

not enact a law prohibiting an individual from writing, sending, or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1537. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, to designate the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Birthplace and Childhood Home in Cresco, Iowa, as a National Historic Site and as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1538. A bill to establish a black carbon and other aerosols research program in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that supports observations, monitoring, modeling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 1539. A bill to authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a comprehensive greenhouse gas observation and analysis system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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 Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. Res. 226. A resolution designating September 2009 as "Gospel Music Heritage Month" and honoring gospel music for its valuable contributions to the culture of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. Res. 227. A resolution designating September 2009 as "Tay-Sachs Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 228. A resolution designating the week beginning September 14, 2009, as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KAUFMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 229. A resolution designating the week beginning August 30, 2009, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND,

Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 230. A resolution designating Richard A. Baker as Historian Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 259

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes.

S. 332

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner.

S. 370

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), and the Senator from Ar-

izona (Mr. KYL) were added as cosponsors of S. 370, a bill to prohibit the use of funds to transfer detainees of the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to any facility in the United States or to construct any facility for such detainees in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 446

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 446, a bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of 5 United States Army Five-Star Generals, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry "Hap" Arnold, and Omar Bradley, alumni of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to coincide with the celebration of the 132nd Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

S. 621

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 621, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, and for other purposes.

S. 654

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care.

S. 685

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 685, a bill to require new vessels for carrying oil fuel to have double hulls, and for other purposes.

S. 694

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 717

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, 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.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 799, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 827

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) were added as cosponsors of S. 827, a bill to establish a program to reunite bondholders with matured unredeemed United States savings bonds.

S. 832

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) 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. 850

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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. 908

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors 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.

S. 928

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to enhance disclosures regarding the use of funds under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, and for other purposes.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a nationwide health insurance purchasing pool for small businesses and the self-employed that would offer a choice of private health plans and make health coverage more affordable, predictable, and accessible.

S. 1065

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors 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. 1076

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

S. 1157

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) 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. 1171

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding by new mothers, to provide for a performance standard for breast pumps, and to provide tax incentives to encourage breastfeeding.

S. 1389

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1389, a bill to clarify the exemption for certain annuity contracts and insurance policies from Federal regulation under the Securities Act of 1933.

S. 1505

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1505, a bill to provide immigration reform by securing America's borders, clarifying and enforcing existing laws, and enabling a practical employer verification program, and for other purposes.

S. 1508

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1508, a bill to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) in order to prevent the loss of billions in taxpayer dollars.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.

S. CON. RES. 36

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 36, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 1849

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1849 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3183, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1852

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1852 proposed to H.R. 3183, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1857

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1857 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3183, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1861

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1861 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3183, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1862

At the request of Mr. KYL, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1862 proposed to H.R. 3183, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. GREGG, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1862 proposed to H.R. 3183, supra.

At the request of Mr. BURR, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1862 proposed to H.R. 3183, supra.

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1862 proposed to H.R. 3183, supra.

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1862 proposed to H.R. 3183, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 1863

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee

(Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1863 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3183, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 1530. A bill to prohibit an agency or department of the United States from establishing or implementing an internal policy that discourages or prohibits the selection of a resort or vacation destination as the location for a conference or event, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. REID. 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. 1530

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 "Protecting Resort Cities from Discrimination Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Tourism, including conventions and meetings, is an important part of the United States economy that generates billions of dollars in tax revenues for many localities.

(2) Analysts estimate that approximately 90 percent of employers in the travel industry are small businesses and more than 12 percent of United States employees are employed by the travel industry.

(3) Many local economies around the country have developed into destinations for vacationers and conventioners alike, and those local economies depend on the travel industry to support local employment, create new jobs, and generate tax revenues for critical public services.

(4) These same destinations are home to large and small businesses that have unique skills, amenities, and resources for planning and facilitating meetings and conventions for all purposes and, consequently, may deliver value and convenience for individuals and organizations in need of a location for an official event.

(5) Locating an official event in such a city frequently may save taxpayer dollars, as compared to other locations.

(6) Agencies and departments of the United States have a responsibility to find ways to maximize taxpayer dollars in conducting official business, including planning and conducting official meetings attended by Federal employees.

(7) In deciding where to locate an official government meeting by applying this principle of maximizing taxpayer dollars, government officials often will conclude that many locations known as resort destinations also will provide the best value and convenience for official meetings and business.

(8) Resort and vacation destination cities tend to be affected disproportionately during economic downturns and, therefore, are especially vulnerable to discrimination by meet-

ing and convention planners, which could exacerbate unemployment and related demands on United States taxpayers.

SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON CERTAIN TRAVEL AND CONFERENCES POLICIES OF AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

No agency or department of the United States may establish or implement an internal policy regarding travel, event, meeting, or conference locations that discourages or prohibits the selection of such a location because the location is perceived to be a resort or vacation destination.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WEBB, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. WARNER)):

S. 1534. A bill to complete construction of the 13-States Appalachian development highway system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to reauthorize the Appalachian Development Highway System. This network of highways and corridors, known as the ADHS, was designed to provide access to and from communities in Appalachia. The concept of the ADHS was born 45 years ago. It was, and is, an important promise made by the Federal Government to the people of my State and the rest of Appalachia. I thank the cosponsors of my bill: Senators ROCKEFELLER, CASEY, and WEBB, and I look forward to working with Environment and Public Works Committee Chairwoman BOXER to have my legislation included in the next highway reauthorization.

While serving in the House of Representatives, I cast my vote in favor of establishing the Interstate Highway System back in 1958. I have had a long history of advancing the cause of our Nation's highway systems and of emphasizing the immense economic and safety benefits that come with the improvement of all surface transportation.

The ADHS's inception was in 1964, when it was recognized by the first Appalachian Regional Commission that, while the Interstate Highway System would provide historic economic benefits to most of our Nation, the system was designed to bypass the Appalachian region. This was primarily due to the difficulties involved in building roads upon Appalachia's beautiful, but very rugged topography. Absent the Appalachian Development Highway System, my State, as well as the whole of the Appalachian region, would have been left solely with a transportation infrastructure of dangerous, narrow, winding roads which follow the paths of river valleys and stream beds, winding around mountains and hills. Thus, the limited access to these regions has tended to stifle economic opportunities for countless communities—a problem that still exists all these years later.

In addition to the Federal Government's responsibility to keep the promise made decades ago to the people of Appalachia, new benefits—benefits to the entire Nation—have evolved because of the ADHS. In a recent eco-

nomic analysis conducted by the Appalachian Regional Commission, the study found that completion of the ADHS will result in significant reductions in travel time for personal, business, and long-distance freight trips. By 2020, the aggregate savings in travel time is estimated to be over 67 million hours, 240,000 hours daily of travel time saved, and grow to almost 180 million hours of reduced travel time by 2035.

ADHS corridor improvements will produce significant monetized travel benefits to individuals and businesses both within and outside the ARC region. Total user benefits—travel time, fuel and non-fuel operating costs, and safety—are estimated to be \$1.3 billion in 2020, the year of system completion, and grow to \$4.3 billion by 2035. Over half the benefit is expected to accrue to business-related travel—commodity-based truck flows, local nonfreight truck trips, and on-the-clock auto trips.

The reason for the existence of the Appalachian Development Highway System is no less valid today than when it was established in 1964. The benefits of completion of the ADHS are twofold: continue to make inroads into isolated communities, and address and alleviate an already overly burdened Interstate Highway System.

Unfortunately, there are still children in Appalachia who lack decent transportation routes to local schools. There are thousands upon thousands of people who cannot obtain sustainable, well-paying jobs because of poor transportation access to major employment centers. Some of the most beautiful places in the country are in Appalachia, but for tourism to thrive, Americans must be able to actually get to these beautiful destinations.

It is time for this Congress, in concert with the administration, to take the last great leap forward and to authorize sufficient contract authority to finally complete the Appalachian Development Highway System. The legislation I am introducing today will provide sufficient contract authority to complete the system, and the completion of the system will provide additional economic opportunities, safer modes of travel, and ease the strain on our current transportation infrastructure.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1535. A bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to establish additional prohibitions on shooting wildlife from aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to prevent the cruel and unsportsmanlike practice of hunting from airplanes.

This practice undermines the hunting principle of a fair chase and often leads to a slow and painful death for the hunted animals.

I firmly believe that slaughter must be the very last option when it comes