

and Affordable Care Act" (RIN0991-AB70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6840. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2011" (RIN0938-AP84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6841. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities for Fiscal Year 2011" (RIN0938-AP87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6842. 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 technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to the United Arab Emirates to Support the sale of F-16 Block 60 Fighter Aircraft in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6843. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the category rating system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6844. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Sufficiency Certification for the Washington Convention and Sports Authority's Projected Revenues and Excess Reserve to Meet Projected Operating and Debt Service Expenditures and Reserve Requirements for Fiscal Year 2011"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 1132, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-233).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1454. A bill to provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp (Rept. No. 111-234).

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 Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 3651. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the offense of stalking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 3652. A bill to provide for comprehensive budget reform in order to increase transparency and reduce the deficit.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. KYL, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 3653. A bill to remove unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats from seniors' personal health decisions by repealing the Independent Payment Advisory Board; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 3654. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to include firearms in the types of property allowable under the alternative provision for exempting property from the estate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHANNES:

S. 3655. A bill to establish a point of order against certain climate change legislation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 3656. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to improve the reporting on sales of livestock and dairy products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 3657. A bill to establish as a standing order of the Senate that a Senator publicly disclose a notice of intent to objecting to any measure or matter; read the first time.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3658. A bill to provide professional development for elementary school principals in early childhood education and development; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3659. A bill to reauthorize certain port security programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S.J. Res. 36. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to authorizing regulation of contributions to candidates for State public office and Federal office by corporations and labor organizations, and expenditures by corporate entities and labor organizations in support of, or opposition to such candidates; 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. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KAUFMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MI-

KULSKI, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 595. A resolution designating the week beginning September 12, 2010, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 538

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 538, a bill to increase the recruitment and retention of school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists by low-income local educational agencies.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 654

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) 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. 1295

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1295, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover transitional care services to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of care under the Medicare program.

S. 1553

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) 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. 1633

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1633, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific

Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes.

S. 2902

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2902, a bill to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute.

S. 2942

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2942, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a nanotechnology program.

S. 3078

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3078, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Health Insurance Rate Authority to establish limits on premium rating, and for other purposes.

S. 3260

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) 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 name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3320, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 3466

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3466, a bill to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3621

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3621, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an exclusion for assistance provided to participants in certain veterinary student loan repayment or forgiveness programs.

S. 3622

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3622, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to finalize a proposed rule to amend the spill prevention, control, and countermeasure rule to tailor and streamline the requirements for the dairy industry, and for other purposes.

S. 3628

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr.

BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3628, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit foreign influence in Federal elections, to prohibit government contractors from making expenditures with respect to such elections, and to establish additional disclosure requirements with respect to spending in such elections, and for other purposes.

S. 3640

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3640, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the limitations on the amount excluded from the gross estate with respect to land subject to a qualified conservation easement.

S. 3642

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3642, a bill to ensure that the underwriting standards of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac facilitate the use of property assessed clean energy programs to finance the installation of renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements.

S. 3643

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3643, a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to reform the management of energy and mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, to improve oil spill compensation, to terminate the moratorium on deep-water drilling, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 555

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 555, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

AMENDMENT NO. 4471

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4471 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. THUNE:

S. 3652. A bill to provide for comprehensive budget reform in order to increase transparency and reduce the deficit.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, we have been bombarded with some pretty big numbers lately. Our total national debt recently topped \$13 trillion. In 5 years, it is expected to pass \$20 trillion. This fiscal year alone, the Federal Government plans to run a deficit of \$1.4 trillion. In other words, we are borrowing 41 cents out of every \$1 we spend.

The numbers are mind blowing. We cannot even wrap our heads around the immensity of these numbers that run into the trillions. But they should be a very big red flag indicating that something—something—has gone very wrong here in Washington.

The American people are struggling with high unemployment and a difficult economy, trying to make ends meet. The American Government—their government—ought to be doing what it can to balance its own budget, not spending like drunken sailors in a way that will put the future of many American families at risk.

I hear it in my State. I know most of my colleagues do. I hear it as I drive around the country. There is a palpable fear that this enormous burden of debt is going to crush us.

The Federal budget for 2010 is already 24 percent higher than it was in 2008. How many families are able to increase their spending by 24 percent over a 2-year period? Congress has to realize what the American people already know: Our current rate of spending is unsustainable. There is an old saying that if the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see everything as a nail. Well, this administration and the Democratic leadership of Congress seem to think the only tool they have is a checkbook and every problem can be solved with more money.

But all of this reckless spending is not solving the problems it was meant to solve. If you recall, the trillion dollar stimulus was supposed to create jobs and get the economy growing again. Unfortunately, it has not worked that way.

Look at the latest jobs report for last month. We actually lost 125,000 total jobs across the country. Where I come from, that is known as heading in the wrong direction. Look at the massive health care law passed earlier this year. When the other side was jamming this bill through the Senate, they said, even though it would cost \$2.5 trillion, it would actually bring down—down—our spending on health care and lower the deficit over time.

In the past few weeks, however, we have gotten new estimates that the law will cost billions more than was thought a few months ago. On top of that, health care spending is expected to rise even faster as a result of the law than if we had done nothing at all.

Time after time after time that is what we have seen: more spending, more debt, and a bill we will hand to