

other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1012. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve operations of recovery auditors under the Medicare integrity program, to increase transparency and accuracy in audits conducted by contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1013. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1014. A bill to reduce sports-related concussions in youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1015. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow credits for the purchase of franchises by veterans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1016. A bill to protect individual privacy against unwarranted governmental intrusion through the use of the unmanned aerial vehicles commonly called drones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1017. A bill to permit flexibility in the application of the budget sequester by Federal agencies; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1018. A bill to restrict conflicts of interest on the boards of directors of Federal reserve banks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1019. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1020. A bill to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1021. A bill to provide for a Next Generation Cooperative Threat Reduction Strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1022. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORKER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUNT, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 1023. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report on ways to increase the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign investment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1024. A bill to provide for the inclusion of Lease Sale 220 in the outer Continental Shelf leasing program for fiscal years 2012–2017, to revise the map for the Mid-Atlantic planning area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1025. A bill to provide financial assistance for school construction after a violent or traumatic crisis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1026. A bill to assist survivors of stroke in returning to work; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 1027. A bill to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COWAN:

S. Res. 152. A resolution designating November 28, 2013, as “National Holoprosencephaly Awareness Day” to increase awareness and education of the disorder; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 210

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 210, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraudulent representations about having received military declarations or medals.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) 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 names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors 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. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Missouri

(Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 382

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors 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 name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor 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. 557

At the request of Mrs. HAGAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to medication therapy management under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 562, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the triennial International Civil Aviation Organization Assembly, and for other purposes.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to establish pilot projects under the Medicare program to provide incentives for home health agencies to

furnish remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures under such program.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to provide for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central Asia.

S. 674

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to require prompt responses from the heads of covered Federal agencies when the Secretary of Veterans Affairs requests information necessary to adjudicate claims for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) were added as cosponsors 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. 749

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, 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. 789

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 815

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to prohibit the employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

S. 837

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 837, a bill to expand and improve opportunities for beginning farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 842

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer.

S. 871

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 917

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers.

S. 928

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processing of claims for compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 951

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State, and for other purposes.

S. 953

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 953, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans, to limit earnings stripping by expatriated entities, to provide for modifications related to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 960

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services, and for other purposes.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to prohibit amounts made available by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 from being transferred to the Internal Revenue Service for implementation of such Acts.

S. 965

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 965, a bill to eliminate oil exports from Iran by expanding domestic production.

S. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 967, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify various authorities relating to procedures for courts-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 987, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 992

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 992, a bill to provide for offices on sexual assault prevention and response under the Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces, to require reports on additional offices and selection of sexual assault prevention and response personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 996

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 996, a bill to improve the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide social service agencies with the resources to

provide services to meet the urgent needs of Holocaust survivors to age in place with dignity, comfort, security, and quality of life.

S. 1001

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1001, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Government of Iran.

AMENDMENT NO. 934

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 934 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 939

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 939 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 940

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. COWAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 940 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 961

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 961 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 965

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 965 proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 966

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 966 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 971

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 971 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 986

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 986 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 992

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 992 proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 998

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 998 proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 1011

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1011 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1011 intended to be proposed to S. 954, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 1030

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1030 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include biomass heating appliances for tax credits available for energy-efficient building property and energy property; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I rise today in support of energy innovation, energy independence, national security, and local economies.

The legislation I am introducing, the Biomass Thermal Utilization Act of 2013—known as the BTU Act—would give tax parity to biomass heating systems under sections 25d and 48 of the Internal Revenue Code and would help to encourage a very promising industry.

By adding biomass heating systems to the eligible renewable technologies for residential and commercial tax credits, we can help make clean, home-grown heating more cost effective for hard-working Americans.

By way of example, Maine has the highest home heating oil dependence of any State in the country—and nearly 80 cents of every \$1 spent on heating oil goes out of State. Much of this money also leaves the country and goes to nations that are less than friendly with the U.S. Yet we have plenty of renewable heating sources here at home.

In Maine, wood pellet boilers are the most widely used biomass heating systems. Wood pellet boilers run on trees

grown in the State, cut by local loggers, processed into pellets in local mills, then purchased and used to heat local homes. Nearly every single heating dollar stays within the local economy. This supports good-paying jobs, working, productive forests, and it helps move the country toward energy independence.

We are not talking about traditional woodstoves here. These are highly innovative, clean-burning systems that are simple to run. They can even be integrated with your smart phone so you can turn the heat up on your way home from work.

In addition, thermal biomass systems—particularly wood pellet boilers—have very small carbon footprints. New trees are planted to replace the trees processed into pellets. These new trees capture the carbon released by the pellets. Compared to fossil fuels, such as home heating oil, this yields an extremely small carbon footprint.

I am excited to offer this legislation and to be joined by Senator COLLINS.

This bill could greatly benefit any State with a strong forestry industry but also States with industries that turn agricultural waste and nonfood stock plants into thermal biomass fuels. I look forward to working with colleagues from around the country to level the playing field for the biomass industry.

Let us work together to keep our energy dollars here at home and create jobs in our backyard.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1013. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to add procedural requirements for patent infringement suits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1013

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Patent Abuse Reduction Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. PLEADING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 29 of title 35, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 281 the following:

“§ 281A. Pleading requirements for patent infringement actions

“In a civil action arising under any Act of Congress relating to patents, a party alleging infringement shall include in the initial complaint, counterclaim, or cross-claim for patent infringement—

“(1) an identification of each patent allegedly infringed;

“(2) an identification of each claim of each patent identified under paragraph (1) that is allegedly infringed;

“(3) for each claim identified under paragraph (2), an identification of each accused apparatus, product, feature, device, method, system, process, function, act, service, or other instrumentality (referred to in this