

the need to respond to a violation by another nation, were to jeopardize our supreme national interests;

Whereas, independent expert assessments commissioned by the National Nuclear Security Administration have concluded that measures under the Stockpile Stewardship Program and Life Extension Program can support certification of today's nuclear warheads as safe, secure, and reliable for decades without the need to resort to underground nuclear weapons testing and

Whereas, the CTBT would increase international safety and security and is in the best interests of Utah, the United States, and the world; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the state of Utah strongly urges the President of the United States to submit the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the United States Senate; be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the state of Utah strongly urges the United States Senate to promptly give its advice and consent for ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and to Utah Senators ORRIN HATCH and BOB BENNETT.

POM-117. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah reaffirming friendship with the people of Taiwan and urging the Obama Administration to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in the United Nations specialized agencies, programs, and conventions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 11

Whereas, July 23, 2010, will mark the 30th anniversary of a sister state relationship between Utah and Taiwan;

Whereas, for the past 30 years, four sister county and sister city relationships with Taiwan have also been strengthened, resulting in better mutual understanding of the economic, social, and cultural heritages of Utah and Taiwan;

Whereas, in 2008, Taiwan was Utah's third largest export market;

Whereas, Utah exports to Taiwan have reached \$727,000,000, an increase of over 244% since 2007;

Whereas, Utah companies still have substantial opportunities to expand their businesses and cooperation with Taiwan;

Whereas, Utah has already attracted investment from several Taiwanese companies, and there is significant potential for Taiwanese enterprises to further boost investment and create jobs in Utah;

Whereas, in May 2009, the World Health Organization invited Taiwan to attend the 62nd World Health Assembly as an observer;

Whereas, this development raises the possibility for Taiwan to be meaningfully involved in other United Nations specialized agencies, programs, and conventions;

Whereas, Taiwan is a key air transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with approximately 2,600 weekly flights to and from neighboring countries;

Whereas, the Taipei Flight Information Region under Taiwan's jurisdiction currently serves 12 international and four domestic routes and has 1,350,000 controlled flights passing through every year;

Whereas, the 2008 statistics from Airports Council International ranked Taiwan's Taoyuan International Airport as the world's 11th largest airport by international cargo volume, and 19th in terms of international passengers services; and

Whereas, given Taiwan's prominent role in regional air control and transport services,

it would be beneficial for Taiwan to have meaningful participation in the International Civil Aviation Organization, in order to safeguard the traveling of passengers from home and abroad: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, reaffirm their friendship with the people of Taiwan and urge the Obama Administration to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in United Nations specialized agencies, programs, and conventions; be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature and the Governor express support for a strong and deepening relationship between Utah and Taiwan; be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States and to the government of Taiwan.

POM-118. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah expressing opposition to the establishment of a National Commission on State Workers' Compensation Laws; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 10

Whereas, state workers' compensation laws should provide an injured worker with all reasonable and necessary medical treatment that promotes expeditious healing, a return to work, a fair level of income benefits during disability, and protection against lost wages;

Whereas, state workers' compensation laws should assure that employees receive just compensation at a cost affordable to employers;

Whereas, the state-based workers' compensation system has proven over the near-century of its existence to be an effective means of protecting injured workers against the costs of industrial injury, while protecting employers against the unlimited and unpredictable costs of workplace liability;

Whereas, a state-based benefit delivery system reflects the nature and cost of employment in individual states and is an exemplar of the federal system, in which power is dispersed among the states, facilitating timely response and the ability to tailor remedies to state-specific conditions;

Whereas, the imposition of federal oversight and development of federal mandates on the state workers' compensation system should be opposed, including any proposed legislation that would unnecessarily increase the federal bureaucracy and create federal regulation in an area where states are currently providing adequate oversight;

Whereas, federal requirements on the state-based system would create unnecessary imbalances and unintended consequences for a system that has been operating effectively for decades;

Whereas, a state workers' compensation system, its administration, legal precedents, funding, and fiscal accountability, which is intricately linked to each state's economy, is a much more effective approach in dealing with workers' compensation issues;

Whereas, the state-based system provides the ability to experiment creatively and borrow from experiences in other states without the burden of a rigid, nationwide, one-size-fits-all federal program that is slow to change and administratively cumbersome;

Whereas, the rights of states and their respective legislatures and stakeholders to review the performance of state-based workers' compensation systems should be preserved;

Whereas, it is not the province of Congress to interfere with the state administration of workers' compensation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah expresses strong support for the cur-

rent state-based workers' compensation system and opposes any proposed federal legislation that would lead to broadening the federal role in that system; be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah opposes H.R. 635, introduced in the 111th United States Congress, that would establish a National Commission on State Workers' Compensation Laws, because the Commission's evaluation is intended, and will assuredly lead, to recommendations that would erode the independence of the state-based workers' compensation benefit delivery system, would seek to impose federal benefit delivery system rules, which Congress would be expected to approve, that inherently interfere with state benefit systems, would increase system costs nationwide, and would frustrate efforts of the states to contain costs; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

POM-119. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Utah urging the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to prioritize Utah for the construction of another veterans' nursing home; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 9

Whereas, there is great need for the construction of an additional nursing home for veterans in Utah;

Whereas, Utah is still significantly below the nation's average for the total number of needed veterans' nursing homes statewide;

Whereas, due to the heavy numbers of veterans in the state of Utah, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs should prioritize Utah for the construction of an additional veterans' nursing home;

Whereas, Utah should also be prioritized based on the absolute promise of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to reimburse the state for the Veterans' Nursing Home in Ogden;

Whereas, any and all efforts by the state of Utah to continue to help veterans acquire properties and build a home in central and southern Utah should be encouraged;

Whereas, the citizens of Utah and the citizens of the United States owe a debt to our veterans of the past, present, and future; and

Whereas, constructing an additional veterans' nursing home will demonstrate a measure of gratitude for their service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah strongly encourages the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to prioritize Utah for the construction of another veteran's nursing home; be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the state of Utah encourages any and all efforts by the state of Utah to continue helping veterans acquire properties and build a veterans' nursing home in central and southern Utah; be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Utah Department of Veterans' Affairs, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3378. An original bill to authorize health care for individuals exposed to environmental hazards at Camp Lejeune and the

Atsugi Naval Air Facility, to establish an advisory board to examine exposures to environmental hazards during military service, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-189).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1214. A bill to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-190).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Budget Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals" (Rept. No. 111-191).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2868. A bill to provide increased access to the General Services Administration's Schedules Program by the American Red Cross and State and local governments (Rept. No. 111-192).

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. 3378. An original bill to authorize health care for individuals exposed to environmental hazards at Camp Lejeune and the Atsugi Naval Air Facility, to establish an advisory board to examine exposures to environmental hazards during military service, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 3379. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce carbon pollution and create clean energy jobs; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 3380. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of securities of a controlled corporation exchanged for assets in certain reorganizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 3381. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify certain definitions of the term "renewable biomass", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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 (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado):

S. Res. 532. A resolution recognizing Expo 2010 Shanghai China and the USA Pavilion at the Expo; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 533. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity

to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 266

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 266, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the coverage gap in prescription drug coverage under part D of such title based on savings to the Medicare program resulting from the negotiation of prescription drug prices.

S. 311

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 504

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 504, a bill to redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that the payment of the manufacturers' excise tax on recreational equipment be paid quarterly.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve standards for physical education.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 831, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include service after September 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non—regular service retired pay.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend section 340B of the Public Health Service Act to revise and expand the drug discount program under that section to improve the provision of discounts on drug purchases for certain safety net providers.

S. 2736

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2736, a bill to reduce the rape kit backlog and for other purposes.

S. 2749

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2749, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve access to nutritious meals for young children in child care.

S. 3201

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3201, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend TRICARE coverage to certain dependents under the age of 26.

S. 3206

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3206, a bill to establish an Education Jobs Fund.

S. 3213

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3213, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.