

WYDEN) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors 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. 967

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) was added as a cosponsor 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. 973

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to improve the integrity and safety of interstate horseracing, and for other purposes.

S. 980

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 980, a bill to provide for enhanced embassy security, and for other purposes.

S. 988

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 988, a bill to provide for an accounting of total United States contributions to the United Nations.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors 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 name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1001, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Government of Iran.

S. 1003

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to promote Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs.

S. 1092

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1092, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require an Inspector General investigation of allegations of retaliatory personnel actions taken in response to making protected communications regarding sexual assault.

S. 1096

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1096, a bill to establish an Office of Rural Education Policy in the Department of Education.

S.J. RES. 10

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

S.J. RES. 15

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 15, a joint resolution removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.

S. RES. 75

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 75, 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. 157

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 157, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that telephone service must be improved in rural areas of the United States and that no entity may unreasonably discriminate against telephone users in those areas.

AMENDMENT NO. 978

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 978 intended to be 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 Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 998 proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 1042

At the request of Mr. KING, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1042 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 1082

At the request of Mr. FLAKE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1082 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 1144

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1144 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 1151

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1151 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 1153

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1153 intended to be proposed to S. 954, an original bill to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

AMENDMENT NO. 1167

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISC) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1167 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. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KIRK, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1101. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child is ready for college or a career; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I would like to say on behalf of several Republican Senators, including Senators BURR, ISAKSON, KIRK, ROBERTS, HATCH, and ENZI that I am introducing today the Every Child Ready for College or Career Act. This bill would let States decide whether schools and teachers are succeeding or failing. It would end the accumulation of Federal mandates that have piled up on States and local school districts and has created, in effect, a national school board. It would help 50 million children in 100,000 public schools learn what they need to know and be able to do by restoring responsibility to States and

communities and giving teachers and parents more freedom, flexibility, and choices.

I will have more to say about this on Monday in a floor speech, but I wanted to call it to the attention of our colleagues.

While it is being offered by Republican Senators, we do not see it as a Republican bill. We see it as a piece of legislation that will attract the support of classroom teachers, principals, Governors, legislators, and others who have been working for 30 years to set high standards, create better tests, create accountability systems, and pioneering in developing teacher evaluation systems.

We believe it is the proper role of the Federal Government to create an environment for better schools, but not to issue orders from Washington. The combination of No Child Left Behind mandates, Race to the Top mandates, and mandates as a result of the Secretary of Education's waivers have created such congestion in the U.S. Department of Education that it has become, in effect, a national school board.

We want to head in the other direction. We want to give back to States and local governments the responsibility for deciding whether schools and teachers are succeeding or failing. I hope all of our colleagues will read the Every Child Ready for College or Career Act.

Senator HARKIN and I look forward to the markup next Tuesday in the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. We will offer competing versions. His is more than 1,100 pages, and ours is 220 pages. This is a symbol of the differences in our approaches. We will begin a debate which I hope goes through the committee, moves to the Senate floor, combines with the House in conference, and produces a result that reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act this year.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1174. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 956 submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KIRK, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1175. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1176. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1177. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1178. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment

SA 1171 submitted by Mr. SCHATZ and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1179. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1051 submitted by Mr. SESSIONS and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1180. Mr. DONNELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1122 submitted by Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. COATS) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1174. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 956 submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KIRK, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. Lautenberg) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SEC. 12. FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION.

(a) REGULATIONS.—

(1) DEADLINE.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue final regulations to carry out the amendments made by paragraph (1) of section 11016(b) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246; 122 Stat. 2130).

(2) REQUIREMENT.—In promulgating the regulations described in paragraph (1), the Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall ensure that there is no duplication in inspection activities for meat food products derived from catfish, including the cessation of any existing inspection function for meat food products derived from catfish carried out by the Food and Drug Administration or any related agency.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION STATUS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Agriculture and Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and Appropriations of the Senate a report on the status of the implementation of the program established by the amendments made by section 11016(b) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246; 122 Stat. 2130).

SA 1175. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

This Act shall become effective 1 day after enactment.

SA 1176. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

This Act shall become effective 2 days after enactment.

SA 1177. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

This Act shall become effective 3 days after enactment.

SA 1178. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1171 submitted by Mr. SCHATZ and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1, line 3, strike “RESEARCH AND”.

On page 2, line 20, strike “silviculture” and insert “silvicultural practices for restoration purposes”.

SA 1179. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1051 submitted by Mr. SESSIONS and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On Page 1, Strike line 1 through and including Page 5, Line 2, and insert the following:

“On Page 390, after Line 17, add the following:

SEC. 4019. NO FUNDS FOR MARKETING SNAP BENEFITS.

No funds authorized under this title shall be used to implement any program designed to promote enrollment and use of SNAP benefits by foreign nationals residing in the United States.”

SA 1180. Mr. DONNELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1122 submitted by Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. COATS) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be added, add the following:

SEC. 122. STAY AND STUDY ON PROPOSED ACTIONS RELATING TO SULFURYL FLUORIDE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall delay taking final action on the objections addressed in the proposed order entitled “Sulfuryl Fluoride; Proposed Order Granting Objections to Tolerances and Denying Request for a Stay” (76 Fed. Reg. 3422 (January 19, 2011)) as that proposed order relates to tolerances under chapter IV of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) until the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall, after providing notice and opportunity to comment to all stakeholders, submit to the Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce of