

and the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a multiyear procurement that is being sought for F/A-18E/F and EA-18G aircraft in fiscal year 2010 through fiscal year 2013; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5895. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was originally declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5896. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Individual Fishing Quota Program; Correction" (RIN0648-AY37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 13, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5897. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Emergency Fisheries Closure in the Gulf of Mexico Due to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill" (RIN0648-AY87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5898. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visitor Services" (RIN1004-AD96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 18, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5899. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: NUHOMS HD System Revision 1" (RIN3150-AI75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5900. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Israel for the manufacture of components for the TF33, J52, and F100 aircraft engines in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5901. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5902. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5903. A communication from the Vice President, Congressional and Public Affairs, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Millennium Challenge Corporation's actual performance during fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5904. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the General Services Administration's Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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. INHOFE:

S. 3388. A bill to protect the rights under the second amendment to the Constitution of the United States of members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense by prohibiting the Department of Defense from requiring the registration of privately-owned firearms, ammunition, or other weapons not stored in facilities owned or operated by the Department of Defense, and by prohibiting the Department of Defense from infringing on the right of individuals to lawfully acquire, possess, own, carry, or otherwise use privately owned firearms, ammunition, or other weapons on property not owned or operated by the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 3389. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt individuals who receive certain educational assistance for service in the Selected Reserve from limitations on the receipt of assistance under Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program for additional service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. MRKULSKI, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DODD, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. AKAKA, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3390. A bill to end the discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 3391. A bill to provide for accelerated revenue sharing of Outer Continental Shelf revenues to promote coastal resiliency among Gulf producing states; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 3392. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Newtown Battlefield located in Chemung County, New York, and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio:

S. 3393. A bill to provide for extension of COBRA continuation coverage until coverage is available otherwise under either an employment-based health plan or through an American Health Benefit Exchange under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 3394. A bill to establish the veterans' business center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BURRIS, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 3395. A bill to provide cost-sharing assistance to improve access to the markets of foreign countries for energy efficiency products and renewable energy products exported by small- and medium-sized businesses in the United States, 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 Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 536. A resolution designating June 1, 2010, as "Declaration of Conscience Day" in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the landmark "Declaration of Conscience" speech delivered by Senator Margaret Chase Smith on the floor of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 292

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 292, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 334

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) 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. 504

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) 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 Idaho (Mr. RISCH) 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. 752

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

(Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 752, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and reduce the occurrence of sudden unexpected infant death and to enhance public health activities related to stillbirth.

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1674, a bill to provide for an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 1788

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1788, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard to reduce injuries to patients, direct-care registered nurses, and all other health care workers by establishing a safe patient handling and injury prevention standard, and for other purposes.

S. 2781

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2781, a bill to change references in Federal law to mental retardation to references to an intellectual disability, and to change references to a mentally retarded individual to references to an individual with an intellectual disability.

S. 2900

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2900, a bill to establish a research, development, and technology demonstration program to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle and simple cycle power generation systems.

S. 3039

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3039, a bill to prevent drunk driving injuries and fatalities, and for other purposes.

S. 3058

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3058, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 3141

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.

AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for treatment of low-income housing credits, and for other purposes.

S. 3223

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3223, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to provide parity under group health plans and group health insurance coverage for the provision of benefits for prosthetics and custom orthotics and benefits for other medical and surgical services.

S. 3227

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3227, a bill to authorize the Archivist of the United States to make grants to States for the preservation and dissemination of historical records.

S. 3248

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3248, a bill to designate the Department of the Interior Building in Washington, District of Columbia, as the "Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building".

S. 3250

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3250, a bill to provide for the training of Federal building personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 3262

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3262, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the volume cap for private activity bonds shall not apply to bonds for facilities for the furnishing of water and sewage facilities.

S. 3266

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3266, a bill to ensure the availability of loan guarantees for rural homeowners.

S. 3278

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3278, a bill to establish the Meth Project Prevention Campaign Grant Program.

S. 3293

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Caro-

lina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3293, a bill to reauthorize the Special Olympics Sport and Empowerment Act of 2004, to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3305

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3305, a bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

S. 3306

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3306, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

S. 3326

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3326, a bill to provide grants to States for low-income housing projects in lieu of low-income housing credits, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a 5-year carryback of the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

S. 3339

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3339, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain small producers.

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3339, supra.

S. 3345

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3345, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to remove the cap on punitive damages established by the Supreme Court in Exxon Shipping Company v. Baker.

S. 3346

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3346, a bill to increase the limits on liability under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

S. 3358

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3358, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington.

S. 3361

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) were added

as cosponsors of S. 3361, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to take illegal subsidization into account in evaluating proposals for contracts for major defense acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3362

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3362, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to provide competitive grants to publicly funded schools to implement effective technologies to reduce air pollutants (as defined in section 302 of the Clean Air Act), including greenhouse gas emissions, in accordance with that Act.

S. 3372

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3372, a bill to modify the date on which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels.

S.J. RES. 29

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 29, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

AMENDMENT NO. 3920

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3920 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3922

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3922 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3931

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3931 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the

financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3978

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3978 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4091

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4091 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4115

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4115 proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs.

GILLIBRAND, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DODD, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. AKAKA, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3390. A bill to end the discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity in public schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, all men are created equal. Our Nation's greatest leaders, like Thomas Jefferson, Susan B. Anthony, and Martin Luther King, Jr. have shaped the course of our history by furthering our understanding of this principle. It is because of their struggle to illuminate it that we now live under a system of laws that provides equal protection to Americans, regardless of their race, gender, or religion. It is because of their chutzpah that I, a Jew, can stand before you today as a United States Senator.

But there is one group for whom our realization of that principle has not advanced quickly enough. Gay Americans continue to be treated as second-class citizens in our society and under our laws. Nowhere is the unequal treatment of gay Americans more destructive than in our nation's public schools.

Currently, Federal law provides no explicit protection to gay students against discrimination and harassment. While Federal civil rights statutes prohibit discrimination and harassment against students based on race, sex, religion, and national origin, these laws do not explicitly address sexual orientation or gender identity.

To remedy this injustice, I and 22 of my Senate colleagues are introducing the Student Non-Discrimination Act today. This legislation will prohibit schools from discriminating against or ignoring the harassment of students based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. The bill would also provide meaningful remedies for such discrimination, modeled on Title IX.

These protections are sorely needed. Let me tell you a sad fact—nearly nine out of ten LGBT students are harassed in school. This harassment deprives them of an equal education. Rochelle, a gay high school student from California who was harassed in school, explains why with a simple question. She asks, "How was I supposed to learn when I was constantly scared?" For students like Rochelle, school is not a place to learn. Rather it is a place to be bullied, beaten down, and humiliated. It is no wonder that gay students who are harassed in school are more likely to skip school, underachieve, and eventually drop out.

In its worst form, the harassment of LGBT students can lead to life-threatening violence and suicide. We have