

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. 1965. A bill to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1966. A bill to provide for the restoration of the economic and ecological health of National Forest System land and rural communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1967. A bill to provide for the management of certain inventoried roadless areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1968. A bill to allow States to let Federal funds for the education of disadvantaged children follow low-income children to the accredited or otherwise State-approved public school, private school, or supplemental educational services program they attend; 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. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 340. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that all necessary measures should be taken to protect children in the United States from human trafficking, especially during the upcoming Super Bowl, an event around which many children are trafficked for sex; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 162

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 162, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.

S. 655

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 655, a bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize the Secretary of Labor to provide grants for Urban Jobs Programs, and for other purposes.

S. 738

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

S. 913

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to amend the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 to reauthorize and improve that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1022

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. 1137

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1137, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1186

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1186, a bill to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area.

S. 1406

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of general welfare benefits provided by Indian tribes.

S. 1658

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1658, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain small business tax provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 1697

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1697, a bill to support early learning.

S. 1704

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1704, a bill to expand the use of open textbooks in order to achieve savings for students.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to grant the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Monuments Men, in recognition of their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and artifacts of cultural importance during and following World War II.

S. 1896

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1896, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit and provide designated allocations for areas impacted by a decline in manufacturing.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1902, a bill to require notification of individuals of breaches of personally identifiable information through Exchanges under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

S. 1923

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies.

S. 1926

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1926, a bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes.

S. 1950

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 1950, a bill to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1956, a bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review the discharge characterization of former members of the Armed Forces who were discharged by reason of the sexual orientation of the member, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 26

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution recognizing the need to improve physical access to many federally funded facilities for all people of the United States, particularly people with disabilities.

S. RES. 333

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 333, a resolution strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq.

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 333, supra.

S. RES. 339

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 339, a resolution commemorating the 150th anniversary of Mayo Clinic.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 340—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING, ESPECIALLY DURING THE UPCOMING SUPER BOWL, AN EVENT AROUND WHICH MANY CHILDREN ARE TRAFFICKED FOR SEX

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 340

Whereas according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an estimated 200,000 to 300,000 children in the United States are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation;

Whereas the average age of victims at the time of their entry into sex trafficking is between just 12 and 14 years old;

Whereas sex trafficking victims are often abducted or lured into running away by traffickers;

Whereas sex trafficking victims are routinely raped and beaten, and sometimes even branded;

Whereas the vast majority of child victims of sex trafficking are children from the foster care system, where they have often been failed by the officials entrusted to protect them;

Whereas instances of sex trafficking occur in every state, and tens of thousands of men, women, and children are brought to the United States every year and exploited for sex and labor by traffickers;

Whereas it is widely recognized that the beloved American tradition of the Super Bowl, an event that draws tens of thousands of fans to the host city, like other major recreational events, leads to a surge in the sex trafficking of underage girls and boys in the host city; and

Whereas traffickers aggressively advertise and sell sex trafficking victims on websites like Backpage.com during the Super Bowl in order to meet the increased demand from visitors to the host city: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) law enforcement officers, the juvenile justice system, social services, and the public should recognize and treat all children being trafficked for sex as victims of human trafficking each and every day of the year; and

(2) Federal and State law enforcement agencies should take all necessary measures to protect children in the United States from harm, including arresting and prosecuting both traffickers and buyers of children for sex in accordance with the applicable State and Federal laws against child abuse, statutory rape, and human trafficking, particularly during the festivities surrounding Super Bowl XLVIII.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2692. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2693. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2694. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2695. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2696. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2697. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. McCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2698. Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2699. Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2700. Mr. HELLER (for himself and Mr. LEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2701. Mr. REID (for Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. HATCH)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1302, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans.

SA 2702. Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1926, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2703. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2704. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2705. Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2706. Mr. WHITEHOUSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2707. Mr. TOOMEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2708. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2709. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2692. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, line 8, strike “18 months” and insert “3 months”.

SA 2693. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1926, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 and to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, insert the following:

SEC. 110. PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION FUNDING.

Section 203(g) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133(g)) is amended—