

Office of Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Investing in Innovation Fund" (34 CFR Chapter II) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3870. A communication from the Deputy Director for Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3871. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beverages: Bottled Water Quality Standard; Establishing an Allowable Level for di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate" (Docket No. FDA-1993-N-0259) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3872. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Annual Privacy Activity Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3873. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3874. A communication from the Acting Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the Nebraska Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3875. A communication from the Acting Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the California Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3876. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Center's financial statements, supplemental schedules of operations, and independent auditor's report for years ended October 3, 2010 and September 27, 2009; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Report to accompany S. 1487, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-92).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 363. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

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. HELLER:

S. 1817. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1818. A bill to amend SAFETEA-LU to ensure that projects that assist the establishment of aerotropolis transportation systems are eligible for certain grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1819. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve programs and services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1820. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide assistance to State National Guards to provide counseling and reintegration services for members of reserve components of the Armed Forces ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation, members returning from such active duty, veterans of the Armed Forces, and their families; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. ISAACSON, Mr. BURR, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 1821. A bill to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. 1822. A bill to provide for the exhumation and transfer of remains of deceased members of the Armed Forces buried in Tripoli, Libya; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1823. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for employment and reemployment rights for certain individuals ordered to full-time National Guard duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. JOHANNES):

S. 1824. A bill to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1825. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the American Military Retirees Association, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1826. A bill to provide for the availability of self-employment assistance to in-

dividuals receiving extended compensation or emergency unemployment compensation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1827. A bill to establish a Trade Enforcement Division in the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1828. A bill to increase small business lending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1829. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to empower the States to set the maximum annual percentage rates applicable to consumer credit transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 1830. A bill to improve enforcement of intellectual property rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. Res. 315. A resolution commending the St. Louis Cardinals on their hard-fought World Series victory; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. Res. 316. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Tunisia's peaceful Jasmine Revolution; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 317. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the liberation of Libya from the dictatorship led by Muammar Qaddafi; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 227

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 227, 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. 362

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) 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. 431

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S. 431, 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 Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service.

S. 933

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 933, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and increase the exclusion for benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

S. 951

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 960

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to provide for a study on issues relating to access to intravenous immune globulin (IVG) for Medicare beneficiaries in all care settings and a demonstration project to examine the benefits of providing coverage and payment for items and services necessary to administer IVG in the home.

S. 1106

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1106, a bill to authorize Department of Defense support for programs on pro bono legal assistance for members of the Armed Forces.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1107, a bill to authorize and support psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis data collection, to express the sense of the Congress to encourage and leverage public and private investment in psoriasis research with a particular focus on interdisciplinary collaborative research on the relationship between psoriasis and its comorbid conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1251, a bill to amend title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 1380

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to suspend until January 21, 2013, certain provisions of Federal immigration law, and for other purposes.

S. 1421

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, a bill to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, *supra*.

S. 1527

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1527, a bill to authorize the award of a Congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines of World War II.

At the request of Mr. REID, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1527, *supra*.

S. 1575

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1575, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the depreciation recovery period for energy-efficient cool roof systems.

S. 1576

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1576, a bill to measure the progress of

relief, recovery, reconstruction, and development efforts in Haiti following the earthquake of January 12, 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1651, a bill to provide for greater transparency and honesty in the Federal budget process.

S. 1680

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries in rural areas to health care providers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1720

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1720, a bill to provide American jobs through economic growth.

S. 1733

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1733, a bill to establish the Commission on the Review of the Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States.

S. 1756

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1756, a bill to extend HUBZone designations by 3 years, and for other purposes.

S. 1762

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1762, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs.

S. 1763

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1763, a bill to decrease the incidence of violent crimes against Indian women, to strengthen the capacity of Indian tribes to exercise the sovereign authority of Indian tribes to respond to violent crimes committed against Indian women, and to ensure that perpetrators of violent crimes committed against Indian women are held accountable for that criminal behavior, and for other purposes.

S. 1790

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma

(Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1790, a bill to modify the Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Plan to provide that the full statement of budget resources of the Department of Defense is complete and validated by not later than September 30, 2014.

S. 1808

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1808, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to toll, during active-duty service abroad in the Armed Forces, the periods of time to file a petition and appear for an interview to remove the conditional basis for permanent resident status, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 27

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 27, a joint resolution disapproving a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the mitigation by States of cross-border air pollution under the Clean Air Act.

S.J. RES. 29

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 29, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

S. RES. 241

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 241, a resolution expressing support for the designation of November 16, 2011, as National Information and Referral Services Day.

S. RES. 274

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 274, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that funding for the Federal Pell Grant program should not be cut in any deficit reduction program.

S. RES. 302

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCHE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 302, a resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI).

S. 1819. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve programs and services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. KOHL. 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. 1819

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 “Strengthening Services for America’s Seniors Act”.

SEC. 2. STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS OF FAMILY CAREGIVERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 373 (42 U.S.C. 3030s–1) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (b) through (g) as subsections (c) through (h), respectively;

(2) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by striking “subsection (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

(3) in subsection (e), as so redesignated, by striking “subsection (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;

(4) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) ASSESSMENT PROGRAM OF NEEDS OF FAMILY CAREGIVERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary may make grants to States to establish a program, in accordance with the program requirements described in paragraph (5), to assess the needs of family caregivers for targeted support services described in paragraph (5)(C).

“(2) APPLICATION BY STATES.—Each State seeking a grant under this subsection shall submit an application to the Assistant Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information and assurances as the Assistant Secretary determines appropriate.

“(3) GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant to a State under this subsection shall be determined according to such methodology as the Assistant Secretary determines appropriate.

“(4) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—A State receiving a grant under this subsection may enter into an agreement with area agencies on aging in the State, or an Aging and Disability Resource Center in the State, to administer the program, using such grant funds.

“(5) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT.—Assessments under a program established under paragraph (1)—

“(i) shall be conducted by social workers, care managers, nurses, or other appropriate professionals; and

“(ii)(I) shall be conducted with a standardized instrument to identify family caregiver needs; and

“(II) in a State in which an area agency on aging or an Aging and Disability Resource Center is using such an instrument on the date of enactment of the Strengthening Services for America’s Seniors Act, may continue to be conducted with that instrument.

“(B) QUESTIONNAIRE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), assessments under a program established as described in paragraph (1) shall include asking the family caregiver relevant questions in order to determine whether the family caregiver would benefit from any targeted support services described in subparagraph (C).

“(ii) COMPLETION ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.—The answering of questions under clause (i) by a family caregiver shall be on a voluntary basis.

“(iii) ADDRESSING DIVERSE CAREGIVER NEEDS AND PREFERENCES.—The questionnaire under this subparagraph shall be designed in a manner that accounts for, and aims to ascertain, the varying needs and preferences of family caregivers, based on the range of their capabilities, caregiving experience, and other relevant personal characteristics and circumstances.

“(C) TARGETED SUPPORT SERVICES DESCRIBED.—The following targeted support services are described in this subparagraph:

“(i) Information and assistance (including brochures and online resources for researching a disease or disability or for learning and managing a regular caregiving role, new technologies that can assist family caregivers, and practical assistance for locating services).

“(ii) Individual counseling (including advice and consultation sessions to bolster emotional support for the family caregiver to make well-informed decisions about how to cope with caregiver strain).

“(iii) Support groups, including groups which provide help for family caregivers to—

“(I) locate a support group either locally or online to share experiences and reduce isolation;

“(II) make well-informed caregiving decisions; and

“(III) reduce isolation.

“(iv) Education and training (including workshops and other resources available with information about stress management, self-care to maintain good physical and mental health, understanding and communicating with individuals with dementia, medication management, normal aging processes, change in disease and disability, the role of assistive technologies, and other relevant topics).

“(v) Respite care and emergency back-up services (including short-term in-home care services that gives the family caregiver a break from providing such care).

“(vi) Chore services (such as house cleaning) to assist the individual receiving care.

“(vii) Personal care (including outside help) to assist the individual receiving care.

“(viii) Legal and financial planning and consultation (including advice and counseling regarding long-term care planning, estate planning, powers of attorney, community property laws, tax advice, employment leave advice, advance directives, and end-of-life care).

“(ix) Transportation (including transportation to medical appointments) to assist the individual receiving care.

“(x) Other targeted support services, as determined appropriate by the State agency and approved by the Assistant Secretary.

“(D) REFERRALS.—In the case where a questionnaire completed by a family caregiver under subparagraph (B) indicates that the family caregiver would benefit from 1 or more of the targeted support services described in subparagraph (C), the agency administering the program shall provide referrals to the family caregiver for State, local, and private-sector caregiver programs and other resources that provide such targeted support services to such caregivers.

“(E) TARGETING AND TIMING OF ASSESSMENTS.—Assessments under the program established under paragraph (1) may be conducted—

“(i) when an individual who is being assisted by a family caregiver transitions from one care setting to another;

“(ii) upon referral from a social worker, care manager, nurse, physician, or other appropriate professional; or