

By Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL)):

S. 880. A bill to amend title 23 and 49, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to the length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 881. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for the costs of certain infertility treatments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 882. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 883. A bill to reform and modernize domestic refugee resettlement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 884. A bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to develop a watch list and a priority watch list of foreign countries that engage in economic or industrial espionage in cyberspace with respect to United States trade secrets or proprietary information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 885. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the "Thaddeus Stevens Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BURR, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 886. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 887. A bill to repeal the violation of sovereign nations' laws and privacy matters; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHANNES (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DONNELLY, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 888. A bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; read the first time.

By Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 889. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 890. A bill to clarify the definition of navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 130. A resolution designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2013, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 33

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 33, a bill to prohibit the transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

S. 62

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 62, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate overpayments of tax as contributions and to make additional contributions to the Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to modernize voter registration, promote access to voting for individuals with disabilities, protect the ability of individuals to exercise the right to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 314

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life.

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 314, *supra*.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to recalculate

and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 323

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, 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. 382

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include human trafficking as a part 1 violent crime for purposes of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

S. 456

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish an award program recognizing excellence exhibited by public school system employees providing services to students in prekindergarten through higher education.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the

employment tax treatment and reporting of wages paid by professional employer organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 496

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 496, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms.

S. 545

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to improve hydropower, and for other purposes.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to provide for a biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government.

S. 577

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 577, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, to relocate to Jerusalem the United States Embassy in Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 650

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 650, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to preserve consumer and employer access to licensed independent insurance producers.

S. 679

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 679, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 717

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 717, a bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a pilot program to

award grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of retrofitting nonprofit buildings with energy-efficiency improvements.

S. 728

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 728, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to conduct an empirical impact study on proposed rules relating to the International Basel III agreement on general risk-based capital requirements, as they apply to community banks.

S. 734

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 734, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 754

At the request of Mr. COWAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 754, a bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to include farmed shellfish as specialty crops.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the Food and Drug Administration's jurisdiction over certain tobacco products, and to protect jobs and small businesses involved in the sale, manufacturing and distribution of traditional and premium cigars.

S. 777

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 777, a bill to restore the previous policy regarding restrictions on use of Department of Defense medical facilities.

S. 790

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to require the United States International Trade Commission to recommend temporary

duty suspensions and reductions to Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 798

At the request of Mr. KIRK, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 798, a bill to address equity capital requirements for financial institutions, bank holding companies, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and for other purposes.

S. 809

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 809, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require that genetically engineered food and foods that contain genetically engineered ingredients be labeled accordingly.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to require that Peace Corps volunteers be subject to the same limitations regarding coverage of abortion services as employees of the Peace Corps with respect to coverage of such services, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BROWN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. COONS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, *supra*.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 845, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) were added as cosponsors of S. 850, a bill to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board constituting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from

Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. RES. 65

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 65, a resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation.

S. RES. 126

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 126, a resolution recognizing the teachers of the United States for their contributions to the development and progress of our country.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 871. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance assistance for victims of sexual assault committed by members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I come to the floor because I believe the great strength of our military is in the character and dedication of our men and women who wear the uniform. It is the courage of these Americans to volunteer to serve. That is the Pentagon's greatest asset.

I know it is said a lot, but take a minute to think about that. Our servicemembers volunteer to face danger, to put their lives on the line to protect our country and all of its people. When we think of those dangers, we think of IEDs. We think of battles with insurgents, many of whom are so cowardly and evil that they refuse to even wear a uniform themselves, and they seek to kill innocent civilians.

There are, unfortunately, other dangers as well, dangers that cannot be expected and none of our courageous servicemembers should ever have to face. That is what I am speaking about, sexual assault. That continues to plague the ranks of our military services.

It is absolutely unconscionable that a fellow servicemember, the person whom you rely on to have your back and be there for you, would commit such a terrible crime. It is simply appalling that they could commit such a personal violation of their brother or sister in uniform.

Even worse is the prevalence of these crimes. Just today, we are hearing the alarming statistic that the number of cases has increased by more than one-third since 2010. For the estimated 26,000 cases of military sexual assault

in 2012, less than 3,000 of them were reported. Out of 26,000, only 3,000 were reported. What is even more startling is that of those who bravely came forward and reported the abuse, an astounding 62 percent of them were retaliated against in one way or another.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, about one in five female veterans treated by the VA has suffered from military sexual trauma. That is certainly not the act of a comrade. It is not in keeping with the ethos in any service, and it can no longer be tolerated. We still have not done enough to put an end to these shameful acts.

Today I am taking action to change that. Today Senator AYOTTE and I joined to introduce the Combatting Military Sexual Assault Act of 2013. This is bipartisan legislation that we have worked on to make several vital improvements to protect our servicemembers, to assist the victims, and to punish the criminals. Our bill, the Combatting Military Sexual Assault Act, will create a new category of legal advocates called special victims' counsels who would be responsible for advocating on behalf of the interests of the victim. These SVCs, special victims' counsels, would advise the victim on the range of legal issues they might face. For example, when a young private first class is intimidated into not reporting a sexual assault, by threatening her with unrelated legal charges such as underage drinking, this new advocate, the SVC, would be there to protect her and tell her the truth.

This bill would also enhance the responsibilities and authority of the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, known as the SAPRO, to provide better oversight of efforts to combat military sexual assault across our Armed Forces. SAPRO would also be required to regularly track and report on a range of MSA statistics, including assault rates, the number of cases brought to trial, and compliance within each of these individual services.

Some of this data collection and reporting is already being done, so this requirement is not going to be burdensome. It would give that office statutory authority to track and report to us on the extent of the problem.

The Combatting Military Sexual Assault Act would also require sexual assault cases to be referred to the next superior competent authority for court martial when there is a conflict of interest in the immediate chain of command. This is very important. This will help ensure that sexual assault allegations get a fair, impartial, and thorough investigation. The President of the Military Officers Association of America agrees. They stated:

Preventing sexual assault is a duty of everyone in the chain of command. This legislation will increase support for sexual assault victims and strengthen policies and procedures for such cases in our Nation's Armed Forces.

This legislation would also prohibit sexual contact between military instructors and servicemembers during basic training or its equivalent or within 30 days after the training. As we have seen, with disturbing frequency at places such as Lackland Air Force Base or the Air Force Academy, new servicemembers are too often taken advantage of and abused.

In these settings, new servicemembers have every aspect of their life controlled by their instructor. While this is appropriate for military training, in this type of setting it is entirely inappropriate for senior servicemembers to seek a sexual relationship with a junior subordinate. It is our view it is impossible for a servicemember to freely give consent in that setting.

This bill will also ensure that sexual assault response coordinators are available to members of the National Guard and Reserve at all times. I was told a very disturbing story recently by a female servicemember from the National Guard in my home State of Washington. After being sexually assaulted during her monthly drill on a military base, she took all the necessary steps, including calling the sexual assault response coordinator. When she called, she was told that because the assault happened during a monthly drill, not on Active Duty, the sexual response coordinator could not help her. Those services were only reserved for those on Active Duty.

That is absolutely unacceptable. When one of our men and women in uniform is the victim of a sexual assault, and they have the courage to come forward and ask for help, the answer never, ever should be, sorry, there are regulations, nothing I can do for you.

This bill is one step to address the crises we have in our own Armed Forces, and it needs to be done now. Yesterday's news that the Air Force's chief of sexual assault prevention was arrested for sexual assault is another reminder that we have to change the culture around this issue.

I want to be very clear. The military has taken some steps on its own. For instance, I am looking forward to seeing Secretary Hagel's proposal on how to reform article 60 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. As I think most of our colleagues know, under article 60, the convening authority of a court martial is empowered to dismiss the judgment of the court martial and overturn their verdict. Many of us, myself included, have had serious concerns about how that authority has been used in sexual assault cases.

We are here today to introduce this bill, and I wish to thank the Senator from New Hampshire for her advocacy on this issue and for her help in putting this legislation together.

I also wish to thank Representative TIM RYAN for his leadership and championing our companion bill in the other Chamber.