

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 529. A bill to assist in the conservation of rare felid and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations (Rept. No. 111-52).

H.R. 80. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-53).

H.R. 388. A bill to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes (Rept. No. 111-54).

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. TESTER:

S. 1470. A bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1471. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to carry out certain water control projects at Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

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; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1473. A bill to catalyze change in the care and treatment of diabetes in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1474. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the provision prohibiting the crediting of interest to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1475. A bill to prohibit the heads of executive agencies from entering into or renewing procurement contracts with persons that export certain computer or telecommunications technologies to Iran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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. KERRY:

S. Res. 217. A resolution commending Captain Wei Jiafu and the China Ocean Shipping Company for increasing business relations between the United States and China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 21

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 21, a bill to reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 307

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 307, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program and to exempt from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation the number of beds provided for certain veterans.

S. 316

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduction in the rate of tax on qualified timber gain of corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 343

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 343, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage services of qualified respiratory therapists performed under the general supervision of a physician.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr.

HARKIN), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) 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 name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 647

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 647, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the transparency of information on skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities and to clarify and improve the targeting of the enforcement of requirements with respect to such facilities.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 664

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 664, a bill to create a systemic risk monitor for the financial system of the United States, to oversee financial regulatory activities of the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

S. 781

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 781, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 801

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name 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. 812

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor 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.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors 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 name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 845

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 845, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to allow citizens who have concealed carry permits from the State in which they reside to carry concealed firearms in another State that grants concealed carry permits, if the individual complies with the laws of the State.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 846, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 850, a bill to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to prevent the abuse of Government charge cards.

S. 951

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as

cosponsors of S. 951, a bill to authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission's command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 1065

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) 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.

S. 1072

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1072, a bill to amend chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code, to modify the basis utilized for annual adjustments in amounts of educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve.

S. 1089

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1106

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1148

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1148, a bill to amend the Clean Air

Act to modify a provision relating to the renewable fuel program.

S. 1183

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance to the Government of Haiti to end within 5 years the deforestation in Haiti and restore within 30 years the extent of tropical forest cover in existence in Haiti in 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 1221

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1221, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more appropriate payment amounts for drugs and biologicals under part B of the Medicare Program by excluding customary prompt pay discounts extended to wholesalers from the manufacturer's average sales price.

S. 1237

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.

S. 1304

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1304, a bill to restore the economic rights of automobile dealers, and for other purposes.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1318, a bill to prohibit the use of stimulus funds for signage indicating that a project is being carried out using those funds.

S. 1402

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1402, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount allowed as a deduction for start-up expenditures.

S. 1415

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN)

were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 1416

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

S. 1425

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1425, a bill to increase the United States financial and programmatic contributions to promote economic opportunities for women in developing countries.

S. CON. RES. 25

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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. 200

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 200, a resolution designating September 12, 2009, as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day".

S. RES. 210

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 210, a resolution designating the week beginning on November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week.

S. RES. 212

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 212, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that any savings under the Medicare program should be invested back into the Medicare program, rather than creating new entitlement programs.

AMENDMENT NO. 1484

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1484 intended to be proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1501

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1501 intended to be proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1504

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1504 intended to be proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1513

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1513 intended to be proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1515

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1515 intended to be proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1530

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1530 intended to be

proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1557

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1557 intended to be proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1558

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1558 intended to be proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1570

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1570 intended to be proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1575

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1575 intended to be proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1585

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1585 intended to be proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1618

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1618 proposed to S. 1390, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

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; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the Human Rights Enforcement Act of 2009, which I am introducing today. This narrowly-tailored, bipartisan legislation would make it easier for the Justice Department to hold accountable human rights abusers who seek safe haven in our country.

I would like to thank the lead Republican cosponsor of the Human Rights Enforcement Act, Senator TOM COBURN of Oklahoma. This bill is a product of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law. I am the chairman of this subcommittee and Senator COBURN is its ranking member.

The end of the last century was marked by horrific human rights abuses in places such as Bosnia and Rwanda. The early years of this century have seen ongoing atrocities being committed in, among other places, Darfur and Burma.

While a growing number of perpetrators of human rights abuses have been held accountable in international, hybrid and state tribunals, a much larger number have escaped accountability for their crimes. Some of these human rights violators have fled to the U.S.

How we as a country treat suspected perpetrators of serious human rights abuses in the U.S. sends an important message to the world about our commitment to human rights and the rule of law. It also signals to perpetrators of human rights abuses considering seeking refuge in the U.S. what treatment they can expect to receive.

The U.S. has been a leader in holding the perpetrators of serious human rights violations accountable for their crimes. Over 60 years ago, following the Holocaust, we led the efforts to prosecute Nazi perpetrators at the Nuremberg trials. We have also supported the prosecution of human rights crimes before the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

In some circumstances, the U.S. Government has also made valiant efforts to hold accountable human rights violators who have found safe haven in our country, but more must be done. Federal law enforcement reportedly has over 1,000 open cases involving suspected perpetrators of serious human rights abuses from almost 90 countries who are now in the U.S. While no one knows the total number of human rights abusers living in the U.S., the number of open cases presumably represents only a small portion of the total number of such perpetrators.

In the last Congress, the Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law held hearings which identified loopholes in the law that hinder effective human rights enforcement. In order to close some of these loopholes and make it easier to prosecute human rights abuses, Senator COBURN and I introduced the Genocide Accountability Act, the Child Soldiers Accountability Act and the Trafficking in Persons Act, legislation passed unanimously by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush that denies safe haven in the United States to perpetrators of genocide, child soldier recruitment and use, and human trafficking.

We also examined the U.S. Government agencies which bear responsibility for investigating human rights abusers and how to increase the likelihood that human rights violators will be held accountable.

There are two offices within the Justice Department that investigate and prosecute suspected human rights abusers. The Office of Special Investigations, established by Attorney General Richard Civiletti in 1979, was assigned:

[The primary responsibility for detecting, investigating, and, where appropriate, taking legal action to deport, denaturalize, or prosecute any individual who was admitted as an alien into or became a naturalized citizen of the United States and who has assisted the Nazis by persecuting any person because of race, religion, national origin, or political opinion.

Over the years, the Office of Special Investigations, also known as OSI, has led the way in investigating,

denaturalizing and removing World War II-era participants in genocide and other Nazi crimes. I want to commend OSI for its outstanding work tracking down and bringing to justice Nazi war criminals who have found safe haven in our country. Since 1979, OSI has successfully prosecuted 107 Nazis.

Just this year, OSI has succeeded in deporting two Nazi war criminals. Josias Kumpf, who immigrated to the United States in 1956 and lived in Racine, Wisconsin, was a guard at the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp in Germany and the Trawniki Labor Camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Kumpf allegedly participated in the extermination of 8,000 Jews in one day at the Trawniki camp. OSI Director Eli Rosenbaum said, "The removal of Josias Kumpf to Austria has achieved a significant measure of justice on behalf of the victims of Nazi inhumanity and it reflects the unswerving commitment of the U.S. government to continuing the quest for justice."

OSI also deported John Demjanjuk to Germany, where last week he was charged with involvement in the murder of 27,900 people at the Sobibor extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Demjanjuk came to the United States in 1952 and lived in Seven Hills, Ohio. During World War II, Demjanjuk allegedly served as a guard at a number of Nazi concentration camps. Lanny Breuer, the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division, said, "The removal to Germany of John Demjanjuk is an historic moment in the federal government's efforts to bring Nazi war criminals to justice. Mr. Demjanjuk, a confirmed former Nazi death camp guard, denied to thousands the very freedoms he enjoyed for far too long in the United States."

Due to OSI's outstanding work, the U.S. is the only country in the world to receive an "A" rating from the Simon Wiesenthal Center for bringing Nazi war criminals to justice. I especially want to commend Eli Rosenbaum, who has worked at OSI for more than two decades and has been OSI's director since 1995. OSI's success is due in large measure to Mr. Rosenbaum's leadership and personal dedication to holding Nazi perpetrators accountable.

In 2004, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act further strengthened the Office of Special Investigations by statutorily authorizing it and expanding its jurisdiction to include serious human rights crimes committed after World War II.

The Domestic Security Section, which was established more recently, seeks to investigate and prosecute major human rights violators and has jurisdiction over the criminal laws relating to torture, genocide, war crimes, the use or recruitment of child soldiers, and other atrocities. In 2008, the Domestic Security Section and the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida obtained the first federal conviction for torture against Chuckie Taylor, son of former