

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2105. A bill to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2111. A bill to enhance punishment for identity theft and other violations of data privacy and security.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. STABENOW for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

*Bruce J. Sherrick, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

*Chester John Culver, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

*Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

*Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2110. A bill to settle claims of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to convey mineral rights in the State of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2111. A bill to enhance punishment for identity theft and other violations of data privacy and security; read the first time.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. GRAMHAM, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2112. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize space-available travel on military aircraft for members of the reserve components, a member or former member of a reserve component who is eligible for retired pay but for age, widows and widowers of retired members, and dependents; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 2113. A bill to empower the Food and Drug Administration to ensure a clear and effective pathway that will encourage inno-

vative products to benefit patients and improve public health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2114. A bill to prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from procuring certain items directly related to the national security unless the items are grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WICKER:

S. Res. 376. A resolution commemorating the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States and recognizing the contributions of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 377. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the historic achievement of John Herschel Glenn, Jr., in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. Res. 378. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that children should have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family and that it is the policy of the United States that family reunification, kinship care, or domestic and intercountry adoption promotes permanency and stability to a greater degree than long-term institutionalization and long-term, continually disrupted foster care; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 82

At the request of Mr. JOHANNES, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 82, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs, to repeal the sunset of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with respect to increased dollar limitations for such credit and programs, and to allow the adoption credit to be claimed in the year expenses are incurred, regardless of when the adoption becomes final.

S. 296

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) 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. 501

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to utilize home monitoring and communications technologies.

S. 641

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 645

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1023, a bill to authorize the President to provide assistance to the Government of Haiti to end within 5 years the deforestation in Haiti and restore within 30 years the extent of tropical forest cover in existence in Haiti in 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1880, a bill to repeal the health care law's job-killing health insurance tax.

S. 1980

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1980, a bill to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through port State measures.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2010, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2051, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans.

S. 2099

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the

Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2099, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

S. 2100

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2100, a bill to suspend sales of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve until certain conditions are met.

S. 2103

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2105

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2105, a bill to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States.

S. RES. 80

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 80, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

S. RES. 310

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 310, a resolution designating 2012 as the "Year of the Girl" and Congratulating Girl Scouts of the USA on its 100th anniversary.

AMENDMENT NO. 1520

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1520 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1521

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1521 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1534

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1534 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1535

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs.

HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1535 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1537

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1537 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1549

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1549 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1565

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1565 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1566

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1566 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1582

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1582 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1591

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1591 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1613

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1613 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1617

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1617 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthor-

ize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 2111. A bill to enhance punishment for identity theft and other violations of data privacy and security; read the first time.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today, I am pleased to introduce the Cyber Crime Protection Security Act, a bill to strengthen our Nation's cybercrime laws. Developing a comprehensive strategy for cybersecurity is one of the most pressing challenges facing our Nation today, and an issue that the Senate will tackle in the coming weeks. A legislative response to the growing threat of cyber crime must be a part of that conversation.

Protecting American consumers and businesses from cyber crime and other threats in cyberspace has long been a priority of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In September, the Committee favorably reported legislation which included a provision essentially identical to this bill as a part of the Personal Data Privacy and Security Act. Since then, I have worked closely with Senator GRASSLEY to advance cyber crime legislation that will have strong bipartisan support.

Cyber crime impacts all of us, regardless of political party or ideology. Recently, several Republican Senators stated the following in an opinion piece about the Senate's cybersecurity legislation: "In addition, our nation's criminal laws must be updated to account for the growing number of cybercrimes. We support legislation to clarify and expand the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act—including increasing existing penalties, defining new offenses and clarifying the scope of current criminal conduct. These changes will ensure that our criminal laws keep pace with the ever-evolving threats posed by cybercriminals." I could not agree more. I hope that all Senators will support this bill and I urge the Senate to quickly pass this important legislation.

We simply cannot afford to ignore the growing threat of cyber crime. A study released by Symantec Corp estimates that the cost of cybercrime globally is \$114 billion a year. During the past year, we have witnessed major data breaches at Sony, Epsilon, RSA, the International Monetary Fund, and Lockheed Martin, just to name a few. In addition, our Government computer networks have not been spared, as evidenced by the hacking incidents involving the websites of the Senate and Central Intelligence Agency.

The Cyber Crime Protection Security Act takes several important steps to combat cyber crime. First, the bill updates the Federal RICO statute to add violations of the Computer Fraud and