

Forces who die in the line of duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1853. A bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service pre-fund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1854. A bill to enhance medical surge capacity; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1855. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize various programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1856. A bill to prohibit Federal funding for lawsuits seeking to invalidate specific State laws that support the enforcement of Federal immigration laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 1857. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1858. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an investment credit for equipment used to fabricate solar energy property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1859. A bill to provide that section 3330a, 3330b, and 3330c of title 5, United States Code, relating to administrative and judicial redress and remedies for preference eligibles, shall apply with respect to the Federal Aviation Administration and the Transportation Security Administration; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WEBB, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIRK, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S. Res. 320. A resolution designating November 26, 2011, as "Small Business Satur-

day" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. Res. 321. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Federal Executive Boards; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 33

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

S. 581

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 581, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to require criminal background checks for child care providers.

S. 672

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 672, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution.

S. 922

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 922, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide grants for Urban Jobs Programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1025

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1039

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1039, a bill to impose sanctions on persons responsible for the detention, abuse, or death of Sergei Magnitsky, for the conspiracy

to defraud the Russian Federation of taxes on corporate profits through fraudulent transactions and lawsuits against Hermitage, and for other gross violations of human rights in the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

S. 1196

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1196, a bill to expand the use of E-Verify, to hold employers accountable, and for other purposes.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1299, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Lions Clubs International.

S. 1350

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1350, a bill to expand the research, prevention, and awareness activities of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health with respect to pulmonary fibrosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1421

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) 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. 1541

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1541, a bill to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership.

S. 1585

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1585, a bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. 1651

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1651, a bill to provide for greater transparency and honesty in the Federal budget process.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the application of Medicare secondary payer rules for certain claims.

S. 1741

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1741, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an investment tax credit for community wind projects having generation capacity of not more than 20 megawatts, and for other purposes.

S. 1762

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) were added as cosponsors 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. 1769

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1769, a bill to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America.

S. 1776

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1776, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand the Operation Hero Miles program to include the authority to accept the donation of travel benefits in the form of hotel points or awards for free or reduced-cost accommodations.

S. 1791

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1791, a bill to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities, and for other purposes.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an open burn pit registry to ensure that members of the Armed Forces who may have been exposed to toxic chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits while deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq receive information regarding such exposure, and for other purposes.

S. 1804

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1804, a bill to amend title IV of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to provide for the continuation of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1824

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1824, a bill to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1833, a bill to provide additional time for compliance with, and coordinating of, the compliance schedules for certain rules of the Environmental Protection Agency.

S. 1836

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1836, a bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to clarify that the Act applies to certain incidents that occur in water beyond the exclusive economic zone of the United States.

S.J. RES. 29

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor 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 Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) 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. 251

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 251, a resolution expressing support for improvement in the collection, processing, and consumption of recyclable materials throughout the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 927

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 927 proposed to H.R. 674, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities, to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1839. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the retention of members of the reserve components on active duty for a period of 45 days following an extended de-

ployment in contingency operations or homeland defense missions to support their reintegration into civilian life, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, never in our Nation's history has the American military relied more on National Guard and Reserve servicemembers than it has in the last 10 years.

More than 800,000 members of the National Guard and Reserves have been called to active duty service since 9/11, many of them serving two, three, and four tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our military does an exceptional job of preparing these guardsmen and reservists for combat, but we do far too little to prepare them for transition back to civilian life.

Our guardsmen need a transition from the trauma of combat to the serenity of home in Oregon and throughout our Nation. But instead our guardsmen and reservists are sent back to their community with little or no time to readjust. In a matter of a few days these guardsmen go from holding a gun in the chaos of a combat zone to holding their children in the serenity of their own home. That has to be a difficult transition.

Unlike most active-duty troops who receive a soft landing through a number of carefully monitored reintegration programs and other support services provided on an active-duty base, returning guardsmen lack the support system of a large base.

While active-duty soldiers come home to military bases and the jobs and support systems that they provide, returning Guard members are in many instances left to face the increasingly stark reality of transitioning to civilian life on their own.

The amount of personal and professional requirements placed on guardsmen and reservists pre- and post-deployment are mind boggling. What they need more than anything is time to wind down and tend to their lives.

Even under the best of circumstances, the road back from war is difficult and extremely stressful. Men and women who have served in harm's way experience higher rates of divorce and suicide.

Many battle the debilitating effects and stigma associated with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. In the current struggling economy, nearly half of the guard members and reservists have no job to return to. Some find that the jobs and careers they put on hold to serve their country simply no longer exist.

To compound an unacceptable unemployment problem, Guard members and reservists are immediately taken off the military payroll once they get home.

Imagine that reality for a second. You left your home, your family and your job to serve your country in harm's way for 10 months, only to be welcomed back with no job and no