

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 105. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in *State of New Hampshire v. Macy E. Morse, et al*; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 106. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the 50th anniversary of the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Con. Res. 33. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding scleroderma; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 149

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to improve investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases with DNA evidence, and for other purposes.

S. 157

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 157, a bill to help protect the public against the threat of chemical attacks.

S. 171

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 171, a bill to amend the title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payment to medicare ambulance suppliers of the full costs of providing such services, and for other purposes.

S. 274

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

S. 304

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to expand the scope of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the processes for listing, recovery planning, and delisting, and for other purposes.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 451, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan, and for other purposes.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 486, a bill to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to provide a grant program for gifted and talented students, and for other purposes.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, supra.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to authorize appropriations for border and transportation security personnel and technology, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide grants to promote responsible fatherhood, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, 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. 626

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to reduce the amount of paperwork for special education teachers, to make mediation mandatory for all legal disputes related to individualized education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the

Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 632, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand coverage of medical nutrition therapy services under the medicare program for beneficiaries with cardiovascular disease.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 654, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance the access of medicare beneficiaries who live in medically underserved areas to critical primary and preventive health care benefits, to improve the Medicare+Choice program, and for other purposes.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 665, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for farmers and fishermen, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 678, a bill to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence.

S. 726

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to treat the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November as a legal public holiday for purposes of Federal employment, and for other purposes.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 740, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the medicare program.

S.J. RES. 1

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

S. CON. RES. 18

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 18, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should strive to prevent teen pregnancy by encouraging teenagers to view adolescence as a time for education and maturing and by educating teenagers about the negative consequences of early sexual activity; and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 31

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 31, a concurrent resolution expressing the outrage of Congress at the treatment of certain American prisoners of war by the Government of Iraq.

S. RES. 90

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 90, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Senate strongly supports the nonproliferation programs of the United States.

S. RES. 97

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 97, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the arrests of Cuban democracy activists by the Cuban Government.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. Boxer):

S. 794. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 795. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives for enhancing motor vehicle fuel efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce a package of legislation—two bills—designed to put us back on track for improved fuel efficiency among automobiles.

I support a balanced, forward-looking energy policy, which should include a strong provision to lessen our dependence on foreign oil. In 2002, the Senate spent several weeks debating energy policy, including fuel efficiency. Unfortunately, a strong bill on this topic was not enacted into law last year.

Both chambers of Congress are currently crafting a national energy policy. As the challenging times we currently face demonstrates, we cannot delay in addressing our national energy policy, including oil consumption.

Throughout the debate on energy policy, I have emphasized that the best way to lessen our Nation's dependence on foreign oil is to improve the fuel efficiency of our automobiles. Transportation as a sector is the largest user of petroleum. If we are truly committed to crafting a forward-thinking energy policy, automobile fuel efficiency is the place to start.

In 1975 the United States Congress had a vision: to double the fuel efficiency of our Nation's passenger vehicles in ten years. By 1985 the automotive industry achieved the goal that Congress set. As of 2001, thanks to the Corporate Average Fuel Economy, CAFE, law, oil consumption was about 2.8 million barrels per day lower than it otherwise would be.

Unfortunately, progress is now at a stand-still, and in fact, the average fuel economy in the United States has slipped since 1985. Since peaking at 22.1 mpg in 1987 and 1998, average fuel economy declined nearly eight percent to 20.4 in 2001, lower than it had been at any time since 1980. Average fuel economy for automobiles 8,500 pounds and fewer continues to decline. One major factor in this regression is the fact that passenger standards have not increased since 1985. While the Bush Administration has recently increased non-passenger standards by a modest 1.5 mpg, this is not enough to compensate for the progress we have failed to achieve for more than a decade.

Another reason why we are losing ground in terms of fuel efficiency is the exploitation of the "non-passenger vehicle" category. Originally intended to cover trucks used for business-oriented purposes, such as farming and construction, this category soon was seriously abused, so that it now includes minivans, sport utility vehicles, SUVs, and cross-over utility vehicles, CUVs.

In addition, out-dated provisions of our tax code have encouraged increased manufacturing and purchasing of non-passenger vehicles. For example, the Federal gas guzzler excise tax, enacted in 1978, exempted non-passenger vehicles. At the time, few non-passenger vehicles existed, aside from heavy duty trucks and vans. But today, sales of SUVs, minivans, and CUVs make up over 30 percent of new vehicle pur-

chases. As these sales have grown, these vehicles have enjoyed increasing subsidies by the Federal Government. In 1999, the SUV loophole in the gas guzzler tax cost the government \$5.6 billion in uncollected taxes.

For those in America who want to make a difference in terms of energy policy: take a look at the parking lots across America. Take a look at the inefficient vehicles we are driving on the road today, because this Congress and country have not shown the leadership to spur development of more efficient cars and trucks in America.

We can improve the fuel efficiency of vehicles. We have done it in the past, and we can do it again. A panel at the National Academy of Sciences, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and other reputable organizations have documented the myriad technologies available today, and emerging technologies, that will reduce or eliminate the need for oil in our vehicles.

Today we squarely face the question and challenge of energy security. I believe American families are ready to do their part for their country by purchasing more fuel-efficient vehicles. And I believe the auto manufacturers, scientists and engineers of this country are ready to step up to the plate and produce more fuel-efficient vehicles. By supporting improved fuel economy, we can lead and demonstrate to future generations that we are prepared to make a sacrifice for our national security, environment, and public health.

Many have already voiced their support for decreasing our dependence on oil. I am submitting for the record several editorials, which are just a sample of the many public calls for enacting an energy policy that includes a way to conserve oil. I also am submitting letters from national organizations calling for more fuel efficient vehicles. I ask that these documents be printed in the RECORD at the end of my statement.

Today I am introducing two bills to get us back on the track of progress, to increase fuel efficiency for both passenger and non-passenger vehicles.

The Automobile Fuel Efficiency Improvements Act will increase the fuel economy standard for both types of vehicles. It will increase the CAFE standard of passenger automobiles to 40 miles a gallon by 2015, a 60 percent increase above the current average of 25 miles a gallon, with the first increase required in model year 2006. The bill also will increase the fuel economy of non-passenger automobiles to 27.5 miles a gallon by 2015, a 60 percent increase above the current average of 17.5 miles a gallon, with the first increase required in model year 2006. Through the CAFE standards required this bill, we will save a cumulative 123 billion gallons of gasoline, and over 250 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, by 2015.

This bill also will close the loopholes in the non-passenger vehicle definition. It will update the weight cut-off for