

BEGICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 229. A resolution recognizing the heroic efforts of firefighters to contain numerous wildfires that have affected thousands of people throughout the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 201

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 201, a bill to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes.

S. 312

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 312, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal certain limitations on health care benefits.

S. 344

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 362, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for a Pancreatic Cancer Initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 418

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 418, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 497

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 497, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the requirements of the visa waiver program and for other purposes.

S. 504

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 571

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to provide education for homeless children and youths, and for other purposes.

S. 585

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 585, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants for the support of full-service community schools, and for other purposes.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 641, a bill to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis within six years by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005.

S. 726

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to rescind \$45 billion of unobligated discretionary appropriations, and for other purposes.

S. 769

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prevent the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from prohibiting the use of service dogs on Department of Veterans Affairs property.

S. 834

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 834, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve education and prevention related to campus sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

S. 853

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 853, a bill to provide for financial literacy education.

S. 929

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 929, a bill to establish a comprehensive literacy program.

S. 951

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to improve the provision of Federal transition, rehabilitation, vocational, and unemployment benefits to members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 968

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 968, a bill to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, and for other purposes.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of the United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes.

S. 1025

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1025, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response, and for other purposes.

S. 1240

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1240, a bill to support the establishment and operation of Teachers Professional Development Institutes.

S. 1261

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1261, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to deny retirement benefits accrued by an individual as a Member of Congress if such individual is convicted of certain offenses.

S. 1280

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1280, a bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1280, supra.

S. 1281

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1281, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another.

S. 1297

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1297, a bill to preserve State and institutional authority relating to State authorization and the definition of credit hour.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, and for other purposes.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1313, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1317, a bill to allow individuals to choose to opt out of the Medicare part A benefit.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1323, a bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit.

S.J. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S. RES. 80

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 80, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. RES. 175

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 175, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to ongoing violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and the importance of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict within Georgia's internationally recognized borders.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1336. A bill to prevent immigration fraud and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Immigration Fraud Prevention Act of 2011. This legislation would provide a much-needed tool for prosecutors to use to combat the exploitative actions of fraudulent lawyers and consultants who take advantage of individuals seeking immigration assistance.

The Immigration Fraud Prevention Act would punish fraud and misrepresentation in the context of immigration proceedings. The act would create a new Federal crime to penalize those who engage in schemes to defraud immigrants.

Specifically, the act would make it a Federal crime to knowingly and falsely represent that an individual is an attorney or accredited representative authorized to represent aliens in immigration proceedings; and to knowingly defraud or receive money or anything of value from any person by false or fraudulent pretences, representations, or promises.

Violations of these crimes would result in a fine, imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both.

The bill would also work to combat immigration fraud by increasing the awareness of notario fraud to immigrants.

The bill would require immigration courts to provide immigrants in removal proceedings with information about notario fraud.

The bill would require the Justice Department to compile and make available to the public a list of individuals and organizations that have been convicted of immigration fraud; and permit only people who have, within a 12-month period, represented immigrants pro bono appear on the Justice Department's list of pro bono legal services.

By enacting this bill, Congress would help prevent more victims like Mr. Ibarra, a Mexican national and father of four, who has resided in Los Angeles since 1988. Mr. Ibarra hired a so-called "immigration specialist" and paid him over \$7,500. In his apartment, Mr. Ibarra keeps reams of documents that the immigration consultant claimed to have filed on his behalf but never did—as Mr. Ibarra subsequently learned from immigration authorities when he was placed into removal proceedings. I wish I could tell you that this kind of egregious behavior is uncommon, but sadly, that is not the case.

Last November, the San Francisco City Attorney filed a lawsuit against a former lawyer who ran an illicit immigration law practice. In the three decades in which the lawyer was licensed to practice law, he was reported on numerous occasions to the California bar for his unethical behavior that included collecting exorbitant fees; rep-

resenting clients in a negligent manner; and misleading immigrants with assurances of favorable outcomes.

Eventually, the lawyer resigned from the legal profession and was prohibited from representing clients before the Board of Immigration Appeals. The terms of his resignation prevented him from practicing law or portraying himself as eligible to practice law. Instead of abiding by these terms, the lawyer proceeded to set up another law practice through which he defrauded over two hundred immigrants, depleting many of these victims of their entire life savings.

I am pleased that last month the Federal Government partnered with State prosecutors and immigration advocacy organizations to launch a nationwide campaign to combat these harmful schemes. The enactment of this bill would enhance the government's ability to achieve the goals of this national campaign by providing prosecutors with a tough new Federal criminal law that could be used to convict fraudulent-lawyers and consultants who prey on immigrants.

Mr. President, I urge support for the Immigration Fraud Prevention Act of 2011.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1336

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Immigration Fraud Prevention Act of 2011".

SEC. 2. MISREPRESENTATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end the following:

"§ 1041. Misrepresentation

"Any person who knowingly and falsely represents that such person is, or holds himself or herself out as, an attorney, an accredited representative, or any person authorized to represent any other person before any court or agency of the United States in any removal proceeding or any other case or matter arising under the immigration laws (as defined in section 101(a)(17) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17))) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both."

(b) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding after the item relating to section 1040 the following:

"Sec. 1041. Misrepresentation."

SEC. 3. IMMIGRATION SCHEMES TO DEFAUD ALIENS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end the following:

"§ 1352. Immigration schemes to defraud aliens

"Any person who, in connection with any matter arising under the immigration laws (as defined in section 101(a)(17) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17))) or any matter the offender claims or represents to arise under such immigration laws, knowingly executes a scheme or artifice to—