

in water used for drinking, cooking, and washing; and

Whereas, this study was conducted by the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs after it found that Vietnam veterans of the Royal Australian Navy suffered from a higher rate of mortality from Agent Orange-associated diseases than did Vietnam veterans from other branches of the military; and

Whereas, when the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention studied specific cancers among Vietnam veterans, it found a higher risk of cancer among United States Navy veterans; and

Whereas, herbicides containing tetrachlorodibenzodioxin (TCDD), a contaminant in Agent Orange, did not discriminate between soldiers on the ground and sailors on ships offshore; and

Whereas, more than 30 veterans' service organizations support the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013 (H.R. 543); and

Whereas, by not passing H.R. 543, a precedent could be set to selectively provide certain categories of veterans with injury-related medical care while denying such care to other categories of veterans, without any financial, scientific, or consistent reasoning; and

Whereas, when the Agent Orange Act passed in 1991 with no dissenting votes, congressional leaders stressed the importance of responding to the health concerns of Vietnam veterans and ending the bitterness and anxiety that had surrounded the issue of herbicide exposure; and

Whereas, the federal government has also demonstrated its awareness of the hazards of Agent Orange exposure through its involvement in the identification, containment, and mitigation of dioxin "hot spots" in Vietnam; and

Whereas, the United States Congress should reaffirm the nation's commitment to the well-being of all of its veterans and direct the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to administer the Agent Orange Act under the presumption that herbicide exposure in the Republic of Vietnam includes the country's inland waterways, offshore waters, and airspace, encompassing the entire Combat Zone: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that the United States Congress is respectfully urged to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to United States veterans who served in the waters defined by the Combat Zone and in the airspace over the Combat Zone in Vietnam; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States Congress is respectfully urged to enter this Resolution into the Congressional Record as an official memorial to the Congress; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2015" (Rept. No. 113-163).

By Mr. PRYOR, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2389. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development,

Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-164).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 37. A bill to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-165).

S. 258. A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-166).

S. 715. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-167).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 782. A bill to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-168).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 995. A bill to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-169).

S. 1252. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Rept. No. 113-170).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 1341. A bill to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-171).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

H.R. 1033. A bill to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program (Rept. No. 113-172).

By Ms. LANDRIEU, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 2337. A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado (Rept. No. 113-173).

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4486. A bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-174).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments:

S. 2142. A bill to impose targeted sanctions on persons responsible for violations of human rights of antigovernment protesters

in Venezuela, to strengthen civil society in Venezuela, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 113-175).

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. HELLER (for himself and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2381. A bill to clarify that any private flood insurance policy accepted by a State shall satisfy the mandatory purchase requirement under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 2382. A bill to establish the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers for purposes of determining cost-of-living increases under the Social Security Act, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to apply payroll taxes to remuneration and earnings from self-employment up to the contribution and benefit base and to remuneration in excess of \$250,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 2383. A bill to direct the Office of the Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on small businesses; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2384. A bill to require the President 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, to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons that knowingly benefit from such espionage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2385. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Truth in Lending Act to provide for disclosure and codes of conduct with respect to consumer financial products or services and institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. DONNELLY):

S. 2386. A bill to establish a grant program to help State and local law enforcement agencies reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism and other disabilities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2387. A bill to amend the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with eligible Indian tribes to manage land buy-back programs, to require that certain amounts be deposited into interest bearing accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. HELLER):

S. 2388. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the depreciation recovery period for energy-efficient cool roof systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 2389. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development,

Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2390. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a tax credit for foster families; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MURPHY:

S. 2391. A bill to amend chapter 83 of title 41, United States Code (popularly referred to as the Buy American Act) and certain other laws with respect to certain waivers under those laws, to provide greater transparency regarding exceptions to domestic sourcing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WALSH:

S. 2392. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2393. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the protection and enforcement of employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LEE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2394. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans for the protection and recovery of sage grouse species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2395. A bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHANNES, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2396. A bill to establish the veterans' business outreach center program, to improve the programs for veterans of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2397. A bill to increase the rates of pay under the General Schedule and other statutory pay systems and for prevailing rate employees by 3.3 percent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 2398. A bill to amend a provision of title 49, United States Code, relating to motor vehicle safety civil penalties; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Ms. HEITKAMP):

S. 2399. A bill to safeguard the voting rights of Native American and Alaska Native voters and to provide the resources and oversight necessary to ensure equal access to the electoral process; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

S. 2400. A bill to provide for improvement of field emergency medical services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WALSH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 2401. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Office of the Medical Inspector within the Office of the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2402. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to address the need to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 2403. A bill to ensure that programs of training services under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 make better use of participants' prior learning so as to better assist the participants in obtaining degrees and other recognized postsecondary credentials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE:

S. 2404. A bill to make permanent the extended period of protections for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2405. A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 2406. A bill to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2407. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 by authorizing the United States Agency for International Development to continue supporting the development of technologies for global health under the Health Technologies Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2408. A bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, and production of oil and gas in and from the western portion of the Coastal Plain of the State of Alaska without surface occupancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2409. A bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain in Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S.J. Res. 36. A joint resolution relating to the approval and implementation of the proposed agreement for nuclear cooperation between the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 455. A resolution designating May 2014 as "Older Americans Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 456. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 457. A resolution designating the week of May 18 through May 24, 2014, as "National Public Works Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. Res. 458. A resolution recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month and honoring Holocaust survivors and their contributions to the United States of America; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 459. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2014 as "National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KIRK, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 460. A resolution recognizing the significance of May 2014 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Res. 461. A resolution honoring James L. Oberstar as a remarkable public servant who served in Congress with extraordinary dedication and purpose; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. Res. 462. A resolution recognizing the Khmer and Lao/Hmong Freedom Fighters of Cambodia and Laos for supporting and defending the United States Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia and for their continued support and defense of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 463. A resolution honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Billy Frank, Jr., and expressing condolences on his passing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.