

Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable John Boehner, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 111th United States Congress.

POM-83. A joint resolution adopted by the Alaska State Legislature urging the President and Congress not to adopt any policy, rule, or administrative action or enact legislation that would restrict energy exploration, development, and production in federal and state waters around Alaska, the outer continental shelf within 200 miles of shore, and elsewhere in the continental United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Whereas the future growth of the United States economy is energy-dependent and requires access to domestic oil and gas resources, alternative and renewable energy resources, and increased conservation; and

Whereas the United States, as a matter of national policy, needs to reduce its long-term dependence on foreign energy sources for the purposes of economic and national security; and

Whereas responsible development and expansion of domestic energy resources will generate thousands of much-needed jobs; result in billions of dollars in new investment in and tax revenue for federal, state, and local governments; reduce oil imports; stem the flow of United States dollars to foreign governments for the purchase of energy supplies; and generally ensure the health of the United States economy in the short and long term; and

Whereas wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, and other alternative energy resources hold the potential for meeting future energy demands and deserve support, but are incapable of meeting current domestic energy needs; and

Whereas current domestic energy needs require increased access to domestic oil and gas while alternative energy resources are developed for the future; and

Whereas vast energy resources in the United States, including billions of barrels of oil and trillions of cubic feet of natural gas in areas on the North Slope and offshore from Alaska remain untouched and could be developed economically; and

Whereas new drilling techniques and environmentally sound exploration, development, and production technologies enable the development of oil and gas reserves in the continental United States and on the outer continental shelf as domestic energy resources; and

Whereas the safe and responsible exploration and development of all domestic energy resources to provide economic and national security is in the best interests of the citizens of the United States; and

Whereas the people of Alaska support the safe and responsible development of domestic energy resources and recognize the economic benefits of a balanced energy policy that includes increased development of domestic oil and gas resources; be it

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress not to adopt any policy, rule, or administrative action or enact legislation that would restrict energy exploration, development, and production in

federal and state waters around Alaska, the outer continental shelf within 200 miles of shore, and elsewhere in the continental United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Alaska State Legislature urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to encourage and promote continued responsible exploration, development, and production of domestic oil and gas resources.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ken Salazar, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable John Boehner, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 111th United States Congress.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. LANDRIEU for the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Peggy E. Gustafson, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

*Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration.

*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.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. AKAKA:

S. 1675. A bill to implement title V of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 and to promote economical and environmentally sustainable means of meeting the energy demands of developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 1676. A bill to allow for the use of existing section 8 housing funds so as to preserve and revitalize affordable housing options for low-income individuals; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1677. A bill to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. REID, Mr. ISAKSON, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1678. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the first-time homebuyer tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 269. A resolution designating the week beginning September 20, 2009, as "National Hispanic Serving Institutions Week"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 270. A resolution congratulating the High Point Furniture Market on the occasion of its 100th anniversary as a leader in home furnishing; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. REID, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 271. A resolution expressing support for the ideals and goals of Citizenship Day 2009; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CASEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BENNET, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 272. A resolution commemorating Dr. Norman Borlaug, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, Congressional Gold Medal, Presidential Medal of Freedom, and founder of the World Food Prize; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 451

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) 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 name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) 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. 694

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) 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. 902

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 902, a bill to provide grants to establish veterans' treatment courts.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) 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. 941

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) 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. 984

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 984, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 1052

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1052, a bill to amend the small, rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 1056

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1056, a bill to establish a commission to develop legislation designed to reform tax policy and entitlement benefit programs and ensure a sound fiscal future for the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1065

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) 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. 1152

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1152, a bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

S. 1362

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1362, a

bill to provide grants to States to ensure that all students in the middle grades are taught an academically rigorous curriculum with effective supports so that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors, to improve State and district policies and programs relating to the academic achievement of students in the middle grades, to develop and implement effective middle grades models for struggling students, and for other purposes.

S. 1422

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1422, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews.

S. 1446

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1446, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide incentives for increased use of HIV screening tests under the Medicaid program.

S. 1492

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1492, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

S. 1542

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1542, a bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates.

S. 1558

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1558, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide travel and transportation allowances for members of the reserve components for long distance and certain other travel to inactive duty training.

S. 1655

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1655, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants for the support of full-service community schools, and for other purposes.

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1674, a bill to provide for an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid pro-

gram for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 266

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 266, a resolution recognizing the contributions of John Sweeney to the United States labor movement.

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 266, *supra*.

S. RES. 268

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 268, a resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos in the United States and their immense contributions to the Nation.

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 268, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 2361

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2361 proposed to H.R. 3288, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2365

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2365 proposed to H.R. 3288, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban 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. AKAKA:

S. 1675. A bill to implement title V of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978 and to promote economical and environmentally sustainable means of meeting the energy demands of developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce The Energy Development Program Implementation Act