

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1539. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to promote the adoption of children with special needs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1540. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to improve water management and contribute to the recovery of endangered species in the Middle Rio Grande, New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1541. A bill to protect, conserve, and restore public land administered by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service and adjacent land through cooperative cost-shared grants to control and mitigate the spread of invasive species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1542. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to create a Chief Trade Prosecutor to ensure compliance with trade agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1543. A bill to provide for clinical research support grants, clinical research infrastructure grants, and a demonstration program on partnerships in clinical research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 1544. A bill to establish the Northern Plains National Heritage Area in the State of North Dakota, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1545. A bill to withdraw the Los Padres National Forest in California from location, entry, and patent under mining laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1546. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to permit participating households to use food stamp benefits to purchase nutritional supplements providing vitamins or minerals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1547. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate copolymers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1548. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 1549. A bill to improve the conservation and management of Pacific whiting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1550. A bill to extend until September 30, 2008, changes to requirements for admission of nonimmigrant nurses in health professional shortage areas made by the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1551. A bill to clarify that the overall trade negotiating objectives of the United States include avoiding provisions in trade agreements that restrict the access of consumers in the United States to pharmaceutical imports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1552. A bill to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HATCH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 218. A resolution designating September 2005 and September 2006 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CHAFER, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 219. A resolution designating March 8, 2006, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KYL, Mr. BOND, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 220. A resolution to express the concern of the Senate regarding the passage of the anti-secession law by the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan on an equal footing without preconditions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 221. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Campus Safety Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 222. A resolution honoring the victories of Team Discovery and American cyclists Lance Armstrong and George Hincapie in the 2005 Tour de France; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. Res. 223. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 103

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 103, a bill to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 103, supra.

S. 246

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 246, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 392, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 441, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the classification of a motorsports entertainment complex.

S. 467

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 467, a bill to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 705

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 705, a bill to establish the Interagency Council on Meeting the Housing and Service Needs of Seniors, and for other purposes.

S. 792

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr.

CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 792, a bill to establish a National sex offender registration database, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 792, *supra*.

S. 802

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 802, a bill to establish a National Drought Council within the Department of Agriculture, to improve national drought preparedness, mitigation, and response efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 859

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 859, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 974

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 974, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish kinship guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in payments to hospitals under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1002, *supra*.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1112

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1112, a bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

S. 1151

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1151, a bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and reduce dependence upon foreign oil, to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and ensure benefits to consumers.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1197, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

S. 1249

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to require the Secretary of Education to rebate the amount of Federal Pell Grant aid lost as a result of the update to the tables for State and other taxes used in the Federal student aid need analysis for award year 2005-2006.

S. 1309

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 1309, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend the trade adjustment assistance program to the services sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1350

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1350, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect the privacy rights of subscribers to wireless communications services.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1423

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1423, a bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representatives of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 1516

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1516, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1520

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1520, a bill to prohibit human cloning.

S. RES. 33

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 33, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt.

S. RES. 182

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 182, a resolution supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research.

AMENDMENT NO. 1623

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1623 proposed to S. 397, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

AMENDMENT NO. 1626

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1626 proposed to S. 397, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1521. A bill to provide for teacher acculturation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I am introducing the Teacher Acculturation Act of 2005 as a means to address an issue that impedes effective learning in our Nation's classrooms, and that is cultural incongruence. Such a lack of congruence exists in a wide range of situations, from rural and underserved communities in remote areas to well-populated urban centers, from my State of Hawaii to areas on the Eastern seaboard. The dynamic I am describing exists along lines of race and ethnicity, socioeconomic strata, age, and many other vectors, which can muddy the stuff of learning that needs to be transmitted between students aiming to learn and teachers seeking to teach.