Obama for America. Seymour Gitenstein, \$0.

5. Grandparents: Sam & Pauline Green (deceased), Israel & Rose Gitenstein (deceased).

6. Brothers and Spouses: None.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Barbara Gitenstein (sister) & Don Hart, \$0. Susan Assadi (sister) and Sammi Assadi, \$500, 2009, Obama for America.

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

*Phyllis Corrine Borzi, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

*Nicole Lurie, of Maryland, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services.

*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. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1408. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage alternative energy investments and job creation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1409. A bill to expedite the adjudication of employer petitions for aliens with extraordinary artistic ability; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BROWN)):

S. 1410. A bill to establish expanded learning time initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. BROWN)):

S. 1411. A bill to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to encourage and support parent, family, and community involvement in schools, to provide needed integrated services and comprehensive supports to children, and to ensure that schools are centers of communities, for the ultimate goal of assisting students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 1412. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to clarify the treatment of purchases of certain commodity futures contracts and financial instruments with respect to limits established by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission relating to excessive speculation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1413. A bill to amend the Adams National Historical Park Act of 1998 to include the Quincy Homestead within the boundary of the Adams National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 1414. A bill to confer upon the United States Court of Federal Claims jurisdiction to hear, determine, and render final judgment on any legal or equitable claim against the United States to receive just compensation for the taking of certain lands in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 1415. A bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to ensure that absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters are aware of their voting rights and have a genuine opportunity to register to vote and have their absentee ballots cast and counted, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 1416. A bill to require the redesignation of North Korea as a state sponsor of terrorism, to impose sanctions with respect to North Korea, to require reports on the status of North Korea's nuclear weapons program and counterproliferation efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 1417. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1418. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 210. A resolution designating the week beginning on November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 405

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 405, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) 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. 461

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 461, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) 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. 519

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 519, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to implement pesticide-related obligations of the United States under the international conventions or protocols known as the PIC Convention, the POPs Convention and the LRTAP POPs Protocol.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) 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. 624

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 624, a bill to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis by 2015 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005.

S. 649

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 649, a bill to require an inventory of radio spectrum bands managed by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission.

S. 653

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

(Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 653, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) 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. 733

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 733, a bill to ensure the continued and future availability of lifesaving trauma health care in the United States and to prevent further trauma center closures and downgrades by assisting trauma centers with uncompensated care costs, core mission services, and emergency needs.

S. 775

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the availability of appropriated funds for international partnership contact activities conducted by the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to improve access to health care services in rural, frontier, and urban underserved areas in the United States by addressing the supply of health professionals and the distribution of health professionals to areas of need.

S. 841

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 841, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, modernize firearm laws and regulations, protect the community from criminals, and for other purposes.

S. 994

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. KOHL) 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. 1157

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1157, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1210

At the request of Mr. KAUFMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1210, a bill to establish a committee under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education activities and programs of all Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1257

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1257, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to build on the aging network to establish long-term services and supports through single-entry point systems, evidence based disease prevention and health promotion programs, and enhanced nursing home diversion programs.

S. 1273

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1273, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of permanent national surveillance systems for multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases and disorders.

S. 1281

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1281, a bill to enhance after-school programs in rural areas of the United States by establishing a pilot program to help communities establish and improve rural after-school programs.

S. 1308

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1308, a bill to reauthorize the Maritime Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to amend the

Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) 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.J. RES. 17

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 17, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 25

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 25, a concurrent resolution recognizing the value and benefits that community health centers provide as health care homes for over 18,000,000 individuals, and the importance of enabling health centers and other safety net providers to continue to offer accessible, affordable, and continuous care to their current patients and to every American who lacks access to preventive and primary care services.

S. RES. 71

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 1408

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1408 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2892, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1409. A bill to expedite the adjudication of employer petitions for aliens with extraordinary artistic ability; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, one of the best ways that the U.S. can gain understanding and appreciation of other cultures is through the arts. Exposing children and adults alike to the

creativity of other countries enriches our own artistic talents and helps bridge the gap between nations. It is for those reasons my colleague Senator HATCH and I have introduced the Arts Require Timely Service, ARTS, Act.

This legislation helps streamline the visa process and waive fees so that foreign artists and musicians can share their talents in the U.S. Currently, the visa process for visiting artists is slow and costly, often times prohibiting artists from coming to the U.S. to share their talents. Breaking down these barriers is important and we shouldn't let the politics of immigration interfere with expanding our cultural horizons.

I am proud to stand with Senator HATCH and the Performing Arts Visa Task Force to try and help artists visit our country and inspire our communities. I hope our colleagues will join us and pass this sensible reform to expedite cultural exchanges and artistic expression.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise to introduce with my colleague, Senator JOHN KERRY, the Arts Require Timely Services, ARTS, Act.

For some time, I have been working to improve the processing of visa petitions filed by nonprofit arts organizations. Unfortunately, years of delays, errors, and unpredictability have forced some U.S.-based nonprofit arts organizations from even trying to bring international artists into the United States. We must eliminate some of the bureaucratic barriers that have been negatively affecting performing artists.

There is no doubt that nonprofit arts organizations across the country engage foreign guest artists in their orchestras, theatres, and dance and opera companies. In my home state of Utah, I am aware that many organizations that will benefit from passage of the ARTS Act, including Brigham Young University, Cache Valley Center for the Arts, The Orchestra of Southern Utah, University of Utah, Murray Symphony Orchestra, Salt Lake Symphony, and the Utah Shakespeare Festival, to name a few.

The ARTS Act would apply only to temporary, nonimmigrant visas for foreign artists visiting the United States. The legislation would require U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to treat as a Premium Processing case, or a 15-day turn-around, free of additional charge, any nonprofit arts-related O- and P-visa petition that it fails to adjudicate within 30 days. In November 2007, the Congressional Budget Office issued a cost estimate for the ARTS Act, stating that the bill would have no significant cost to the Federal Government.

It is my hope that my colleagues will support passage of this legislation in the near future.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1410.—A bill to establish expanded learning time initiatives, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, it is a privilege today to be introducing two bills to improve our schools and bring them into the 21st century. The Time for Innovation Matters in Education Act, S. 1410, or TIME Act, seeks to expand our 19th century school calendar to provide more time for learning across the curriculum. The Keeping Parents and Communities Engaged Act, S. 1411, or Keeping PACE Act, will encourage greater involvement of parents in their children's education, and engage community partners in supporting the comprehensive learning needs of students in school.

These bills take different approaches, but both address critical challenges for our Nation's schools. By providing the time and resources for students to succeed, we can ensure that all students are equipped with the tools needed to be successful in the 21st century economy.

As a result of the current 6 hours a day, 180 days a year schedule, American students spend about 30 percent less time in school than students in other leading nations. This gap hinders the ability of our students to compete with their peers around the globe who derive a significant advantage by having more time to learn what they need to know. About 1,000 U.S. schools are already tackling this problem on their own, and now it's time for the Federal Government to step up and help more students obtain the time in school they need.

The TIME Act authorizes \$350 million next year, increasing to up to \$500 million in 2014, to support schools in expanding learning time by 300 hours a year and redesigning their school day to meet the needs of students and teachers. The act promotes partnerships between schools and community-based organizations in expanding and redesigning the school schedule to give students a broader learning experience and encourage innovation. The goal of the act is not merely to encourage schools to add more time at the end of the day, but to take a close look at how they use their time and redesign the entire school schedule for the benefit of students' learning experiences.

Studies document the difference an extra hour of school each day, a few more weeks of school each year, or additional time after or before school for tutoring can make to all students. According to these studies, the students for whom this time is most important for are the students we need to be focusing on—our neediest students. Students in disadvantaged families show a drop-off in learning over long summer recesses compared to their better-off classmates, and they fall farther behind each year. A 2007 study found that ¾ of the reading achievement gap between 9th graders of low and high socioeconomic standing in Baltimore public schools can be traced to what they learned, or failed to learn, during their summers.