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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
At 11:01 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by
Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has
passed the following bills, in which it
requests the concurrence of the Senate:
H.R. 1864. An act to authorize appropri-
ations for the Department of Homeland Secu-

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS
The following bills and joint resolu-
tions were introduced, read the first
and second times by unanimous con-
sent, and referred as indicated:
By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr.
Mink): S. 368. A bill to amend the Denali Com-
mission Act of 1998 to modify the authority of the Commission; to the Committee on En-
vironment and Public Works.
By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. Kyl,
and Mr. LIEBERMAN): S. 1369. A bill to grant immunity from civil liability to any person who voluntarily noti-
fies appropriate security personnel of sus-
cpicuous activity believed to threaten trans-
portation safety or security or takes reason-
able action based on that suspicion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr.
SMITH, and Mr. KERRY): S. 1370. A bill to preserve the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure more investment
and innovation in clean energy technologies; to the Committee on Finance.
By Mr. BYRD: S. 1371. A bill to establish a program to award innovation prizes to individuals and
tunities for researching and developing inno-
vative technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation.
By Mr. PRYOR: S. 1372. A bill to provide for a Center for Nanotechnology Research and Engineering;
to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation.
By Mr. BYRD: S. 1373. A bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and con-
struction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high tech-
nology activities; to the Committee on Com-
merce, Science, and Transportation.
By Mr. CASEY: S. 1374. A bill to assist States in making voluntary high quality full-day prekind-
dergarten programs available and economically affordable for the families of all children for
at least 1 year preceding kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
and Pensions.
By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr.
DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN, Mr.
DOGG, and Mr. LACENBERG): S. 1375. A bill to ensure that new mothers and their families are educated about
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S. 6016
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By Mr. S. SMITH (for himself and Mr.
WYDEN): S. Res. 195. A resolution commending the
Oregon State University College of Forestry on the occasion of its centennial; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS
S. 329
At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a co-
S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilita-
and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 430
At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a co-
S. 430, 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. 543
At the request of Mr. NELSON of Ne-
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At the request of Mr. Reid, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Pryor), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Vitter), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Domenici) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Carper) were added as cosponsors of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare and increase access to health care by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

At the request of Mr. Reid, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Pryor), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Domenici) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Carper) were added as cosponsors of S. 579, 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.

At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Obama, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. Johnson) was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to ensure dignity in care for members of the Armed Forces recovering from injuries.

At the request of Mr. Cochran, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. Lincoln) was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

At the request of Mr. Warner, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. Harkin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civil and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

At the request of Mr. Roberts, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Isakson) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude amounts received as a military basic housing allowance from computation as income for purposes of the low-income housing credit and qualified residential rental projects.

At the request of Mr. Menendez, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Lieberman) was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to reauthorize Department of Agriculture conservation and energy programs and certain conservation programs of the Department, to modify the operation and administration of these programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. Lincoln, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mrs. Lieberman) was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Nelson of Florida, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Isakson) was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Durbin, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. Stabenow) was added as a cosponsor of S. 946, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Tester, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. Snowe) was added as a cosponsor of S. 994, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the monthly reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Coburn, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DeMint) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1091, a bill to provide comprehensive reform of the health care system of the United States, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Voinovich, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. Cochran) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1047, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts paid on behalf of Federal employees and members of the Armed Forces on active duty under Federal student loan repayment programs.

At the request of Mrs. Boxer, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Obama) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to protect, consistent with Roe v. Wade, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Durbin, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. Boxer) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Dodd, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. Cochran) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

At the request of Mr. Rockefeller, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Bingaman), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Obama), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Brown), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. Reed) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. Harkin) were added as cosponsors of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Lautenberg, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. Schumer) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1237, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Kennedy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1249, a bill to require the President to close the Department of Defense detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Lieberman, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Kennedy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

At the request of Mr. Schumer, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. Collins) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for
ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1323

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1323, a bill to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and transporters for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1394

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to make permanent authority to furnish government headstones and markers for graves of veterans at private cemeteries, and for other purposes.

S. 1395

At the request of Mr. DURBin, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to ensure the most efficient allocation of Federal funds, as it caps administrative expenses at 5 percent and capitalizes on the use of strategic partnerships. Over the course of the past decade, the Denali Commission has partnered with Federal and State agencies, tribal organizations, and local communities to address the unique challenges associated with living in Alaska. In just a short period of time, the Commission has improved the living conditions of rural Alaska by providing job training, teacher housing and funds to improve options for handling solid waste. The bulk fuel projects undertaken by the Denali Commission are reducing the costs of rural energy. The health clinics have increased the availability of health services to rural villages that are isolated from metropolitan areas. There are 240 Alaska Native Villages, and over 100 health centers have been served by the Denali Commission.

Although the Denali Commission has made tremendous strides to ensure rural Alaska has basic living conditions, there still is work to be done. Many of the rural communities have no roads and their transportation infrastructure is deteriorating. Numerous villages can only be accessed by water, and the docks in the communities are in desperate need of repair. The Denali Commission not only keep communities connected to mainstream Alaska, projects also foster economic growth. The unemployment rates in many villages remain above 50 percent. The high cost of basic needs, such as milk and oil, coupled with public infrastructure that is comparable to developing nations create difficult circumstance in rural Alaska. The Denali Commission is our best hope for properly addressing these issues and meeting the needs of Alaskans.

The continuation of the Denali Commission’s presence in rural Alaska is of critical importance to the future of rural Alaska. The bill I introduce today would reauthorize the Denali Commission for 5 years, through fiscal year 2014.

Other provisions of this bill would also amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to make the Commission stronger and more efficient.

Senator MURkowski is an original cosponsor of this legislation, and it is our hope the Senate will act quickly to reauthorize the Denali Commission.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1369. A bill to grant immunity from civil liability to any person who voluntarily notifies appropriate security personnel of suspicious activity believed to relate to transportation safety or security or takes reasonable action to mitigate such activity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise to introduce legislation that would provide immunity to individuals who report suspicious activities that may reflect terrorist threats to our transportation system. I am very honored that Senators KYL and LIEBERMAN have joined me in introducing this important bill.

The recent arrest in New Jersey of six men charged with conspiring to murder American soldiers at Fort Dix underscores the need for this bill. Law enforcement officials have noted that their investigation was triggered by the report of an alert store clerk who said a customer had brought in a video that showed men firing weapons and shouting in Arabic. This reminded the store clerk of the 9/11 terrorists.

But in the report of the store clerk, it is unlikely this potential plot against Fort Dix—a plot that if executed would have caused the loss of lives—would have been uncovered. That store clerk's actions have saved literally hundreds of lives and represents a core truth of the dangerous times in which we live. Our safety depends on more than just police officers, intelligence analysts, and soldiers. It also depends on the alertness and civil responsibility of ordinary American citizens, including the peaceful and tolerant people who form the vast majority of America’s Muslim communities.

We must encourage average citizens to be watchful and report behavior that appears to be suspicious or threatening. That imperative is especially strong in the area of mass transportation, where there is the potential for mass casualties, where vehicles and aircraft can be used as weapons and where there is often only a brief period of time for assessing and reacting to alarming behavior. That is why the slogan “See something, say something,” is used in the New York subway.

Unfortunately, unfortunately, that plaintiffs can misuse our legal system to chill the willingness of average citizens to come forward and report possible dangers. As was widely reported last fall, six Islamic clerics were removed from a US Airways flight after other passengers expressed concerns that some of the clerics had moved out of their assigned seats and had requested, but apparently were not using, seatbelt extenders that could possibly double as weapons.

As a result of that incident, what happened? Well, the US Airways officials decided to remove these individuals from the plane so they could further investigate. What happened to the individuals who courageously came forward and reported this suspicious behavior? Unbelievably, they were sued for voicing their fears that the clerics could be rehearsing or preparing to execute a hijacking. These honestly concerned passengers found themselves as defendants in lawsuits that were filed in March.

The existence of this lawsuit clearly illustrates how unfair it is to allow private citizens to possibly be intimidated into silence by the threat of litigation. Would that alert store clerk have come forward if he thought there was a chance he was going to be sued? Would the passengers have spoken up if they had anticipated there would be a lawsuit filed against them? Even if such suits fail, they can expose citizens to heavy costs in time and legal fees.

Our bill would provide civil immunity in American courts for citizens