

*Elisabeth Ann Hagen, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

*Sara Louise Faivre-Davis, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

*Lowell Lee Junkins, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

*Myles J. Watts, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

*Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

*Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

*Richard Sorian, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

*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.

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. BROWN of Massachusetts:

S. 3551. A bill to provide a fully offset extension of emergency unemployment insurance assistance, enhanced Medicaid FMAP reimbursements, and summer employment for youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 3552. A bill to require an Air Force study on the threats to, and sustainability of, the air test and training range infrastructure; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BURRIS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3553. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to study the feasibility of the hydrological separation of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3554. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to promulgate rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 3555. A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 515 9th Street in Rapid City, South Dakota, as the "Andrew W. Bogue Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 3556. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the work opportunity credit to small businesses which hire individuals who are members of the Ready Reserve or National Guard; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3557. A bill to provide for Kindergarten Plus programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 3558. A bill to improve the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 3559. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen mentoring programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 3560. A bill to instruct the Secretary of State to designate the Pakistani Taliban as a foreign terrorist organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3561. A bill to establish centers of excellence for green infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 3562. A bill to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 3563. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to temporarily designate as a HUBZone counties that are most affected by a recession; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. Res. 575. A resolution congratulating the University of South Carolina baseball team for winning the 2010 NCAA Division I Baseball National Championship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 576. A resolution expressing support for designation of June 30, 2010, as "National ESIGN Day 2010"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 577. A resolution commemorating the remarkable life of patriotism, conviction, and compassion led by Chaplain Henry Vinton Plummer; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 578. A resolution designating June 2010 as "Summer Food Service Program Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. BURR):

S. Con. Res. 66. A concurrent resolution to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Con. Res. 67. A concurrent resolution celebrating 130 years of United States—Romanian diplomatic relations, congratulating the Romanian people on their achievements

as a great nation, and reaffirming the deep bonds of trust and values between the United States and Romania, a trusted and most valued ally; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 931

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 1382

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1382, a bill to improve and expand the Peace Corps for the 21st century, and for other purposes.

S. 1489

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1489, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to create parity among small business contracting programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1624

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1624, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, and for other purposes.

S. 1674

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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. 2747

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2747, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 2765

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2765, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to authorize loan guarantees for health information technology.

S. 2814

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2814, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more timely access to home health services for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program.

S. 2995

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2995, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a national uniform multiple air pollutant regulatory program for the electric generating sector.

S. 2998

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2998, a bill to temporarily expand the V nonimmigrant visa category to include Haitians whose petition for a family-sponsored immigrant visa was approved on or before January 12, 2010.

S. 3034

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3034, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to strike medals in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and the establishment of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center.

S. 3062

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3062, a bill to extend credits related to the production of electricity from offshore wind, and for other purposes.

S. 3073

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3073, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes.

S. 3122

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3122, a bill to require the Attorney General of the United States to compile, and make publicly available, certain data relating to the Equal Access to Justice Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3211

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3211, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by designating certain certified diabetes educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes self-management training services under part B of the Medicare Program.

S. 3260

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3260, a bill to enhance and further research into the prevention and treatment of eating disorders, to improve access to treatment of eating disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 3320

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3320, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 3462

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3462, a bill to provide subpoena power to the National Commission on the British Petroleum Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes.

S. 3497

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3497, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require leases entered into under that Act to include a plan that describes the means and timeline for containment and termination of an ongoing discharge of oil, and for other purposes.

S. 3549

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 3549, a bill to amend the effective date of the gift card provisions of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009.

S.J. RES. 29

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) 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.

S. CON. RES. 63

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 63, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Taiwan should be accorded observer status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

AMENDMENT NO. 4425

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4425 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. 4430

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4430 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5297, an act to create the Small Business Lending Fund Program to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to make capital investments in eligible institutions in order to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for small business job creation, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts: S. 3551. A bill to provide a fully offset extension of emergency unemployment insurance assistance, enhanced Medicaid FMAP reimbursements, and summer employment for youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, I rise to speak about legislation that I have introduced today in the Senate. The name of the bill is the Fiscally Responsible Relief for Our States Act of 2010.

As you know, over the past week, the Senate has vigorously debated three different versions of the extenders bill, and we will be debating a version of it again today. Even though it is true each of these packages contained extensions of programs important to all of our constituents, especially in these tough economic times—such as emergency unemployment benefits, which I know we are trying to work on again today; increased FMAP reimbursements; and funding for summer jobs for the youth throughout America—it is also true that each of these packages contained billions of dollars of tax increases for businesses, and each added billions to our record \$13 trillion and rising national debt which our kids and grandkids and great-grandchildren will have a difficult time paying back, and they will have the responsibility to pay it back.

A lot of what I am proposing today in this bill, and other bills that we will probably be discussing, is whether we should use our bank account or we should put it on our credit card. That is all we are talking about. We are not talking about the viability of these proposals. Of course we want to help with summer jobs. Of course we want to help people who are hurting with unemployment insurance. Of course we want to provide FMAP and Medicaid reimbursements to help our struggling States. But do we use our checking account or do we use the credit card? I am in favor of using the checking account by using unallocated stimulus dollars, by finding other monies that are in the so-called slush funds that haven't been used in years or are still available or cutting across the board in various entities to come up with the money we need to fund these programs.

As I said, no one is disputing the value of these very important programs, especially in my home State of