

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. WARNER:

S. 606. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Veterans Corps program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 607. A bill to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 608. A bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 to exclude secondary sales, repair services, and certain vehicles from the ban on lead in children's products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 609. A bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to establish a Nonprofit Capacity Building Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 610. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 611. A bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 612. A bill to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 613. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to approve certain biologics license applications by the Food and Drug Administration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 614. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP"); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 615. A bill to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 616. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize medical simulation enhancement programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 617. A bill to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 618. A bill to improve the calculation of, the reporting of, and the accountability for, secondary graduation rates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Ms. SNOWE)):

S. 619. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 620. A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress; considered and passed.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 621. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 622. A bill to ensure parity between the temporary duty imposed on ethanol and tax credits provided on ethanol; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 623. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit preexisting condition exclusions in group health plans and in health insurance coverage in the group and individual markets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CORKER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 624. A bill to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis by 2015 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 625. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 626. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in the Lower Mississippi River Area in the State of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 277

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to expand and improve opportunities for service, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, *supra*.

S. 316

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 316, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the reduction in the rate of tax on qualified timber gain of corporations, and for other purposes.

S. 365

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 365, a bill to establish in the Department of Justice the Nationwide Mortgage Fraud Task Force to address mortgage fraud in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 366

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to eliminate the 5-month waiting period for Social Security disability and the 24-month waiting period for Medicare benefits in the cases of individuals with disabling burn injuries.

S. 422

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend title 38,

United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 428

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 435

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

S. 461

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 461, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to achieve access to comprehensive primary health care services for all Americans and to reform the organization of primary care delivery through an expansion of the Community Health Center and National Health Service Corps programs.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 525, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 527

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 527, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the issuance of permits under title V of that Act for certain emissions from agricultural production.

S. 535

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal requirements under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 541

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 541, a bill to increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and for other purposes.

S. 546

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 546, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. RES. 20

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 20, a resolution celebrating the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

S. RES. 49

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 49, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of public diplomacy.

S. RES. 71

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 71, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority in Iran and its continued violation of the International Conventions on Human Rights.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado:

S. 607. A bill to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill to revise the 1986 law dealing with use of National Forests for ski areas in order to reflect current ways those areas are used and to provide clear authority for the Forest Service to allow additional recreational uses of those areas.

I have long thought it is in the national interest to encourage Americans to engage in outdoor recreational activities that can contribute to their health and well-being, and that National Forest lands, including ski areas, can play a role by providing opportunities for such activities.

My interest in the subject was heightened last year when representatives of the National Ski Areas Association brought to my attention the fact that the National Forest Ski Areas Permit Act of 1986. This law speaks only to "nordic and alpine skiing" and does not reflect the full spectrum of snowsports for which ski areas are now used. They described this problem as the absence of clear authority for the Forest Service to permit use of ski areas for other summer, seasonal, or year-round outdoor recreational activities and facilities in support of those activities.

To better understand the matter, I sent a letter asking the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment whether current law could be clearer on those points. Under Secretary Mark Rey replied that the 1986 legislation indeed did not address those matters and that, if requested, the USDA "would be happy to work with you to amend" the law to provide the Forest Service with clear authority regarding such activities and facilities.

I did request and receive technical suggestions from the Forest Service, and have considered their input as well as suggestions from the National Ski Areas Association and other interested parties in developing the bill that I introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives last year.

Today, I am introducing this bill in the Senate.

The bill intentionally uses a number of terms and phrases based on the terminology of the Forest Service's regulations, manual, or other official documents because those terms and phrases are familiar not only to the Forest Service but also to permittees and others with an interest in the management of the National Forests. Thus, as used in the bill the term "developed