

S. 2018

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the update factor used in making payments to PPS hospitals under the Medicare Program.

S. 2039

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. COVERDELL) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2039, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency loans to poultry producers to rebuild chicken houses destroyed by disasters.

S. 2070

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2070, a bill to improve safety standards for child restraints in motor vehicles.

S. 2084

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2084, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the charitable deduction allowable for contributions of food inventory, and for other purposes.

S. 2107

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2107, a bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 2139

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2139, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exempt agricultural stormwater and silviculture operation discharges from the requirement for a permit under the pollutant discharge elimination system, and for other purposes.

S. 2182

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2182, a bill to reduce, suspend, or terminate any assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to each country determined by the President to be engaged in oil price fixing to the detriment of the United States economy, and for other purposes.

S. 2221

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAU-

CUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2221, a bill to continue for 2000 the Department of Agriculture program to provide emergency assistance to dairy producers.

S. 2232

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2232, a bill to promote primary and secondary health promotion and disease prevention services and activities among the elderly, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add preventive benefits, and for other purpose.

S. 2265

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2265, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve marginal domestic oil and natural gas well production, and for other purposes.

S. 2275

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2275, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to prohibit the exportation of Alaska North Slope crude oil.

S. 2277

At the request of Mr. ROTH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2277, a bill to terminate the application of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People's Republic of China.

S. 2288

At the request of Mr. ABRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2288, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Social Security Act to repeal provisions relating to the State enforcement of child support obligations and the disbursement of such support and to require the Internal Revenue service to collect and disburse such support through wage withholding and other means.

S. 2300

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2300, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for coal that may be held by an entity in any 1 State.

S. 2307

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2307, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to encourage broadband deployment to rural America, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 34

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 34, a concurrent res-

olution relating to the observance of "In Memory" Day.

S. CON. RES. 69

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 69, a concurrent resolution requesting that the United States Postal Service issue a commemorative postal stamp honoring the 200th anniversary of the naval shipyard system.

S.J. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 3, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

S.J. RES. 43

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 43, a joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should encourage free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Peru.

S. RES. 87

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 87, a resolution commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the International Visitors Program

S. RES. 253

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 253, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal investment in biomedical research should be increased by \$2,700,000,000 in fiscal year 2001.

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 100—EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF CONGRESS FOR A NATIONAL MONUMENT OF REMEMBRANCE TO BE OBSERVED AT 3:00 P.M. EASTERN STANDARD TIME ON EACH MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. HAGEL (for himself and Mr. KERREY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 100

Whereas the preservation of basic freedoms and world peace has always been a valued objective of this great country;

Whereas thousands of American men and women have selflessly given their lives in service as peacemakers and peacekeepers;

Whereas greater strides should be made to demonstrate the appreciation and gratitude these loyal Americans deserve and to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice they made;

Whereas Memorial Day is the day of the year for the Nation to appropriately remember American heroes by inviting the citizens of this Nation to respectfully honor them at a designated time;

Whereas Memorial Day needs to be made relevant to both present and future generations of Americans; and

Whereas a National Moment of Remembrance would provide citizens in the United States an opportunity to participate in a symbolic act of American unity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) expresses its support for a National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 p.m. eastern standard time on each Memorial Day in honor of the men and women of the United States who died in the pursuit of freedom and peace; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe a National Moment of Remembrance on each Memorial Day.

• Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague from Nebraska, Senator BOB KERREY, to submit a resolution expressing Congress' support for a national moment of remembrance, to be observed on Memorial Day each year, in order to appropriately honor American patriots lost in pursuit of peace and liberty around the world.

Should Congress pass this resolution, "Taps" will be played at 3 pm (Eastern Standard Time) on Memorial Day each year, in honor of those who have sacrificed their lives for their country. In other words, this resolution seeks to put the "memorial" back into Memorial Day.

It is my hope that this moment of remembrance will bring all Americans together in a spirit of respect, patriotism and gratitude. Our intention is to help restore the recognition our veterans deserve for the sacrifices they have made on behalf of our great Nation.

No Greater Love, a nonprofit organization which assists the families of Americans who died in service to their country or in terrorist acts, has helped support this resolution as part of their "Proud to Remember" campaign. We are all grateful for their efforts. •

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AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

LAUNCHING OUR COMMUNITIES' ACCESS TO LOCAL TELEVISION ACT OF 2000

JOHNSON (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2891

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (S. 2097) to authorize loan guarantees in order to facilitate access to local television broadcast signals in unserved and underserved areas, and for other purposes; as follows:

In section 4(d)(2)(D), insert after the phrase "acceptable to the Board" the following: "or any lender that (i) has not fewer than one issue of outstanding debt that is rated within the highest three rating categories of a nationally recognized statistical rating agency; or (ii) has provided financing to enti-

ties with outstanding debt from the Rural Utilities Service and which possess, in the judgment of the Board, the expertise, capacity and capital strength to provide financing pursuant to this Act".

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. on sports gambling.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing entitled Meeting the Challenges of the Millennium.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, for hearings regarding the Inclusion of a Prescription Drug Benefit in the Medicare Program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. to mark up S. 1507, Native American Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Consolidation Act of 1999, and S. 1509, Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act Amendments of 1999; followed by a hearing on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain lands held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. The hearing will be held in the Committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on Presidential primaries and campaign finance.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in SD226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 1778 to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir; S. 1894, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County Wyoming; and S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increased accountability for, outfitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, for hearings on the nomination of Elizabeth Michelle Andrews Smith.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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THE FEDERAL GAS TAX

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I want to turn to the subject of the cloture vote that will be held tomorrow. It is scheduled on legislation to suspend 4.3 cents of the Federal gas tax and then the possibility, at some point in time, of the suspension of the full 18.4-cent gasoline tax; the 4.3, of course, is included in that.

Now this proposal was laid before the Senate last night by our distinguished majority leader, Senator LOTT. Senator LOTT is a man of principle. I rise with