

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 983. A bill to reform the essential air service program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 984. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 985. A bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BAYH, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 986. A bill to support the establishment or expansion and operation of programs using a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring for children in foster care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 987. A bill to protect girls in developing countries through the prevention of child marriage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 988. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small businesses to set up simple cafeteria plans to provide nontaxable employee benefits to their employees, to make changes in the requirements for cafeteria plans, flexible spending accounts, and benefits provided under such plans or accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 989. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to promote energy independence, increase competition, democratize energy generation, and provide for the connection of certain small electric energy generation systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 990. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to expand access to healthy afterschool meals for school children in working families; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 991. A bill to declare English as the official language of the United States, to establish a uniform English language rule for naturalization, and to avoid misconstructions of the English language texts of the laws of the United States, pursuant to Congress' powers to provide for the general welfare of the United States and to establish a rule of naturalization under article I, section 8, of the Constitution; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BURR, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 992. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BURR, Mr. JOHANNIS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. RISCH, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S.J. Res. 15. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of 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 Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. Res. 132. A resolution commending the heroic efforts of the people fighting the floods in North Dakota; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 133. A resolution designating May 1 through May 7, 2009, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURR, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 134. A resolution congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators at charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education and supporting the ideas and goals of the 10th annual National Charter Schools Week, May 3 through May 9, 2009; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 135. A resolution designating May 8, 2009, as "Military Spouse Appreciation Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 52

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 52, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide 100 percent reimbursement for medical assistance provided to a Native Hawaiian through a Federally-qualified health center or a Native Hawaiian health care system.

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 407

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 407, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 417

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 417, a bill to enact a safe, fair, and responsible state secrets privilege Act.

S. 421

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 421, a bill to impose a temporary moratorium on the phase out of the Medicare hospice budget neutrality adjustment factor.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 449

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 449, a bill to protect free speech.

S. 454

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 454, a bill to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 454, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 454, *supra*.

S. 468

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 468, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to emergency medical services and the quality and efficiency of care furnished in emergency departments of hospitals and critical access hospitals by establishing a bipartisan commission to examine factors that affect the effective delivery of such services, by providing for additional payments for certain physician services furnished in such emergency departments, and by establishing a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Working Group, and for other purposes.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.

BROWNBACK), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 475, a bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to authorize a supplemental funding source for catastrophic emergency wildland fire suppression activities on Department of the Interior and National Forest System lands, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop a cohesive wildland fire management strategy, and for other purposes.

S. 581

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 581, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to require the exclusion of combat pay from income for purposes of determining eligibility for child nutrition programs and the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.

S. 614

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 614, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP").

S. 638

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 638, a bill to provide grants to promote financial and economic literacy.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 700, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for Medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 799

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 799, a bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States.

S. 816

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. 816, a bill to preserve the rights granted under second amendment to the Constitution in national parks and national wildlife refuge areas.

S. 849

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 849, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions.

S. 870

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 870, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the credit for renewable electricity production to include electricity produced from biomass for on-site use and to modify the credit period for certain facilities producing electricity from open-loop biomass.

S. 930

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 930, a bill to promote secure ferry transportation and for other purposes.

S. 934

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 934, a bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren and protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs by updating the national school nutrition standards for foods and beverages sold outside of school meals to conform to current nutrition science.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, modernize firearm laws and regulations, protect the community from criminals, and for other purposes.

S. 943

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 943, a bill to amend the Clean Air

Act to permit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to waive the lifecycle greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements for renewable fuel production, and for other purposes.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 962, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, *supra*.

S.J. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 14, a joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

S. RES. 7

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 7, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding designation of the month of November as "National Military Family Month".

S. RES. 111

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 111, a resolution recognizing June 6, 2009, as the 70th anniversary of the tragic date when the M.S. St. Louis, a ship carrying Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany, returned to Europe after its passengers were refused admittance to the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 1036

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1036 proposed to S. 896, a bill to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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