

other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1975. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an above-the-line deduction for child care expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1976. A bill to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a breach of security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. GRAMHAM, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1977. A bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset; read the first time.

By Mr. UDALL of New Mexico:

S. 1978. A bill to increase access to primary care services through training and accountability improvements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1979. A bill to provide for USA Retirement Funds, to reform the pension system, and for other purposes; 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 Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 342. A resolution designating February 3 through 7, 2014, as "National School Counseling Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 41

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to provide a permanent deduction for State and local general sales taxes.

S. 84

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 84, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr.

HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 862

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) 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. 1235

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1456

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1456, a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres.

S. 1587

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1587, a bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to each of Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 1596

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from West Vir-

ginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1596, a bill to require State educational agencies that receive funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have in effect policies and procedures on background checks for school employees.

S. 1654

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1654, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny tax deductions for corporate regulatory violations.

S. 1704

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) 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. 1709

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1709, a bill to require the Committee on Technology of the National Science and Technology Council to develop and update a national manufacturing competitiveness strategic plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1792

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1792, a bill to close out expired, empty grant accounts.

S. 1814

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1814, a bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States and for other purposes.

S. 1908

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1908, a bill to allow reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1909, a bill to expand opportunity through greater choice in education, and for other purposes.

S. 1923

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) 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. 1924

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1924, a bill to require a report

on INF Treaty compliance information sharing.

S. 1925

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1925, a bill to limit the retrieval of data from vehicle event data recorders.

S. 1941

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1941, a bill to establish requirements for the adoption of any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of an airman or an air traffic controller for a sleep disorder, and for other purposes.

S. 1953

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1953, a bill to amend certain provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978 and the Inspector General Improvement Act of 2008, and for other purposes.

S. 1956

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors 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. 1957

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1957, a bill to establish the American Infrastructure Fund, to provide bond guarantees and make loans to States, local governments, and infrastructure providers for investments in certain infrastructure projects, and to provide equity investments in such projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1972

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1972, a bill to prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of an individual's status or history of unemployment.

S. RES. 333

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) 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.

S. RES. 340

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Florida

(Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. RES. 341

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 341, a resolution observing the 100th birthday of civil rights leader Daisy Bates and honoring her legacy as an American heroine.

AMENDMENT NO. 2707

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2707 proposed to 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 1976. A bill to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a breach of security; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today, I am introducing the Data Security and Breach Notification Act of 2014. I introduce this bill with my good friend, Senator FEINSTEIN, Chairman of the Intelligence Committee, as well as Senators PRYOR and NELSON, valued Subcommittee Chairmen on the Senate Commerce Committee. I want to express my particular gratitude to Senator PRYOR for his work on this issue. He has long been the champion of data security legislation on the Commerce Committee, and his well-known commitment and expertise on this issue, as well as his support of our current bill, have proven to be indispensable.

While the recent breaches at Target and Neiman Marcus have made headlines, these breaches are nothing new. Data breaches have happened before, and they will inevitably occur in the future. Understanding this, there is much more that can be done to prevent breaches and, when they occur, respond to them.

Similarly, the concepts in today's bill are not new and have been considered by Congress before. The bill that Senators FEINSTEIN, PRYOR, NELSON,

and I introduce today is not a significant departure from the bill that Senator PRYOR and I introduced in the past two Congresses. Like the earlier bills, it is predicated on basic principles: companies should adopt strong security protocols to protect consumers' personal information; they should quickly notify affected consumers in the event of a breach; and the Federal Trade Commission, FTC, and State attorneys general should be empowered to fully enforce the law. With those principles as a framework, the bill we introduce today has four key elements.

First, it directs the FTC to promulgate rules establishing robust data security protocols that companies and nonprofits must adopt when collecting and storing consumers' personal information. These rules will be strong, but they will also be flexible. We recognize that security measures for a large multi-billion-dollar corporation may not be appropriate for a small business. As such, the Commission is required to consider the impact on small businesses and other mitigating factors in developing its rules.

Second, the bill requires breached companies to notify affected consumers unless there is no reasonable risk of identity theft, fraud, or other unlawful conduct. In so doing, the breached company must also provide those consumers with free credit reports. If companies adopt advanced technologies that render their personal data unreadable, indecipherable, or otherwise unusable, there is a rebuttable presumption that no risk to consumers exists. The FTC, in consultation with the National Institute of Standards and Technology, shall establish guidelines identifying the technologies that would qualify for this rebuttable presumption.

Third, the bill will establish a two-pronged enforcement system, whereby the FTC and state Attorneys General are afforded not only traditional equitable remedies but civil penalty authority as well. Moreover, the bill makes it a criminal offense for anyone to knowingly conceal a data breach.

Lastly, our bill will require companies to report data breaches to a designated Federal government entity as established by the Department of Homeland Security. This entity will serve as a central repository for information on all data breaches of a certain magnitude and will, in turn, notify other relevant Federal and law enforcement agencies, such as the Department of Justice, Secret Service, FTC, and affected State Attorneys General.

I would like to note that, while the impetus behind introducing this bill is to provide consumers with the strongest protections possible, the bill will also provide businesses with regulatory certainty—something they currently lack. Our bill will finally codify into regulation what the FTC is already doing; that is, the Commission has a long history of bringing enforcement