

Whereas, our community action agencies have delivered a comprehensive array of opportunities to assist those citizens who reside at the lowest levels of the economic ladder to advance economically and socially; and

Whereas, our community action agencies have developed innovative and effective strategies to promote affordable housing and homeownership, microenterprise development, youth development, crime prevention, access to food and nutrition, Head Start expansion, community-based economic development, housing rehabilitation, and other initiatives to promote the development of our human potential; and

Whereas, in 2001 our community action agencies assisted over 380,000 of our citizens and provided volunteers who contributed more than 600,000 hours of service to our communities; and

Whereas, in 2001 our 16 community action agencies received \$7,000,000 of Community Service Block Grant funds and used these funds to leverage more than \$135,000,000 of additional funds, including \$25,000,000 of private funds with which to benefit Wisconsin's communities; and

Whereas, the federal Community Services Block Grant provides the core funding for our community action agencies and is scheduled for reauthorization in the upcoming session of Congress; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Wisconsin state urges President George W. Bush and the Wisconsin congressional delegation to support the reauthorization of the existing Community Services Block Grant and its funding to community action agencies; and, be it further

Resolved, That The Senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of the resolution to President George W. Bush, to the president and secretary of the U.S. Senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state, attesting the adoption of this resolution by the 2003 senate of the State of Wisconsin.

POM-84. A resolution from the Police Jury of the Parish of Avoyelles State of Louisiana relative to the Parish's support of the President of the United States and the U.S. Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-85. A resolution from the House of the legislature of the State of Kansas relative to funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6019

Whereas, as a result of having served in Operation Desert Storm in the Arabian Peninsula 11 years ago, 16% of the 700,000 troops who were stationed there have been awarded disability benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs—and these injuries resulted from hostilities that lasted only 100 hours; and

Whereas, the state of Kansas recently released the results of a health study of over 2,000 Kansas veterans who served during the first Gulf War. The study identified clear links between Gulf veterans' health problems and the time and places in which they served. Overall, 34% of Kansas veterans who served in Desert Shield or Desert Storm had symptoms of Gulf War illness; and

Whereas, subsequently, the Congress enacted Public Law 105-85 which requires the development and implementation of a medical tracking system for service members deployed overseas. Such requirements include an assessment of mental health and the drawing of blood to accurately record any changes in their medical condition during the course of their deployment; and

Whereas, as reported in an article by David Goldstein in the Kansas City Star on March 5, 2003, many of our troops currently in the Middle East have not received the testing required under Public Law 105-85; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is concerned with the possibility that Kansas military personnel involved with Operation Iraqi Freedom could return home with similar illnesses as those of Desert Storm: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas: That the House urges the United States government to begin preparing now to address the health needs of veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom, including the administration of tests required under Public Law 105-85; and be it further

Resolved: That we believe it is the obligation of our national government to provide all necessary medical care and support for those injured or afflicted with illnesses in the defense of our nation and, anticipating additional costs associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom, urge the Congress of the United States to provide adequate funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs; and be it further

Resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation and to the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, Kansas Disabled Veterans, Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars and Kansas American Legion.

POM-86. A resolution from the House of the Representative of the State of Michigan relative to expressing support for U.S. Troops; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 31

Whereas, as the United States military faces several difficult situations around the globe, Michigan is joining this effort to protect our liberties from a wide range of threats. Numerous National Guard units in Michigan have been called to active duty. Many of these personnel are going to replace other units that have been on duty throughout the country, and several are active in the work of providing homeland security; and

Whereas, while preserving our liberties in a troubled world always demands great vigilance and the sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, the current situation is demonstrating the debt we owe to our fellow citizens in the military. Even though the threats facing us are in many ways different than those that have challenged previous generations, the role of courage and commitment in securing our freedoms remains as clear as ever; and

Whereas, success in dealing with the crisis in Iraq and the continuing demands of the war on terrorism in countless locales requires not only the commitment of our troops, but also great sacrifices by the families of these brave Americans. These men, women, and children face difficulties in many ways, and the uncertain duration of the separation for many of them makes the situation even worse. Support for our troops is incomplete without support for them as well; and

Whereas, in the weeks and months that lie before us, there is no telling what will be asked of our country. We can, however, promise that the people of Michigan stand ready to express our support for our troops with public policy decisions that will advance the Nation's efforts in the work before us: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That we express support for our troops and pledge our commitment to public policies that will advance the Nation's efforts against terrorism and threats to liberty; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the United States Department of Defense, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, the Office of the President of the United States, and appropriate local military service organizations throughout Michigan.

POM-87. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles of the State of California relative to expressing support for the President of the United States and the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-88. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Michigan City of the State of Indiana relative to expressing support for the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-89. A resolution adopted by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners of the State of Minnesota relative to expressing support for the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-90. A resolution of the Senate of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey relative to noise reduction of air traffic patterns; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 71

Whereas, residents of New Jersey suffer from extreme and unwarranted levels of intrusive aircraft noise; and

Whereas, aircraft noise deprives residents of the full use and benefit of their homes and living areas; and

Whereas, aircraft noise contributes to the substantial lowering of property values on residences owned by New Jersey residents; and

Whereas, the Federal Aviation Administration, hereafter the "FAA," is currently undertaking a major redesign of the aircraft traffic patterns over New Jersey; and

Whereas, the FAA's stated goals for the redesign include only reducing delays affecting airline schedules, and reducing pilot and air traffic controller workloads, while enhancing safety; and

Whereas, the FAA, despite repeated public promises to substantially reduce aircraft noise as part of the redesign, has refused to include such noise reduction as a primary goal of the redesign; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey, That the President and the Congress of the United States are respectfully memorialized to direct the Federal Aviation Administration to include the reduction of aircraft noise as a major goal in the redesign of aircraft traffic patterns over New Jersey; and be it further

Resolved, That duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the President and the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, every member of Congress elected from this State, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

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. CAMPBELL:

S. 1008. A bill to provide for the establishment of summer health career introductory programs for middle and high school students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 1009. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to increase assistance to foreign countries seriously affected by HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. SPENCER, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1010. A bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. REED):

S. 1011. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to restrict the application of the windfall elimination provision to individuals whose combined monthly income from benefits under such title and other monthly periodic payments exceeds \$2,000 and to provide for a graduated implementation of such provision on amounts above such \$2,000 amount; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1012. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide fiscal relief and program simplification to States, to improve coverage and services to medicaid beneficiaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1013. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic and North Atlantic planning areas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1014. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the management of health care services for veterans to place certain low-income veterans in a higher health-care priority category; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 1015. A bill to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1016. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide entitlement to health care for reserve officers of the Armed Forces pending orders to initial active duty following commissioning; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1017. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to accelerate the reduc-

tion in the amount of beneficiary copayment liability for medicare outpatient services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 1018. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the availability of the refundable tax credit for health insurance costs of eligible individuals and to extend the steel import licensing and monitoring program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1019. A bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence; read the first time.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 1020. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the school breakfast program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 1021. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the summer food service program for children; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 1022. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1023. A bill to increase the annual salaries of justices and judges of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 16

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 16, a bill to protect the civil rights of all Americans, and for other purposes.

S. 146

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 146, a bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence.

S. 171

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) 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. 224

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 224, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to include efforts to address barriers to employment as a work activity under the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to protect the flying public's safety and security by requiring that the air traffic control system remain a Government function.

S. 393

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 393, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax with respect to employees who participate in the military reserve components and to allow a comparable credit for participating reserve component self-employed individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 470, a bill to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to expand certain preferential trade treatment for Haiti.

S. 557

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, *supra*.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr.