

HUTCHISON, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 123. A resolution designating April 30, 2005, as "Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 124. A resolution recognizing the importance of increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders, supporting programs for increased research and improved treatment of autism, and improving training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. DAYTON):

S. Res. 125. A resolution commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers women's ice hockey team for winning the 2004-2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Hockey Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. CHAFFEE):

S. Con. Res. 28. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress on World Intellectual Property Day regarding the importance of protecting intellectual property rights globally; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) were added as cosponsors of S. 313, a bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations.

S. 337

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service, to expand certain authorities to provide health care benefits for Reserves and their families, and for other purposes.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 433

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement standards for the operation of non-scheduled, commercial air carrier (air charter) and general aviation operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 495, a bill to impose sanctions against perpetrators of crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 544

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 544, a bill to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely effect patient safety.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States and tribal governments.

S. 576

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 576, a bill to restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 582, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock

Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

S. 589

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 589, a bill to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays.

S. 594

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 594, a bill to amend section 1114 of title 11, United States Code, to preserve the health benefits of certain retired miners.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 658

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 658, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit human cloning.

S. 659

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 659, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human chimeras.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 728

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 728, a bill to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 765

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 765, a bill to preserve mathematics- and science-based industries in the United States.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 852, a bill to

create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were withdrawn as cosponsors of S. 881, a bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydro-power by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 117

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 117, a resolution designating the week of May 9, 2005, as "National Hepatitis B Awareness Week".

AMENDMENT NO. 517

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 517 proposed to H.R. 1268, an act making Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 900. A bill to reinstate the Federal Communications Commission's rules

for the description of video programming; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Television Information-Enhancement for the Visually Impaired (TIVI) Act of 2005. This bill would require television broadcasters, during at least 50 hours of their prime time or children's programming every quarter, to insert verbal descriptions of actions or settings not contained in the normal audio track of a program. This can be accomplished through technology commonly referred to as "video description services," which allows television programming to be more accessible and enjoyable for the visually impaired.

This bill is necessary due to a 2002 decision by District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2000, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"), recognizing the need to make television programming accessible to the visually impaired, promulgated rules that mandated television broadcast stations and their affiliates, which met certain market requirements, provide 50 hours of video descriptions during prime time or children's programming every calendar quarter. Television programmers challenged the Commission's authority to promulgate such rules. The Circuit Court held that the Commission did not have authority to issue the regulations.

This bill would provide the Commission the authority to promulgate such regulations and reinstate the FCC's video description rules issued in 2000. Additionally, the bill would require the FCC to consider whether it is economically and technically feasible and consistent with the public interest to include "accessible information" in its video description rules, which may include written information displayed on a screen, hazardous warnings and other emergency information, and local and national news bulletins.

Since the spectrum that television broadcasters utilize is a public asset, one would expect that programming over the public airwaves is accessible to all Americans. Unfortunately, that is not the case today and that is why we must pass the TIVI Act. I sincerely hope that television broadcasters will work with us to provide video descriptions for individuals with visual disabilities.

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

S. 904. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, New Jersey, as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to and remember Lance Cpl Brian P. Parrello, a resident of West Milford, NJ, who died January 1, 2005, while serving with the

U.S. Marines in Iraq. I was privileged to attend this brave young man's funeral in West Milford on January 8, 2005, and I was moved by the outpouring of grief for LCpl Parrello.

In honor of this young Marine's life, I have introduced a bill to rename the facility at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, NJ as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building." Senator CORZINE is a cosponsor of this legislation.

I would like to note that the renaming of this postal facility as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building" was initiated by the West Milford Township Council, who wished to honor LCpl Parrello in this way. This is especially fitting since LCpl Parrello's father, Nino Parrello, is a letter carrier in West Milford. I am proud to be able to assist in the commemoration of his life by helping with the renaming process.

LCpl Parrello served in the Small Craft Company of the 2nd Marine Division's II Marine Expeditionary Force, which was based at Camp Lejeune, NC. During his service in Iraq, he was attached to a Marine Swift Boat unit that patrolled the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. He was killed New Year's Day as a result of hostile action in Hadithah, northwest of Baghdad.

During his too-short life, LCpl Parrello made a lasting impression on those around him. A graduate of West Milford High School in 2003, he was an athlete who played hockey and football, and he was voted to have "Most School Spirit" by his classmates. As those who knew him have attested, LCpl Parrello was a history buff who dreamed of becoming a history teacher.

LCpl Parrello's route to military service is the result of an admirable choice. He felt such a sense of duty after the September 11 attacks that he delayed going to college, and instead he enlisted in the Marines before his graduation from West Milford High School.

Tragically, LCpl Parrello died just a few days before his 19th birthday. We can commemorate the life of this extraordinary young man by quickly passing this bill to rename the postal facility in his hometown after him.

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

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

S. 904

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

SECTION 1. BRIAN P. PARRELLO POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1560 Union Valley Road in West Milford, New Jersey, shall be known and designated as the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Brian P. Parrello Post Office Building".