

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2830. A bill to amend the automobile fuel economy provisions of title 49, United States Code, to reform the setting and calculation of fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2831. A bill to guarantee the free flow of information to the public through a free and active press while protecting the right of the public to effective law enforcement and the fair administration of justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BURR, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. 2832. A bill to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2833. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain athletic footwear for men and boys; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2834. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain athletic shoes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2835. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain leather footwear for persons other than men or women; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2836. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain other work footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2837. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain leather and textile footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2838. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain rubber or plastic footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2839. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain footwear for men; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2840. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain welt footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2841. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain turn or turned footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2842. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain work footwear with outer soles of leather; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2843. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain footwear with outer soles of rubber or plastics and with open toes or heels; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2844. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain athletic footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2845. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain women's footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2846. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain work footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2847. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain footwear with open toes or heels; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2848. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2849. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain sports shoes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2850. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain house slippers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2851. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on sodium methyolate powder (NA methyolate powder); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2852. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on allyl isosulfocyanate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2853. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 1,2 Hexanediol; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2854. A bill to prevent anti-competitive mergers and acquisitions in the oil and gas industry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 2855. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to eliminate security risks by replacing the use of extremely hazardous gaseous chemicals with inherently safer technologies; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 2856. An original bill to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. Res. 483. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of oral health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. FRIST, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 484. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the military junta in Burma for its recent campaign of terror against ethnic minorities and calling on the United Nations Security Council to adopt immediately a binding non-punitive resolution on Burma; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Con. Res. 95. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with regard to the importance of Women's Health Week, which promotes awareness of diseases that affect women and which encourages women to take preventive measures to ensure good health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to establish a Federal Youth Development Council to improve the administration and coordination of Federal programs serving youth, and for other purposes.

S. 441

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) 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. 619

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 619, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor 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. 760

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 760, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 914, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 1023

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1023, a bill to provide for the establishment of a Digital Opportunity Investment Trust.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1132

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1132, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1200

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the depreciation recovery period for certain roof systems.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 1353, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1725

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to strengthen Federal leadership, provide grants, enhance outreach and guidance, and provide other support to State and local officials to enhance emergency communications capabilities, to achieve communications interoperability, to foster improved regional collaboration and coordination, to promote more efficient utilization of funding devoted to public safety communications, to promote research and development by both the public and private sectors for first responder communications, and for other purposes.

S. 1741

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Oregon

(Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1741, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area.

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) 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. 1840

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1840, a bill to amend section 340B of the Public Health Service Act to increase the affordability of inpatient drugs for Medicaid and safety net hospitals.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to enhance protection of children from sexual exploitation by strengthening section 2257 of title 18, United States Code, requiring producers of sexually explicit material to keep and permit inspection of records regarding the age of performers, and for other purposes.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2231, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to prescribe additional coal mine safety standards, to require additional penalties for habitual violators, and for other purposes.

S. 2308

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2308, a bill to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to improve mine safety, and for other purposes.

S. 2321

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. 2321, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille.

S. 2490

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2490, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a real estate stock index investment option under the Thrift Savings Plan.

S. 2563

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2563, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part.

S. 2592

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2592, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren by updating the definition of "food of minimal nutritional value" to conform to current nutrition science and to protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs.

S. 2616

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2616, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and the Mineral Leasing Act to improve surface mining control and reclamation, and for other purposes.

S. 2645

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2645, a bill to establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

S. 2658

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2658, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 2688

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2688, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage private philanthropy.

S. 2703

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2703, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

S. 2770

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2770, a bill to impose

sanctions on certain officials of Uzbekistan responsible for the Andijan massacre.

S. 2810

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 2810, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate months in 2006 from the calculation of any late enrollment penalty under the Medicare part D prescription drug program and to provide for additional funding for State health insurance counseling program and area agencies on aging, and for other purposes.

S. 2819

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2819, a bill to amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum payment rate by Medicare Advantage organizations for services furnished by a critical access hospital and a rural health clinic under the Medicare program.

S. 2824

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2824, a bill to reduce the burdens of the implementation of section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

S. RES. 450

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 450, a resolution designating June 2006 as National Safety Month.

S. RES. 469

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 469, a resolution condemning the April 25, 2006, beating and intimidation of Cuban dissident Martha Beatriz Roque.

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 469, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 4009

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4009 proposed to S. 2611, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4023

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4023 intended to be proposed to S. 2611, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4025

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4025 intended to be proposed to S. 2611, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4029

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4029 proposed to S. 2611, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4057

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4057 intended to be proposed to S. 2611, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4064

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4064 proposed to S. 2611, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2830. A bill to amend the automobile fuel economy provisions of title 49, United States Code, to reform the setting and calculation of fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce The Corporate Average Fuel Economy, CAFE, Program Reform Act of 2006. I am pleased to be joined in this effort by Senator PRYOR, who serves on the Commerce Committee with me.

Since being introduced in the 1970s, CAFE standards have been controversial. The effectiveness of these standards is often debated as is their effect on safety, consumer choice, and the automobile industry.

CAFE became so controversial that it essentially was frozen for many years.

The stand-off over CAFE finally eased a little bit when a Congressionally commissioned National Academy of Sciences review of the CAFE pro-

gram was released in 2002. Although that study found that CAFE had in fact reduced energy consumption, the Academy was critical of how the program was structured and found that there was a negative impact on safety.

Just this spring, the Department of Transportation issued new reformed CAFE rules for pickup trucks, vans, and SUVs. This rule is a radical departure from prior CAFE rules in that it applies different standards to different sized vehicles rather than a uniform standard across the whole fleet. The Department's approach addresses many of the criticisms in the academy's study.

The recent rule did not, however, include new standards for cars. Those standards have been the same since 1984 and there is considerable legal ambiguity about the secretary's ability to increase the existing standards. It is clear, however, that the law does not allow the secretary to "reform" CAFE standards for cars, since that part of the statute is written differently than for light trucks.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, I held a hearing on reforming CAFE standards last week. We heard from Secretary Mineta, as well as the automobile industry, safety advocates, and fuel economy experts. After listening to what our witnesses had to say, I am convinced that "reform" is a necessary approach.

After that hearing, Secretary Mineta transmitted legislation to Congress asking for the authority to reform CAFE standards.

The bill we are introducing today is very straightforward. The main feature of the legislation is that it gives the Secretary of Transportation the authority to reform the CAFE program in a manner similar to the rule that he issued for light trucks. The bill puts the responsibility of setting CAFE standards where it belongs—and that is with the scientists and technical experts at the Department of Transportation.

The reformed CAFE program authorized by this legislation will address many of the past criticisms. For example, the legislation specifies that the Secretary must take motor vehicle safety into consideration when developing new CAFE standards. The legislation also allows the trading of CAFE credits between a manufacturer's passenger car and light truck fleets. This gives manufacturers the flexibility to increase CAFE where it is most cost effective to do so.

Let me briefly address one issue that is potentially controversial. That is the issue of what is being called "backsliding." The concern is that under a reformed CAFE program, manufacturers could simply stop manufacturing some of their smaller cars since these cars are no longer needed to "average out" the larger, less fuel efficient models. The manufacturer's overall fuel economy average could then end up