

sacrifices, service, and strength, and showcase the incredible talents of our State's artists.

Please join me and the citizens of the great State of North Carolina in expressing our pride and gratitude to the veterans for their service, dedication, and sacrifice in protecting the freedoms of this country. And as we designate July 4, 2011, as "North Carolina Veterans Park Day," please reflect on the words that tell the story of the North Carolina Veterans Park:

From the soils of North Carolina
You left your families and homes
With purpose to serve your country.
In service, you made sacrifices.

You are our veterans.

This is your place to reflect on and
Share your experiences.

To feel pride in your service,

Bond with fellow veterans, and heal.

Here, may you find support and inspiration

To live your lives today.

The people of North Carolina

Honor your service and welcome you home.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. BOBBY FONG

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Dr. Bobby Fong, the outgoing president of Butler University.

Since becoming Butler University's 20th president on June 1, 2001, Dr. Fong's leadership and vision have brought financial stability, expanded academic programs, and record-breaking student enrollment and fundraising. Many are aware of Butler's prowess on the basketball court, which has introduced the Nation to "The Butler Way." Dr. Fong has further enhanced Butler University's role as a cultural and intellectual pillar of the city of Indianapolis and Indiana as a whole. I am proud of the recognition and prestige Dr. Fong and Butler University have brought to our State.

Personally, I have enjoyed many meetings with Dr. Fong over the years and appreciate his welcoming me to deliver the commencement address for the Butler College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in May of 2010. Dr. Fong's enthusiasm and leadership have ensured the success of the annual Dick Lugar Run, Walk, and Health Fair, which has been held on the Butler campus for the last 32 years. I have treasured this partnership with the school, which has served to promote physical fitness and disease prevention.

I appreciate this opportunity to recognize Dr. Fong, and I look forward to many more opportunities to work closely with him as he pursues new challenges and opportunities.●

LOUISIANA HONORAIR

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge and honor a very special group, the Louisiana HonorAir. Louisiana HonorAir is a not-for-profit group that flies as many as 200 World War II veterans a year up to Washington, DC. On May 28, 2011, a group of

85 veterans will travel to Washington as part of this very special program.

I want to take a moment to thank all the brave veterans visiting our Capital for this trip:

Mr. Jack A. Adams; Mr. Sidney L. Agnelly; Mr. Paul K. Anderson; Ms. Theresa J.R. Anderson; Mr. Walton H. Blanchard, Sr.; Mr. James C. Bond, Sr.; Mr. James E. Bowie; Mr. Warren B. Braud; Mr. Herman Broussard; Mr. Henry A. Buchholz, Jr.; Mr. Elmer H. Cates; Ms. Bonnie Clabijo; Mr. John S. Cordero, Sr.; Mr. Robert G. Daigle, Sr.; Mr. James P. Daigre; Mr. Albert J. Daube; Mr. Dudley J. David; Mr. Henry F. Deist; Mr. Dudley E. Duhon; Mr. Rene I. Duhon; Mr. Woodrow Duhon; Mr. Sherman Faught; Mr. Arthur C. Flory.

Mr. Roman A. Guidry; Mr. Edwin Hardy; Mr. Ernest Haydel; Mr. Harold C. Hill; Mr. Lloyd E. Hogan; Ms. Lillian F. Hoover; Mr. Warren D. Huggins; Mr. Gordon L. Jarnigan; Mr. Eugene B. Johnson; Ms. Geneva R. Johnson; Mr. Hubert Lane Joyner; Mr. John M. Key; Mr. Julius J. Klos; Mr. Albert L. Klotz, Jr.; Mr. Fred C. Kraus, Jr.; Mr. Anthony Labruzzo; Mr. Emile A. Lambert, Jr.; Mr. Joseph H. Lauff, Jr.; Mr. James LeBlanc; Mr. Robert D. Lowe; Mr. Curtis J. Marcello; Mr. Eustace A. Marionneaux; Mr. Joseph T. McKay.

Mr. Stephen L. McMurray; Mr. Tanner A. Messina; Mr. Randolph J. Olano, Jr.; Mr. Roy Patton; Mr. Lawrence J. Pellegrin, Sr.; Mr. Earl J. Perere; Mr. Sidney J. Quatrevingt; Mr. William C. Rabalais; Mr. Ralph L. Richardson; Mr. Joseph J. Rockoforte; Mr. Alger J. Rodriguez; Mr. John T. Roshto; Mr. Benjamin Rush; Mr. Louis C. Salzer; Ms. Florence F. Smith; Mr. Charles C. Spence; Mr. Clifton J. Stutes; Mr. Percy Thibodeaux; Mr. Wallace W. Thibodeaux; Mr. Ernest G. Walden; Mr. Bobby E. Williams; Mr. Clifton O. Wilson.

While visiting Washington, DC, these veterans will tour the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Memorial, and the Korean Memorial. This program provides many veterans with their only opportunity to see the great memorials dedicated to their service. Thus, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their devotion and service to our Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1231. An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

At 2:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 754. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 990. A bill to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1229. To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1231. An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1662. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Minimizing the Use of Materials Containing Hexavalent Chromium" ((RIN0750-AG35) (DFARS Case 2009-D004)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1663. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1664. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and

Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HUD Multifamily Rental Projects: Regulatory Revisions" (RIN2502-A195) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1665. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1666. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Version One Regional Reliability Standard for Transmission Operations" ((RIN1902-AE20) (Docket No. RM09-14-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2011; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1667. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL No. 9304-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1668. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Revised Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan for Lowell" (FRL No. 9305-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1669. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Permitting Authority and Tailoring Rule Revision" (FRL No. 9305-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2011; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1670. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Branded Prescription Drug Sales—Dispute Resolution Process for 2011 Preliminary Fee Calculation" (Rev. Proc. 2011-24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1671. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modifications to Treatment of Aircraft and Vessel Leasing Income" (RIN1545-BG98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1672. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Withholding to Certain Payments Made by Government Entities" (RIN1545-BG45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1673. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing the Performance of Actuarial Services Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974" (RIN1545-BC82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1674. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Specified Tax Return Preparers Required to File Individual Income Tax Returns Using Magnetic Media" (RIN1545-BJ52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 11, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1675. A communication from the Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and U.S. civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia (OSS Control No. 2011-0810); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1676. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Canada for the manufacture of M151 Remote Weapons Station components; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1677. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to India for the manufacture, assembly integration, testing and repair of the Enhanced Position Location Reporting System Extended Frequency-International (EPLRS-XF-1) MicroLight-I and MicroLight-DH500 and ancillary equipment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1678. A communication from the Acting 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 manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Russia for the RD-180 Liquid Propellant Rocket Engine Program in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1679. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed amendment to parts 120, 124, and 126 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1680. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas surplus property; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1681. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Raton, NM" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1239)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1682. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Model DHC-8-101, -102, -103, -106, -201, -202, -301, -311, -315, -401, and -402 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1157)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1683. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 777-200, -200LR, -300, and -300ER Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1205)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1684. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE SYSTEMS (OPERATIONS) LIMITED Model BAe 146 Airplanes, and Model Avro 146-RJ Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1308)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1685. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310 Series Airplanes; and Model A300 B4-600, A300 B4-600R, A300 F4-600R Series Airplanes, and Model A300 C4-605R Variant F Airplanes (Collectively Called A300-600 Series Airplanes)" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0803)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1686. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Model 777-200, -300, and -300ER Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1271)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1687. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Model 382, 382B, 382E, 382F, 382G Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0233)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1688. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the report of a draft bill entitled "Civilian Property Realignment Act"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1689. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the third quarter fiscal year 2010 quarterly report of the Department's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1690. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spirotetramat; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8865-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1691. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 on November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1692. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1693. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corporate Credit Unions" (RIN3133-AD80) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1694. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Mailing of Individual Income Tax Returns by Specified Tax Return Preparers Calendar Year 2011" (Notice 2011-27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1695. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Undue Hardship Waivers and Taxpayers Choice Statement" (Rev. Proc. 2011-25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1696. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Industry Director's Directive No. 2—Employment Tax and the Employees on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf" (LBandI-4-0211-005) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 12, 2011; to the Committee on Finance.

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. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 999. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to prevent the enforcement of certain national primary drinking water regulations unless sufficient funding is available; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1000. A bill to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1001. A bill to reduce oil consumption and improve energy security, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KYL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COONS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1002. A bill to prohibit theft of medical products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1003. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to limit the liability of a State performing reclamation work under an approved State approved mine reclamation plan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1004. A bill to support Promise Neighborhoods; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 1005. A bill to provide for parental notification and intervention in the case of a minor seeking an abortion; 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. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 185. A resolution reaffirming the commitment of the United States to a negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, reaffirming opposition to the inclusion of Hamas in a unity government unless it is willing to accept peace with Israel and renounce violence, and declaring that Palestinian efforts to gain recognition of a state outside direct negotiations demonstrates absence of a good faith commitment to peace negotiations, and will have implications for continued United States aid; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 89

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 89, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 296

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide the Food and Drug Administration with improved capacity to prevent drug shortages.

S. 468

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 468, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to

clarify the authority of the Administrator to disapprove specifications of disposal sites for the discharge of, dredged or fill material, and to clarify the procedure under which a higher review of specifications may be requested.

S. 547

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 547, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish an award program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through higher education.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to provide members of the Individual Ready Reserve, Individual Mobilization Augmentees, and inactive members of the National Guard who served in Afghanistan or Iraq with information on counseling to prevent suicide, and for other purposes.

S. 618

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 618, a bill to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Egypt and Tunisia.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors 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. 668

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 668, a bill to remove unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats from seniors' personal health decisions by repealing the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 722

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 722, a bill to strengthen and protect Medicare hospice programs.

S. 738

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from California