

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2349. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on cyanamide; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2350. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on diethylaminoethyl-dextran; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2351. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 3-Phthalimidopropionaldehyde; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2352. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on cinnamic acid; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2353. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on benzylimidazole phenyl ethanol; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2354. A bill to extend and modify the temporary reduction of duty on Oxadiazon; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2355. A bill to extend and modify the temporary reduction of duty on (3-acetoxy-3-cyanopropyl)methylphosphinic acid, butyl ester; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2356. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty of Glufosinate-ammonium; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2357. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to clarify the tariff rates for carpet cleaners and parts thereof imported into the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2358. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain pasta tools; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2359. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain food processors; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2360. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain food choppers; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 2361. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain coffee makers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2362. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain toasters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2363. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain handheld food blenders; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2364. A bill to extend the availability of low-interest refinancing under the local development business loan program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 2365. A bill to promote the economic and energy security of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KYL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. COATS, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2366. A bill to extend student loan interest rates for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2367. A bill to strike the word "lunatic" from Federal law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KYL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. PAUL, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. COATS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BURR, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2368. A bill to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on midnight rules during a President's final days in office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. 2369. A bill to establish the American Innovation Bank, to improve science and technology job training, to authorize grants for curriculum development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 435. A resolution calling for democratic change in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BEGICH:

S. Res. 436. A resolution designating the week of April 22 through 28, 2012, as the "Week of the Young Child"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts):

S. Res. 437. A resolution congratulating the Boston College men's ice hockey team on winning its fifth National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Hockey Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. WICKER):

S. Res. 438. A resolution to support the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 439. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Village Voice Media Holdings, LLC should eliminate the "adult entertainment" section of the classified advertising website Backpage.com; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the application of the tonnage tax on certain vessels.

S. 219

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 219, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 705

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 705, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 829

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 829, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to provide for preferential duty treatment to certain apparel articles of the Philippines.

S. 1299

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1454

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1454, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 1591

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1591, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust.

S. 1935

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1935, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were

added as cosponsors of S. 2103, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 2159

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2159, a bill to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program through fiscal year 2017.

S. 2207

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2207, a bill to require the Office of the Ombudsman of the Transportation Security Administration to appoint passenger advocates at Category X airports to assist elderly and disabled passengers who believe they have been mistreated by TSA personnel and for other purposes.

S. 2219

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2219, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes.

S. 2237

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 2237, a bill to provide a temporary income tax credit for increased payroll and extend bonus depreciation for an additional year, and for other purposes.

S. 2280

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2280, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain creditors to obtain certifications from institutions of higher education, and for other purposes.

S. 2288

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2288, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 2319

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2319, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Admin-

istrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2320

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2320, a bill to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to provide for the ongoing maintenance of Clark Veterans Cemetery in the Republic of the Philippines, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2320, *supra*.

S. 2325

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2325, a bill to authorize further assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system.

S. 2338

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2338, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 2342

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2342, a bill to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 2343

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2343, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 380

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 380, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of preventing the Government of Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons capability.

S. RES. 419

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 419, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition week.

S. RES. 430

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Delaware

(Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 430, a resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the founding of Ducks Unlimited, Incorporated, the achievements of the organization in habitat conservation, and the support of the organization for the waterfowling heritage of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 2032

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2032 proposed to S. 1789, a bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

AMENDMENT NO. 2073

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2073 proposed to S. 1789, a bill to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2364. A bill to extend the availability of low-interest refinancing under the local development business loan program of the Small Business Administration; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support a one-year extension of the Small Business Administration, SBA, 504 loan refinancing program that was originally authorized in the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. This bill would allow small business owners to use 504 loans to refinance up to 90 percent of existing commercial mortgages.

The 504 loan program provides approved small businesses with long-term, fixed-rate financing used to acquire fixed assets for expansion or modernization. According to the SBA, as of February 15, 2012, the \$50 billion in 504 loans has created over 2 million jobs. The refinancing option in the Small Business Jobs Act authorized \$7.5 billion in refinancing until September 27, 2012. Unfortunately, because of a delay in promulgating regulations to enable refinancing, the program did not become operational until a few months ago, significantly shortening the period of time that business could refinance existing 504 loans. The 504 loan program also comes at no cost to taxpayers, has created jobs and will provide much needed relief to businesses for one additional year.

America's small business owners face a daunting business life cycle that is volatile at best: according to the SBA, while seven out of 10 new employer firms survive for at least 2 years, only 1/3 of these firms exist after 10 years. These failure rates are quite constant for different industries. Yet one factor that is a bell-weather for success is access to capital. The SBA identifies the