

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 533. A bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representative of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 534. A bill to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, and other rescue workers who are killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 535. A bill to provide Capitol-flown flags to the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 536. A bill to establish the National Invasive Species Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 537. A bill to ensure the availability of spectrum to amateur radio operators; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 538. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 539. A bill to authorize appropriations for border and transportation security personnel and technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 540. A bill to authorize the presentation of gold medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th Century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KYL:

S. 541. A bill for the relief of Ilko Vasilev Ivanov, Anelia Marinova Peneva, Marina Ilkova Ivanova, and Julie Ilkova Ivanova; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 542. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify that section 1927 of that Act does not prohibit a State from entering into drug rebate agreements in order to make outpatient prescription drugs accessible and affordable for residents of the State who are not otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr.

CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 543. A bill to designate a portion of the Artic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. REED, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SARBANES, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 544. A bill to establish a SAFER Fire-fighter Grant Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 74. A resolution to amend rule XLII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to prohibit employment discrimination in the Senate based on sexual orientation; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 75. A resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. Res. 76. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the policy of pre-emption, combined with a policy of first use of nuclear weapons, creates an incentive for the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, especially nuclear weapons, and is consistent with the long-term security of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. REID, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REED, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 77. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that one of the most

grave threats facing the United States is the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to underscore the need for a comprehensive strategy for dealing with this threat, and to set forth basic principles that should underpin this strategy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. Con. Res. 13. A concurrent resolution condemning the selection of Libya to chair the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and for other purposes; ordered held at the desk.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Con. Res. 14. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the education curriculum in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. Con. Res. 15. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 140th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. Con. Res. 16. A concurrent resolution honoring the life and work of Mr. Fred McFeely Rogers; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. Con. Res. 17. A concurrent resolution establishing a special task force to recommend an appropriate recognition for the slave laborers who worked on the construction of the United States Capitol; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to encourage economic growth.

S. 90

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 90, a bill to extend certain budgetary enforcement to maintain fiscal accountability and responsibility.

S. 150

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 160

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 160, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the expensing of broadband Internet access expenditures, and for other purposes.

S. 206

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S.

206, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of incentive stock options and employee stock purchase plans.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 207, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 10-year extension of the credit for producing electricity from wind.

S. 215

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 215, a bill to authorize funding assistance for the States for the discharge of homeland security activities by the National Guard.

S. 245

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 245, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit human cloning.

S. 271

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an additional advance refunding of bonds originally issued to finance governmental facilities used for essential governmental functions.

S. 272

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 272, a bill to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, to improve the public disclosure of activities of exempt organizations, and to enhance the ability of low income Americans to gain financial security by building assets, and for other purposes.

S. 310

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

S. 331

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 331, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the

Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas.

S. 343

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 343, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment under the medicare program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities.

S. 349

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 349, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the medicare program.

S. 380

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, a bill to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 457

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 457, a bill to remove the limitation on the use of funds to require a farm to feed livestock with organically produced feed to be certified as an organic farm.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 471, a bill to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establish the Citizens Coinage Committee, and for other purposes.

S. 480

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Mississippi

(Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 480, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 481

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 481, a bill to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments, and for other purposes.

S. 504

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 504, a bill to establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics, and for other purposes.

S. 509

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 509, a bill to modify the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to conduct investigations, to increase the penalties for violations of the Federal Power Act and Natural Gas Act, to authorize the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to contract for consultant services, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 4

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPENCER) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 4, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S. RES. 24

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 24, a resolution designating the week beginning May 4, 2003, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week".

S. RES. 46

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), and the Senator from New York (Mr.

SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 46, a resolution designating March 31, 2003, as "National Civilian Conservation Corps Day".

S. RES. 62

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 62, a resolution calling upon the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Union, and human rights activists throughout the world to take certain actions in regard to the human rights situation in Cuba.

S. RES. 71

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 71, a resolution expressing the support for the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 514. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act of 2003. This is a simple bill that would repeal the income tax increase on Social Security benefits that went into effect in 1993.

When the Social Security system was created, beneficiaries did not pay Federal income tax on their benefits. However, in 1983, Congress passed legislation that changed all this. The 1983 law requires that 50 percent of Social Security benefits be taxed for senior whose incomes reached a certain level. The revenue this tax generated was then credited to the Social Security trust funds. Although I wasn't in Congress back in 1983, some argued that these changes were necessary because it kept Social Security taxes more in line with taxes on private pensions and because it shored up the Social Security system.

In 1993, President Clinton proposed that 85 percent of Social Security benefits be taxable for seniors meeting certain income thresholds, and that this additional money be allocated for the Medicare Program. Unfortunately, Congress passes this provision as part of a larger bill, which President Clinton then signed into law.

I was a Member of the House of Representatives at this time. I voted against this bill and didn't support this provision. This tax is unfair to our senior citizens who worked year, after year, after year, paying into Social Security, only to be faced with higher taxes once they retired.

The bill I am introducing would repeal the 85 percent tax, and would re-

place the funding that has been going to the Medicare Program with general funds. This tax was unfair when it was implemented in 1993, and it is unfair today. I hope my Senate colleagues can support this legislation to remove this burdensome tax on our seniors.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BROWBACK, Mr. THOMAS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 516. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the arming of pilots of cargo aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today with several of my senate colleagues to introduce the Arming Cargo Pilots Against Terrorism Act. This bill closes a loophole to better protect the homeland against terrorists.

As a result of the airplane hijackings on September 11, 2001, Congress took the appropriate action to prevent from ever happening again the use of an airliner as a missile and weapon of mass destruction and murder. Last year, large majorities of the Senate and House of Representatives voted to arm both cargo and passenger pilots who volunteered for a stringent training program as part of the homeland security bill.

Arming these pilots served to protect the pilots and aircrew, passengers and those on the ground from ever being victims of another airline hijacking. It was the right thing to do. However, during conference of the homeland security bill the cargo pilots were yanked from the bill. This bill we introduce today will arm cargo pilots and close the loophole created when they were left out last year.

It is true that cargo airlines rarely have passengers, but that is no reason to disregard and ignore the safety of those cargo pilots and the aircrafts they control. Indeed, on occasions they do carry passengers, and sometimes they transport couriers and guards of some of the cargo being transported. Too many times these couriers and guards are armed while the pilots are unarmed. After September 11, that simply does not make sense.

As well, physical security around too many of our air cargo facilities and terminals is not up to the standard it should be. This lax in security has allowed stowaways a free pass in climbing aboard cargo airplanes for a free ride. Just a few months ago a woman in Fargo, ND, rushed onto a United Parcel Service plane trying to get to California. Fortunately she was caught. I guarantee that many have successfully sneaked onto cargo airplanes. And many more will continue to try. This is further evidence as to why we need to act to allow these cargo pilots to defend themselves and the cockpit.

Cargo pilots are not armed and they will never have Federal air marshals. Cargo planes do not have trained flight attendants or alert passengers to fend off hijackers. Cargo planes do not have reinforced cockpit doors, and some do not have any doors at all. Cargo areas of airports are not as secure as a passenger areas, and thousands of personnel have access to the aircraft. Finally, stowaways sometimes find their way aboard cargo aircraft. And in the future one might be a terrorist.

There are no logical reasons to exclude cargo pilots. Simply saying that since they carry no passengers unlike a passenger airliner is not a good enough reason. Cargo planes are just as big as—if not bigger than—passenger planes. They can carry larger loads of fuel and frequently carry hazardous materials, including chemicals and biological products. A cargo airplane causes just as much damage when used as a weapon as did the passenger planes hijacked on September 11.

We cannot allow what happened on September 11 to ever happen again. This loophole of excluding cargo pilots from being able to protect themselves and their aircraft and the public must be removed. This is the right thing to do, and I ask my Senate colleagues for their support.

I ask unanimous consent that this bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 516

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Arming Cargo Pilots Against Terrorism Act".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) During the 107th Congress, both the Senate and the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed measures that would have armed pilots of cargo aircraft.

(2) Cargo aircraft do not have Federal air marshals, trained cabin crew, or determined passengers to subdue terrorists.

(3) Cockpit doors on cargo aircraft, if present at all, largely do not meet the security standards required for commercial passenger aircraft.

(4) Cargo aircraft vary in size and many are larger and carry larger amounts of fuel than the aircraft hijacked on September 11, 2001.

(5) Aircraft cargo frequently contains hazardous material and can contain deadly biological and chemical agents and quantities of agents that cause communicable diseases.

(6) Approximately 12,000 of the nation's 90,000 commercial pilots serve as pilots and flight engineers on cargo aircraft.

(7) There are approximately 2,000 cargo flights per day in the United States, many of which are loaded with fuel for outbound international travel or are inbound from foreign airports not secured by the Transportation Security Administration.

(8) Aircraft transporting cargo pose a serious risk as potential terrorist targets that could be used as weapons of mass destruction.

(9) Pilots of cargo aircraft deserve the same ability to protect themselves and the