

Games Month in the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. Res. 326. A resolution designating Thursday, November 17, 2011, as "Feed America Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 327. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 328. A resolution designating the week of November 14 through 20, 2011, as "Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. Res. 329. A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. BENNET):

S. Res. 330. A resolution designating January 27, 2012, as a national day of remembrance for Americans who, during the Cold War, worked and lived downwind from nuclear testing sites and were adversely affected by the radiation exposure generated by the above ground nuclear weapons testing; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 331. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should "Go Big" in its attempts toward deficit reduction; to the Committee on Finance.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 481

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 481, a bill to enhance and further research into the prevention and treatment of eating disorders, to improve access to treatment of eating disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 497

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) 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. 687

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 687, 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. 755

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for restitution and other State judicial debts that are past-due.

S. 1034

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1034, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to equalize the exclusion from gross income of parking and transportation fringe benefits and to provide for a common cost-of-living adjustment, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1048, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran, North Korea, and Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 1106

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) 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. 1176

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1176, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 1251

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) 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. 1268

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1268, a bill to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government by providing for greater interagency experience among national security and homeland security personnel through the development of a national security and homeland security human capital strategy and interagency rotational service by employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator

from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services.

S. 1610

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1610, a bill to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1610, *supra*.

S. 1676

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1676, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for taxpayers making donations with their returns of income tax to the Federal Government to pay down the public debt.

S. 1756

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

S. 1770

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1770, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster case placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1838

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1838, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on service dog training therapy, and for other purposes.

S. 1853

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico

(Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1856, a bill to prohibit Federal funding for lawsuits seeking to invalidate specific State laws that support the enforcement of Federal immigration laws.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and reduce the occurrence of sudden unexpected infant death and to enhance public health activities related to stillbirth.

S. 1866

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1866, a bill to provide incentives for economic growth, and for other purposes.

S. 1868

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 1868, a bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 297

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 297, a resolution congratulating the Corporation for Supportive Housing on the 20th anniversary of its founding.

S. RES. 301

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 301, a resolution urging the people of the United States to observe October 2011 as Italian and Italian-American Heritage Month.

S. RES. 302

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) 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 adop-

tion 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 939

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 939 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2354, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 975

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 975 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2354, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 976

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNES) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 976 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2354, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 979

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 979 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2354, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 980

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 980 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2354, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1009

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1009 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2354, a bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself,  
Mr. HATCH, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1880. A bill repeal the health care law's job-killing health insurance tax; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I want to thank my good friend from Wyoming, Senator BARRASSO, for his work on this and other issues related to the President's health law. He is a leading orthopedist, and I have nothing but respect for him. As a former medical liability defense lawyer defending doctors, nurses, hospitals, and other health care providers, I appreciate good doctors, and this is one good doctor. He and Dr. COBURN are two of the best people I have known and are a credit to their profession.

I thank him for his work on this and other issues related to the President's health care law. He has been tireless in his careful analysis and fair criticism of the health spending law, and I believe we are in agreement on that bill's fundamental flaw.

The President and his allies repeatedly promised that the health law would decrease costs. That is not going to happen. The so-called Affordable Care Act is going to, in fact, drive up the cost of coverage.

Among the biggest reasons for this inflationary impact are the taxes that will be imposed on the American people to pay for the lost \$2.6 trillion in new spending. At the top of the list of senseless cost-increasing taxes is the law's tax on health insurance. It is not clear to me how the cost of health insurance will decrease by taxing it.

Many people probably don't even know this tax exists. Like most of the taxes in ObamaCare, its implementation was conveniently delayed until after the 2012 Presidential election. But this tax is coming. It is going to hurt employers and employees. It is going to be a drag on our economy, and it is going to depress wages.

I am glad to be standing here with Senator BARRASSO as we introduce the Jobs and Premium Protection Act, a bill that repeals this onerous and counterproductive tax on American workers and job creators. The President speaks about the need for Congress to do something about jobs. Well, we would go a long way toward creating the conditions for job growth by passing this legislation.

Unemployment in this country remains a full-blown crisis. Millions are out of work, and the 9-percent unemployment rate doesn't begin to capture the full extent of our jobs deficit. We need policies that will encourage businesses to invest and expand. Yet the health law's insurance tax does just the opposite. According to a recent analysis, in just the first 10 years, the insurance tax would impose \$87 billion in costs on businesses and their employees. Revenue that could be spent on higher wages, new hires, and capital investment—increasing jobs and growing the economy—will instead go to pay this tax. And that is just the start. In the second decade, this tax will cost businesses and their employees \$208 billion.