

"To Kill a Mockingbird"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 615. A resolution to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR:

S. Res. 616. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States civil-military partnership in Iraq, under the current leadership of General Raymond Odierno and Ambassador Christopher Hill, has refined and sustained an effective counterinsurgency and counterterrorism strategy that has enabled significant improvements in the security, governance, and rule of law throughout Iraq, and that these leaders should be commended for their integrity, resourcefulness, commitment, and sacrifice; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BURR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. INOUE):

S. Con. Res. 70. A concurrent resolution supporting the observance of "Spirit of '45 Day"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Con. Res. 71. A concurrent resolution recognizing the United States national interest in helping to prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and other mass atrocities against civilians, and supporting and encouraging efforts to develop a whole of government approach to prevent and mitigate such acts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 332

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner.

S. 518

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 518, a bill to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) 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. 981

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 981, a bill to support research and public awareness activities with respect to inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 984

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 984, a bill to amend the Public

Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 1619

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1619, a bill to establish the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, to establish the Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities, to establish a comprehensive planning grant program, to establish a sustainability challenge grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 1741

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1741, a bill to authorize States or political subdivisions thereof to regulate fuel economy and emissions standards for taxicabs.

S. 2814

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) 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. 2925

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2925, a bill to establish a grant program to benefit victims of sex trafficking, and for other purposes.

S. 3215

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3215, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide taxpayer protection and assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 3474

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 3474, a bill to provide an optional fast-track procedure the President may use when submitting rescission requests, and for other purposes.

S. 3493

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) 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. 3495

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added

as cosponsors of S. 3495, a bill to promote the deployment of plug-in electric drive vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 3501

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3501, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the job-killing Federal employer mandate.

S. 3502

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3502, a bill to restore Americans' individual liberty by striking the Federal mandate to purchase insurance.

S. 3508

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3508, a bill to strengthen the capacity of the United States to lead the international community in reversing renewable natural resource degradation trends around the world that threaten to undermine global prosperity and security and eliminate the diversity of life on Earth, and for other purposes.

S. 3510

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3510, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 15-year recovery period for qualified leasehold improvement property, qualified restaurant property, and qualified retail improvement property.

S. 3572

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. GOODWIN), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

DURBIN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3572, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service.

S. 3591

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3591, a bill to provide financial incentives and a regulatory framework to facilitate the development and early deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 3654

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 3657

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3657, a bill to establish as a standing order of the Senate that a Senator publicly disclose a notice of intent to object to any measure or matter.

S. 3661

At the request of Mr. BENNET, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3661, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure the safe and proper use of dispersants in the event of an oil spill or release of hazardous substances, and for other purposes.

S. 3667

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3667, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to exclude child care from the determination of the 5-year limit on assistance under the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes.

S. 3706

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 3706, a bill to extend unemployment insurance benefits and cut taxes for businesses to create hiring incentives, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 63

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors 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).

S. RES. 322

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 322, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on religious minorities in Iraq.

S. RES. 586

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 586, a resolution supporting democracy, human rights, and civil liberties in Egypt.

S. RES. 593

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 593, a resolution expressing support for designation of October 7, 2010, as "Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 4531

At the request of Mr. JOHANNES, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4531 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. KERRY:

S. 3711. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, education, research, and medical management referral program for viral hepatitis infection that will lead to a marked reduction in the disease burden associated with chronic viral hepatitis and liver cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, a silent killer is loose in America. It contributes to the deaths of 15,000 and threatens the health of 5.3 million Americans each year. It is more common than HIV/AIDS. It is the leading cause of liver cancer, which is on the rise and continues to be a fatal and costly disease. Yet it remains unrecognized as a serious threat to public health. This silent killer is viral hepatitis.

That is why I am introducing the Viral Hepatitis and Liver Cancer Control and Prevention Act of 2010, which authorizes \$600 million to develop a national strategy over the next five years to prevent and control Hepatitis B and C.

Most people don't even know they have it until years later when it causes cancer or liver disease. We can help

avoid such needless tragedies with prevention and surveillance programs and by educating Americans on the pervasive nature of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

In January, the Institute of Medicine, IOM, released a report entitled "Hepatitis and Liver Cancer." The report concludes that the current approach toward treating hepatitis is not working. Too many Americans at-risk for hepatitis or living with it do not know it and too many health providers are not screening for it. That should come as no surprise because there is no Federal funding of core public health services for viral hepatitis. Also, there is no federally funded chronic Hepatitis B and C surveillance system.

The IOM report calls for a national strategy to prevent and control Hepatitis B and C.

Hepatitis B is 100 times more infectious than HIV and, left untreated, can cause liver disease, liver cancer and premature death decades after infection. About 2 billion people worldwide have been infected with Hepatitis B and about 170 million people are chronically infected with Hepatitis C. Tragically, ⅓ of those infected, on average, are unaware of their status, which increases the chance of spreading the disease.

Dr. Howard Koh, Assistant Secretary of Health, has convened a task force including representatives from all Department of Health and Human Services agencies to develop an action plan to implement the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine Report.

Unless action is taken to prevent chronic Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, thousands more Americans will die each year from liver cancer or liver disease related to these preventable diseases.

The Viral Hepatitis and Liver Cancer Control and Prevention Act directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a national plan for the prevention, control and medical management of viral hepatitis in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, the National Institutes for Health, the National Cancer Institute, NCI, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, SAMHSA, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The national plan is required to include the following components: education and awareness programs; an expansion of current vaccination programs; counseling regarding the ongoing risk factors associated with viral hepatitis; support for medical evaluation and ongoing medical management; increased support for adult viral hepatitis coordinators; and the establishment of an epidemiological surveillance program to identify trends in incidence and prevalence in the disease.

The Viral Hepatitis and Liver Cancer Control and Prevention Act of 2010 also