

(RIN3206-AL69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 19, 2011; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2618. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's 2011 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1228. A bill to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services.

S. 1231. A bill to reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Cathy Bissoon, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Mark Raymond Hornak, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Robert David Mariani, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Robert N. Scola, Jr., of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Clayton D. Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. KYL, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1395. A bill to ensure that all Americans have access to waivers from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1396. A bill to amend title 31 of the United States Code to require that Federal children's programs be separately displayed and analyzed in the President's budget; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. REED, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1397. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1398. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to limit the number of local wage areas allowable within a General Schedule pay locality; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1399. A bill to protect children affected by immigration enforcement actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WICKER, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1400. A bill to restore the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of Gulf Coast States, to create jobs and revive the economic health of communities adversely affected by the explosion on, and sinking of, the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1401. A bill to conserve wild Pacific salmon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts:

S. 1402. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to increase the maximum penalty for violating that Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 1403. A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1404. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase participation in medical flexible spending arrangements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1405. A bill for the relief of Guy Privat Tape and Lou Nazie Raymonde Toto; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 234. A resolution relative to the death of William F. Hildenbrand, former Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 235. A resolution designating 2011 as "The Year of the Family Caregiver"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 236. A resolution designating September 2011 as National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 78

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 78, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of pregnant women, fetuses, infants, and children by requiring a health advisory and drinking water standard for perchlorate.

S. 119

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 119, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects.

S. 299

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 299, a bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to amend the Public Health Services Act and the Social Security Act to extend health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide further protection for puppies.

S. 752

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 752, a bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner.

S. 771

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 771, a bill to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to modify a provision relating to gaming on land acquired after October 17, 1988.

S. 807

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S.

807, a bill to authorize the Department of Labor's voluntary protection program and to expand the program to include more small businesses.

S. 975

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 975, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1013

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1013, a bill to renew the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to approve demonstration projects designed to test innovative strategies in State child welfare programs.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1048, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran, North Korea, and Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to encourage greater use of propane as a transportation fuel, to create jobs, and for other purposes.

S. 1176

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1176, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 1188

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1188, a bill to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government.

S. 1228

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1228, a bill to prohibit trafficking in counterfeit military goods or services.

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1228, supra.

S. 1280

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ)

were added as cosponsors of S. 1280, a bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, and the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

S. 1308

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1308, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to child pornography and child exploitation offenses.

S. 1368

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1368, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to repeal distributions for medicine qualified only if for prescribed drug or insulin.

S. 1378

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1378, a bill to ensure that Social Security and Tier 1 Railroad Retirement benefits are properly taken into account for purposes of determining eligibility for Medicaid and for the refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan.

S. 1392

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) were added as cosponsors of S. 1392, a bill to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 17

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 17, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

S. RES. 228

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 228, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001.

AMENDMENT NO. 476

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 476 proposed to S. 782, a bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. KYL, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1395. A bill to ensure that all Americans have access to waivers from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor, as I have just about every week since the health care law has been passed, with a doctor's second opinion about the health care law. I have great concerns about the law that was forced through this Senate.

I come to the floor because it seems that the more Americans find out and learn about this health care law, the less they like it. A majority of Americans now in national polls say they want out. They absolutely want out.

Since October of 2010, the administration has granted waivers—waivers—to unions, businesses, insurers, and actually to whole States because they cannot afford the health care law's burdensome mandates.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services continues to release more waivers and did so again last Friday. They have now granted a total of 1,471 annual benefit limit waivers, and this has covered 3.2 million Americans.

That is why I come to the floor to introduce a bill that will allow every American—every American—to apply for a waiver from the President's health care law.

Under my bill, any American can submit a waiver application seeking relief from any or all of the health care law's mandates. All those Americans will have to do is simply show what unions and corporations have shown in order to get their waivers—nothing more, nothing less.

Waivers will be granted to individuals who show that the health care law is either increasing their insurance premiums or decreasing their access to benefits. That is all they have to show.

So far, this administration has ignored most Americans demand for a way out of the health care law, and Americans are looking for a way out of it. Instead, this administration has granted half the waivers—half the waivers—to people who get their health coverage through unions. Although those people represent a very small percentage of the workers in America, they got half of all the waivers. It is neither fair nor is it reasonable.