

FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 16, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5082. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2010-0037—2010-0046); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5083. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Name Change of Two DHS Components" (CBP Dec. 10-03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5084. A communication from the Chairman, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Funds Received in Response to Solicitations; Allocation of Expenses by Separate Segregated Funds and Nonconnected Committees" (Notice 2010-08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 15, 2010; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-5085. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the redesignating the Air Force's Small Diameter Bomb Increment I (SDB I) Program as an ACAT II program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5086. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-011, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5087. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 10-002, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible effects such a sale might have relating to Israel's Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5088. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the U.S. engagement with Iran; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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 Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 3131. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 3132. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to promote and support breastfeeding through the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 3133. A bill to provide for the construction, renovation, and improvement of medical school facilities, and other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WEBB, Mr. REED, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3134. A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3135. A bill to enhance global healthcare cooperation and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 457. A resolution to provide for issuance of a summons and for related procedures concerning the articles of impeachment against G. Thomas Porteous, Jr; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 458. A resolution to provide for the appointment of a committee to receive and to report evidence with respect to articles of impeachment against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Res. 459. A resolution congratulating KICY Radio for 50 years of service to western Alaska and the Russian Far East; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. Res. 460. A resolution recognizing the importance of the Long Trail and the Green Mountain Club on the 100th anniversary of the Long Trail; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 334

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Moldova.

S. 704

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 704, a bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air

Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, and for other purposes.

S. 910

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, to provide for additional monitoring and accountability of the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

S. 1255

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1255, a bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.

S. 1408

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1408, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage alternative energy investments and job creation.

S. 1481

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1481, a bill to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities.

S. 1553

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1553, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Future Farmers of America Organization and the 85th anniversary of the founding of the National Future Farmers of America Organization.

S. 1611

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) 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 New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1859, a bill to reinstate Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 1966

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1966, a bill to provide assistance to improve the health of newborns, children, and mothers in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2743

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

(Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2743, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War, and for other purposes.

S. 2755

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2755, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an investment credit for equipment used to fabricate solar energy property, and for other purposes.

S. 2835

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2835, a bill to reduce global warming pollution through international climate finance, investment, and for other purposes.

S. 2847

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2847, a bill to regulate the volume of audio on commercials.

S. 2974

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2974, a bill to establish the Return of Talent Program to allow aliens who are legally present in the United States to return temporarily to the country of citizenship of the alien if that country is engaged in post-conflict or natural disaster reconstruction, and for other purposes.

S. 3036

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3036, a bill to establish the Office of the National Alzheimer's Project.

S. 3059

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3059, a bill to improve energy efficiency of appliances, lighting, and buildings, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 28

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 28, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

S. RES. 412

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 412, a resolution designating September 2010 as "National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month".

S. RES. 451

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 451, a resolution expressing sup-

port for designation of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day".

S. RES. 452

At the request of Mr. JOHANNES, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 452, a resolution supporting increased market access for exports of United States beef and beef products to Japan.

AMENDMENT NO. 3477

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3477 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1586, a bill to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

AMENDMENT NO. 3493

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3493 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1586, a bill to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

AMENDMENT NO. 3506

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3506 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1586, a bill to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

AMENDMENT NO. 3522

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3522 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1586, a bill to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

AMENDMENT NO. 3523

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3523 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1586, a bill to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3135. A bill to enhance global healthcare cooperation and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Global Healthcare Cooperation Act of 2010. This legislation takes measured but important steps to enhance global healthcare cooperation and help developing countries address public health challenges. The Global Healthcare Cooperation Act will bolster the ranks of healthcare workers serving in developing countries by enabling American legal permanent residents to assist with overseas public health emergencies, and by responsibly regulating the "brain drain" of skilled healthcare workers from underdeveloped countries

to the U.S. I look forward to working with my colleagues to see these provisions enacted into law.

While many nations are currently experiencing shortages of healthcare personnel, the lack of doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers in the world's poorest nations is an urgent crisis. There are many factors contributing to this crisis, but the massive "brain drain" of trained healthcare workers from the poorest nations to the richest is a central cause. According to the World Health Organization, Africa loses 20,000 health professionals a year as part of this brain drain. In Ethiopia, for example, there are only 1,806 doctors serving a population of 80 million. By comparison, there are 5,074 doctors serving the 600,000 residents of Washington D.C., and 17,507 doctors serving the 5.3 million residents of Cook County in my home state of Illinois. The shortage of healthcare personnel is considered the single biggest obstacle to fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa. Healthcare worker shortages are particularly devastating when nations are confronted with natural disasters and other humanitarian crises, such as the recent Haiti earthquake.

I again saw this problem first hand during a trip to east Africa that I took last month with Senator SHERROD BROWN. In places such as Tanzania and Ethiopia the story was the same—in countries already in desperate need of health workers, many were instead leaving for work in other countries. Many are being recruited to work in the U.S. and in other wealthy nations.

We should do what we can here in the U.S. to make sure these talented health professionals are free to return temporarily to help in countries with urgent health needs without jeopardizing their immigration status. We should also ensure they have met all medical care obligations in their home countries that may have been tied to their health training.

The Global Healthcare Cooperation Act would take two steps to address these challenges. The first part of the bill would allow a healthcare worker who is a legal permanent resident in the U.S. to temporarily provide healthcare services in a country that is underdeveloped or that has suffered a disaster or public health emergency without jeopardizing his or her immigration status in the U.S. Specifically, the bill would allow legal permanent resident healthcare workers to work in qualifying countries for up to 36 months without running afoul of the continuous residency requirement for naturalization. This provision will allow immigrants in our country to lend their skills to overseas disaster relief and public health crises while still pursuing their dream of American citizenship.

The second part of this legislation would require a foreigner who is petitioning to work in the U.S. as a healthcare worker to attest that he or she has satisfied any outstanding obligation to his or her home country