

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1872. A bill to permit the cancellation of certain loans under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1873. A bill to prepare and strengthen the biodefenses of the United States against deliberate, accidental, and natural outbreaks of illness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1874. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify jurisdiction of Federal Courts over a tort action brought by an alien, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1875. A bill to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1876. A bill to provide that attorneys employed by the Department of Justice shall be eligible for compensatory time off for travel under section 5550b of title 5, United States Code; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1877. A bill to prohibit the closure or relocation of certain county offices of the Farm Service Agency; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1878. A bill to prohibit predatory payday loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1879. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to limit claims in bankruptcy by certain unsecured creditors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1880. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance biodefense and pandemic preparedness activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. Res. 273. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United Nations and other international organizations shall not be allowed to exercise control over the Internet; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 274. A resolution expressing sympathy and pledging the support of the Senate and the American people to the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck South Asia and caused the severe loss of life and destruction on October 8, 2005, and pledging immediate United States assistance to save lives and help the region recover from this monumental tragedy; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 408

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 408, a bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors 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. 696

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 696, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding the transfer of students from certain schools.

S. 757

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 757, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 769

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 769, a bill to enhance compliance assistance for small businesses.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 969, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to preparation for an influenza pandemic, including an avian influenza pandemic, and for other purposes.

S. 1055

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to improve elementary and secondary education.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1086, a bill to improve the national program to register and

monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the pet industry.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1155, a bill to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Federal agencies and programs and to recommend the elimination or realignment of duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, and for other purposes.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 1294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1294, a bill to amend the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to preserve and protect the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to provide for the collection and maintenance of cord blood units for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Cell Transplantation Program to increase the number of transplants for recipients suitable matched to donors of bone marrow and cord blood.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) 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. 1358

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1358, a bill to protect scientific integrity in Federal research and policy-making.

S. 1367

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1367, a bill to provide for recruiting, selecting, training, and supporting a national teacher corps in underserved communities.

S. 1399

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1399, a bill to improve the results the executive branch achieves on behalf of the American people.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1462, a bill to promote peace and accountability in Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 1516

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1516, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1698

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1698, a bill to accelerate efforts to develop vaccines for diseases primarily affecting developing countries and for other purposes.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, and for other purposes.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1749, a bill to reinstate the application of the wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act to Federal contracts in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

S. 1772

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1772, a bill to streamline the refinery permitting process, and for other purposes.

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1774, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion,

intensification, and coordination of the activities of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute with respect to research on pulmonary hypertension.

S. 1793

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to extend certain apportionments to primary airports.

S. 1798

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1798, a bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit outbound call telemarketing to individuals eligible to receive benefits under title XVIII of such Act.

S. 1817

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1817, a bill to suspend the Davis-Bacon Wage rate requirements for Federal contracts in areas declared national disasters.

S. 1821

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1821, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to preparation for an influenza pandemic, including an avian influenza pandemic, and for other purposes.

S. 1826

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1826, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to encourage employers to offer flexible and phased work opportunities to older workers, to expand the credit for dependent care expenses to cover eldercare expenses, to extend COBRA coverage for certain older workers who lose health insurance coverage due to a reduction in work, to improve older workers' access to job training services, and for other purposes.

S. 1862

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1862, a bill to establish a joint energy cooperation program within the Department of Energy to fund eligible ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons in the national interest, and for other purposes.

S. 1867

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1867, a bill to extend to individuals evacuated from their residences as a result of Hurricane Katrina the right to use the absentee balloting and registration procedures available to military and overseas voters under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens

Absentee Voting Act, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 25

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 25, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to authorize the President to reduce or disapprove any appropriation in any bill presented by Congress.

S. CON. RES. 58

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 58, a concurrent resolution supporting "Lights On Afterschool", a national celebration of after school programs.

S. RES. 180

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 180, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of the disease and to foster understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families.

S. RES. 261

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 261, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the crisis of Hurricane Katrina should not be used to weaken, waive, or roll back Federal public health, environmental, and environmental justice laws and regulations, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1550

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1550 intended to be proposed to S. 1042, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1870, a bill to clarify the authorities for the use of certain National Park Services properties within Golden Gate National Recreation Area and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill which will clarify certain National Park Service authorities for the Golden Gate