

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 3620. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the economic competitiveness and innovative capacity of the United States and to develop a national economic competitiveness strategy, 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 Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 586. A resolution supporting democracy, human rights, and civil liberties in Egypt; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 587. A resolution designating August 26, 2010, as "Montford Point Marines Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 588. A resolution recognizing the economic and environmental impacts of the British Petroleum oil spill on the people of the Gulf Coast and their way of life and urging British Petroleum to give all due consideration to offers of assistance, products, or services from the States directly impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 653

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 653, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

S. 754

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 754, a bill to provide for increased Federal oversight of methadone treatment.

S. 831

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) 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. 1089

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1089, a bill to facilitate the export of United States agricultural commodities and products to Cuba as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export

Enhancement Act of 2000, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba, to remove impediments to the export to Cuba of medical devices and medicines, to allow travel to Cuba by United States citizens and legal residents, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba, and for other purposes.

S. 1703

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1703, a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

S. 1709

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to establish a grant program to promote efforts to develop, implement, and sustain veterinary services, and for other purposes.

S. 2781

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) 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. 2909

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2909, a bill to provide State programs to encourage employee ownership and participation in business decisionmaking throughout the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. 3018, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the Federal income tax system simpler, fairer, and more fiscally responsible, and for other purposes.

S. 3034

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors 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. 3184

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3184, a bill to provide United States assistance for the purpose of eradicating severe forms of trafficking in children in eligible countries through the implementation of Child Protection Compacts, and for other purposes.

S. 3238

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3238, a bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representative of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and to the memorials established at the 3 sites that were attacked on that day.

S. 3262

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name 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. 3467

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3467, a bill to require a Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy.

S. 3493

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3493, a bill to reauthorize and enhance Johanna's Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

S. 3526

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3526, a bill to require the GAO to evaluate the propriety of assistance provided to General Motors Corporation under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, and for other purposes.

S. 3567

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3567, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building".

S. 3578

At the request of Mr. JOHANNES, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 3578, a bill to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 3585

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3585, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reform Department of Defense energy policy, and for other purposes.

S. 3600

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3600, a bill to amend the Jones Act and related statutes with respect to the liability of vessel owners and operators for damages.

S. RES. 546

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 546, a resolution recognizing the National Museum of American Jewish History, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, as the only museum in the United States dedicated exclusively to exploring and preserving the American Jewish experience.

AMENDMENT NO. 4464

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4464 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.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 586—SUPPORTING DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CIVIL LIBERTIES IN EGYPT

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 586

Whereas the Governments of the United States and Egypt have long shared a strong bilateral working relationship;

Whereas the people and the Government of Egypt play an important role in global and regional politics, including with respect to the Middle East peace process, as well as in North and East Africa;

Whereas Egypt has been and continues to be an intellectual and cultural center of the Arab world;

Whereas respect for democracy, human rights, and civil liberties are fundamental principles of the United States and critical to our national security objectives;

Whereas, in his June 4, 2009, speech in Cairo, Egypt, President Barack Obama noted, “[G]overnments that protect [human] rights are ultimately more stable, successful and secure. Suppressing ideas never succeeds in making them go away”;

Whereas the United States National Security Strategy, released in May 2010, states, “And we reject the notion that lasting security and prosperity can be found by turning away from universal rights—democracy does not merely represent our better angels, it stands in opposition to aggression and injustice, and our support for universal rights is both fundamental to American leadership and a source of our strength in the world.”;

Whereas the authorities in Egypt continue to harass, intimidate, arbitrarily detain, and engage in violence against peaceful demonstrators, journalists, human rights activists, and bloggers;

Whereas, despite President Hosni Mubarak’s pledge in 2005 that Egypt’s controversial emergency law would only be used to fight terrorism and that he planned to abolish the state of emergency and adopt new antiterrorism legislation as an alternative, in May 2010 the Government of Egypt again extended the emergency law, which has been in place continuously since 1981, for another two years, giving police broad powers of arrest and allowing indefinite detention without charge;

Whereas in renewing the emergency law, the Government of Egypt asserted that the law would be used only in drug and terrorism cases and it would release all emergency law detainees in other cases, a pledge it has made in the past but failed to fulfill;

Whereas, in response to the emergency law extension, Secretary Hillary Clinton released a statement noting, “This extension is regrettable given the pledge made by the government to the Egyptian people in 2005. We are confident that Egypt can draft and adopt effective counterterrorism legislation that conforms to international standards for civil liberties and due process. And the United States urges Egypt to complete this legislation on an urgent basis and to rescind the State of Emergency within the coming months.”;

Whereas opposition lawmakers and human rights and democracy activists have protested the extended emergency law because of concerns that it would continue to be used to silence critics and stifle dissent;

Whereas the Department of State’s 2009 Human Rights Report notes with respect to Egypt, “The government’s respect for human rights remained poor, and serious abuses continued in many areas. The government limited citizens’ right to change their government and continued a state of emergency that has been in place almost continuously since 1967.”;

Whereas Human Rights Watch reports that “[h]uman rights violations in Egypt are widespread and routine, including arbitrary detention, torture, and unfair trials before state security and military courts . . . State Security Intelligence (SSI), a bureau of the Ministry of Interior, polices the political sphere and considers any exercise of freedom of assembly a security threat, frequently beating and arresting peaceful demonstrators”;

Whereas the independence of the judiciary in Egypt continues to be undermined through exceptional parallel court systems, executive administrative orders overriding judicial decisions, and politically motivated lawsuits;

Whereas past elections in Egypt, including the June 2010 elections to the Shura Council (the lower house of parliament), have seen irregularities at polling and counting stations, security force intimidation and coercion of voters, and obstruction of peaceful political rallies and demonstrations;

Whereas excessive use of force by security forces in Egypt is occurring in violation of Egypt’s obligations to protect fundamental

human rights and may undermine the country’s long-term stability;

Whereas political reform in Cairo would significantly enhance the leadership of Egypt throughout the Middle East and Africa and could help ensure constructive political engagement in these regions for years to come; and

Whereas, in April 2010, a bipartisan “Working Group on Egypt” wrote in a letter to Secretary of State Clinton, “[W]ith three sets of elections coming up over the next eighteen months, Egypt now has the opportunity to energize a process of political, economic, and social reform. If the government responds to demands for responsible political change, Egypt can face the future as a more democratic nation with greater domestic and international support. If, on the other hand, the opportunity for reform is missed, prospects for stability and prosperity in Egypt will be in doubt.”; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That, the Senate—

(1) reaffirms that respect for basic human rights is a fundamental value of the United States and that providing unconditional support for governments that do not respect those basic human rights undermines the credibility of the United States and creates tensions, including in the Muslim world, that can be exploited;

(2) recognizes that, while the Government of Egypt faces legitimate security threats, genuine political reform in that country will help to counter extremism while also solidifying prospects for stability and prosperity;

(3) encourages the Government of Egypt to promptly honor its commitment to permanently repeal the state of emergency, which is a significant obstacle to consolidation of the rule of law in Egypt;

(4) calls on the Government of Egypt—

(A) to take all steps necessary to ensure that upcoming elections are free, fair, transparent, and credible, including granting independent international and domestic electoral observers unrestricted access to polling and counting stations and instructing its security forces not to engage in violence;

(B) to end all arbitrary detention, torture, and other forms of harassment against media professionals, human rights defenders and activists, and opposition figures, fully respect freedom of expression and association, and release all individuals detained for peaceful expression as well as those detained under the emergency law for issues unrelated to drug or terrorism allegations; and

(C) to lift legislative restrictions on freedoms of assembly, association, and expression in advance of the 2010 elections;

(5) urges the President and the Secretary of State—

(A) to make respect for basic human rights and democratic freedoms a priority in the ongoing relationship and dialogue between the Governments of the United States and Egypt, and to focus on the importance of these issues, including free and fair elections, during all bilateral meetings; and

(B) to broaden the engagement of the United States Government with the people of Egypt and support efforts in the country to help promote human rights and democratic reform, including by providing appropriate funding to international and domestic election observers, as well as to civil society organizations for democracy and governance activities;

(6) emphasizes the importance of ensuring and strengthening the independence of the judiciary in Egypt; and

(7) recalls that pursuant to the laws of the United States, organizations implementing United States assistance for democracy and governance activities, and the specific nature of that assistance, shall not be subject