

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNETT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 3063. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide loans to certain organizations in certain States to address habitats and ecosystems and to address and prevent invasive species; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. CARPER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3064. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the production of energy from deep water offshore wind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 3065. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the readiness of the Armed Forces by replacing the current policy concerning homosexuality in the Armed Forces, referred to as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", with a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 3066. A bill to correct the application of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 (5 U.S.C. 5304 note) to employees paid saved or retained rates; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. JOHANNIS):

S. 3067. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the exclusion for employer-provided department care assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 3068. A bill to reauthorize the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Human Space Flight Activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 3069. A bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for the preservation and creation of jobs in the United States for projects receiving grants for specified energy property; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 3070. A bill to release Federal reversionary interests retained on certain lands acquired in the State of Florida under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, to authorize the interchange of National Forest System land and State land in Florida, to authorize an additional conveyance under the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 430. A resolution commending the members of the 45th Agri-Business Development Team of the Oklahoma National Guard, for their efforts to modernize agri-

culture and sustainable farming practices in Afghanistan and their dedication and service to the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. Res. 431. A resolution expressing profound concern, deepest sympathies, and solidarity on behalf of the people of the United States to the people and Government of Chile following the massive earthquake; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 432. A bill supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the Lung 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 433. A resolution supporting the goals of "International Women's Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 362

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 688

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 688, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

S. 891

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 891, a bill to require annual disclosure to the Securities and Exchange Commission of activities involving columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, and wolframite from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and for other purposes.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) 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 names of the Senator from Washington

(Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors 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. 1273

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1428

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to phase out the use of mercury in the manufacture of chlorine and caustic soda, and for other purposes.

S. 1567

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1567, a bill to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

S. 1611

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1611, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 1859

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1859, a bill to reinstate Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 2898

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2898, a bill to provide for child safety, care, and education continuity in the event of a presidentially declared disaster.

S. 2924

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2924, a bill to reauthorize the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, in the wake of its Centennial, and its programs and activities.

S. 2982

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2982, a bill to combat international violence against women and girls.

S. 3014

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3014, a bill to amend the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 to allow companies to utilize existing alternative minimum tax credits to create and maintain United States jobs, and for other purposes.

S. 3027

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3027, a bill to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information on a computer through certain "peer-to-peer" file sharing programs without first providing notice and obtaining consent from an owner or authorized user of the computer.

S. RES. 409

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 409, a resolution calling on members of the Parliament in Uganda to reject the proposed "Anti-Homosexuality Bill," and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3337

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3337 proposed to H.R. 4213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3338

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3338 proposed to H.R. 4213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3344

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3344 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3350

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3350 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3352

At the request of Mr. BOND, his name was added as a cosponsor of amend-

ment No. 3352 proposed to H.R. 4213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3352 proposed to H.R. 4213, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 3353

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3353 proposed to H.R. 4213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3353 proposed to H.R. 4213, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3353 proposed to H.R. 4213, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 3356

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3356 proposed to H.R. 4213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 3060. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for thorium fuel cycle nuclear power generation; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce the Thorium Energy Security Act of 2010 with my good friend and colleague Senator HARRY REID as an original cosponsor. Our legislation would establish a regulatory framework and a development program to facilitate the introduction of thorium-based nuclear fuel in existing and future nuclear power plants in the U.S.

The U.S. is dependent on foreign sources for about 90 percent of its uranium fuel needs. However, the most recent U.S. Geological Survey Thorium Mineral Commodity Survey confirms that the U.S. has the largest thorium deposits in the world.

I have been a longtime supporter of our Nation's nuclear power industry, and I expect to see a long future for nuclear power in this nation. I believe that future is enhanced with the possibility of thorium nuclear power as new source of nuclear power in the future.

Thorium-based nuclear fuel will remain in the reactor about three times as long as conventional nuclear fuel, thereby cutting the volume of spent nuclear fuel coming out of reactors by as much as two-thirds. Thorium nuclear fuel could also significantly reduce the possibility that weapons grade material would result from the process. Finally, a thorium fuel cycle can be used as a very effective and efficient means for disposing of existing plutonium stockpiles.

For these reasons, a number of governments throughout the world are aggressively seeking to establish thorium nuclear power as an element of their power supply. These governments want the benefits of nuclear power, without the difficulties associated with large volumes of waste, much of which can be turned to weapons grade material. Our aim with this legislation is to ensure that the U.S. does not fall behind the movement. I hope my colleagues will take a look at the potential for thorium-based nuclear power.

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

S. 3061. A bill to amend part B of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve 21st Century Community Learning Centers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today, joined by my colleague Senator ENSIGN, to introduce legislation that will provide children with safe, healthy, and academically focused afterschool programs.

The Improving 21st Century Community Learning Centers Act of 2010 is endorsed by the Afterschool Alliance, an organization representing more than 25,000 public, private, and non-profit afterschool providers dedicated to expanding access to high quality afterschool programs, as well as a broad coalition of other local and national organizations.

They, and I, have committed to providing quality afterschool care because the record is clear: students who regularly attend afterschool programs have better grades and behavior in school, better peer relations and emotional adjustment, and lower incidences of drug use, violence, and pregnancy. When kids have something productive to do in the hours between when they are let out of school and when their parents get home from work, they are more likely to avoid the traps of risky behavior, more likely to be physically healthy and academically successful, and more likely to fulfill their potential.

As co-chairs of the Afterschool Caucus, Senator ENSIGN and I have worked to expand awareness of these benefits by organizing annual briefings, sharing research, and advocating fiercely for a focus on afterschool care when we talk about how to give our kids the best opportunities possible.

While we know that afterschool care works, the truth is that too many