

S. 2568. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (Rept. No. 109-309).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. Res. 468. A resolution supporting the continued administration of Channel Islands National Park, including Santa Rosa Island, in accordance with the laws (including regulations) and policies of the National Park Service (Rept. No. 109-310).

H.R. 394. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a boundary study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barret Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-311).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 482. A bill to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-312).

H.R. 486. A bill to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base (Rept. No. 109-313).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

H.R. 1492. A bill to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-314).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 4000. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise certain repayment contracts with the Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2, the Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, and the Webster Irrigation District No. 4, all a part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-315).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2068. A bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (Rept. No. 109-316).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 3495. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRAIG for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning).

*Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed sub-

ject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. PRYOR:

S. 3763. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify bargaining requirements for proposed changes to the personnel management system of the Federal Aviation Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 3764. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the coverage gap under the Medicare part D prescription drug program; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3765. A bill to designate Lebanon under section 244(b) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act to permit nationals of Lebanon to be granted temporary protected status in the United States; 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 Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. Res. 545. A resolution recognizing the life and achievements of Will Keith Kellogg; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 707

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 709

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 709, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1630

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish the National Emergency Family Locator System.

S. 1791

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1791, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 2079

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2079, a bill to improve the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to promptly implement recovery treatments in response to catastrophic events affecting the natural resources of Forest Service land and Bureau of Land Management land, respectively, to support the recovery of non-Federal land damaged by catastrophic events, to assist impacted communities, to revitalize Forest Service experimental forests, and for other purposes.

S. 2401

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2401, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain energy tax incentives, and for other purposes.

S. 2425

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2425, a bill to apply amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act related to providing medical services in underserved areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2460

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2460, a bill to permit access to certain information in the Firearms Trace System database.

S. 2590

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2590, a bill to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds.

S. 2677

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2677, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect to

solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, and for other purposes.

S. 2819

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) 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. 3519

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3519, a bill to reform the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3590

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3590, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to delay the effective date of the amendments made by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 requiring documentation evidencing citizenship or nationality as a condition for receipt of medical assistance under the Medicaid program.

S. 3634

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3634, a bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to improve the material control and accounting and data management systems used by civilian nuclear power reactors to better account for spent nuclear fuel and reduce the risks associated with the handling of those materials.

S. 3680

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3680, a bill to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to reauthorize and expand the New Markets Venture Capital Program, and for other purposes.

S. 3681

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 3681, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure shall not be considered to be a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

S. 3682

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3682, a bill to establish the America's Opportunity Scholarships for Kids Program.

S. 3697

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3697, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish Medicare Health Savings Accounts.

S. 3711

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3711, a bill to enhance the energy independence and security of the United States by providing for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. TALENT, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3711, *supra*.

S. 3744

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3744, a bill to establish the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Program.

S. 3754

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3754, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 97

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 97, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

S. CON. RES. 113

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 113, a concurrent resolution congratulating the Magen David Adom Society in Israel for achieving full membership in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 113, *supra*.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 3765. A bill to designate Lebanon under section 244(b) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act to permit nationals of Lebanon to be granted temporary protected status in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Lebanese Temporary Protected Status Act of 2006.

I thank Senator JOHN SUNUNU, a Republican from New Hampshire, and Senator RUSS FEINGOLD, a Democrat from Wisconsin, for joining me as original cosponsors of this bipartisan legislation.

I come to the floor today with a heavy heart. The attacks by the terrorist organization Hezbollah against the State of Israel have led to ongoing hostilities in the Middle East. The hostilities have already cost many innocent Israeli and Lebanese lives, but yesterday was a particularly tragic day. This morning, as I woke up in Springfield, IL, and pulled up the local newspapers. There on the front page of the Chicago Tribune was a heart-breaking photograph of a Lebanese aid worker carrying the lifeless body of a child out of the rubble from the events of yesterday. Over 50 innocent Lebanese civilians, including dozens of children, perished in the southern Lebanese town of Qana.

I join my colleagues and all Americans in offering my heartfelt condolences to Prime Minister Siniora and to the people of Lebanon on the loss of these innocent lives. The victims and their families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Lives have been lost on both sides of the border, but we know it is particularly dangerous at this moment in Lebanon.

In reflecting on the deaths of hundreds of innocent civilians in recent weeks, Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Siniora asked:

Is the value of human life less in Lebanon than that of citizens elsewhere? Are we children of a lesser God?

The Lebanese people are not children of a lesser God. We are all children of the same God and we are all equal in God's eyes. Christians, Jews, and Muslims—we are all children of Abraham. We mourn the loss of every innocent life lost in the Israeli-Arab conflict, whether Israeli, Palestinian, or Lebanese.

Enacting the Lebanese Temporary Protected Status Act of 2006 is a modest, but important, step that will help alleviate the suffering of innocent Lebanese people. This legislation would make Lebanese nationals who are currently residing in the United States eligible for temporary protected status for an initial 12-month period.

Temporary protected status allows nationals of another country who are visiting the United States to remain here temporarily if returning to their country would pose a serious threat to their personal safety. Tragically, Lebanon faces just such a situation today.