

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BURRIS, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 191. A resolution recognizing that the occurrence of prostate cancer in African-American men has reached epidemic proportions and urging Federal agencies to address that health crisis by designating funds for education, awareness outreach, and research specifically focused on how prostate cancer affects African-American men; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WEBB, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 192. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding supporting democracy and economic development in Mongolia and expanding relations between the United States and Mongolia; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 213

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 213, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure air passengers have access to necessary services while on a grounded air carrier, and for other purposes.

S. 332

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 332, a bill to establish a comprehensive interagency response to reduce lung cancer mortality in a timely manner.

S. 435

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 435, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, health, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 451, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of

the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

S. 473

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 473, a bill to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation.

S. 628

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 653, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 663, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund 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. 683

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 685

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 685, a bill to require new vessels for carrying oil fuel to have double hulls, and for other purposes.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 711, a bill to require mental health screenings for members of the Armed Forces who are deployed in connection with a contingency operation, and for other purposes.

S. 775

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the availability of appropriated funds for international partnership contact activities conducted by the National Guard, and for other purposes.

S. 797

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 797, a bill to amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Act, the Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000, and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve the prosecution of, and response to, crimes in Indian country, and for other purposes.

S. 801

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. JOHANNIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 801, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive charges for humanitarian care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to family members accompanying veterans severely injured after September 11, 2001, as they receive medical care from the Department and to provide assistance to family caregivers, and for other purposes.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to provide for the appointment of United States Science Envoys.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 883, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

S. 962

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name 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. 1009

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1009, a bill to amend title

XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Care Transitions Program in order to improve quality and cost-effectiveness of care for Medicare beneficiaries.

S. 1034

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1034, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure payment under Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program for covered items and services furnished by school-based health clinics.

S. 1058

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1058, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level, and for other purposes.

S. 1065

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1065, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1067

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1067, a bill to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, and for other purposes.

S. 1097

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1097, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, to establish a program to provide for workforce training and education, at community colleges, in sustainable energy.

S. 1221

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1221, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure more appropriate payment amounts for drugs and biologicals under part B of the Medicare Program by excluding customary prompt pay discounts extended to wholesalers from the manufacturer's average sales price.

S. 1249

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S.

1249, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to create a value indexing mechanism for the physician work component of the Medicare physician fee schedule.

S. 1253

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1253, a bill to address reimbursement of certain costs to automobile dealers.

S. 1259

At the request of Mr. KYL, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1259, a bill to protect all patients by prohibiting the use of data obtained from comparative effectiveness research to deny coverage of items or services under Federal health care programs and to ensure that comparative effectiveness research accounts for advancements in personalized medicine and differences in patient treatment response.

S. 1279

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1279, a bill to amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to extend the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Program.

S. J. RES. 17

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. J. Res. 17, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. J. Res. 17, supra.

S. CON. RES. 11

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 11, a concurrent resolution condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and reaffirming the support of Congress for the mandate of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 25

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 25, a concurrent resolution recognizing the value and benefits that community health

centers provide as health care homes for over 18,000,000 individuals, and the importance of enabling health centers and other safety net providers to continue to offer accessible, affordable, and continuous care to their current patients and to every American who lacks access to preventive and primary care services.

S. CON. RES. 26

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution apologizing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African Americans.

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 26, supra.

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, supra.

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, supra.

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, supra.

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 26, supra.

S. CON. RES. 28

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 28, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals of Smart Irrigation Month, which recognizes the advances in irrigation technology and practices that help raise healthy plants and increase crop yields while using water resources more efficiently and encourages the adoption of smart irrigation practices throughout the United States to further improve water-use efficiency in agricultural, residential, and commercial activities.

S. RES. 182

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Delaware

(Mr. KAUFMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 182, a resolution recognizing the democratic accomplishments of the people of Albania and expressing the hope that the parliamentary elections on June 28, 2009, maintain and improve the transparency and fairness of democracy in Albania.

AMENDMENT NO. 1330

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1330 intended to be proposed to S. 1023, a bill to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1330 intended to be proposed to S. 1023, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 1337

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1337 intended to be proposed to S. 1023, a bill to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 1286. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow children in foster care to be placed with their parents in residential family treatment centers that provide safe environments for treating addiction and promoting healthy parenting; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Keeping Families Safe Act of 2009 which seeks to keep families together when a parent is in a comprehensive residential family treatment program. Comprehensive residential family treatment is a unique program that serves parents and children together in a safe residential environment as the parent undergoes treatment for substance abuse.

Such programs tend to be small, but their results are impressive. One study found that 60 percent of mothers who participated in the Pregnant and Postpartum Women and Their Infants program were completely clean and sober six months after their discharge. This same study found that 88 percent of these children were still with their mothers six months after the mother was discharged. However, only 5 percent of all substance abuse treatment facilities are able to accommodate children. The goal of this legislation is to offer support and flexibility to such promising programs by allowing children who are in foster care be placed with their parent in the comprehensive residential family treatment center, and bring their foster care payment

with them as their placement is transferred. By allowing these funds to follow the child to the residential facility, the chances for that family's success are much greater.

Family based substance abuse treatment centers have proven to be an effective means of treating substance abuse and reuniting families, but most facilities are struggling to make ends meet. Many of the parents in treatment are motivated by the hope of overcoming their addiction and reuniting with their children. This bill is designed to give them that chance, and it will hopefully inspire them by allowing their children to be part of the recovery, in a completely safe environment. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation to help keep families together and provide another funding source for these promising programs for children and parents.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1287. A bill to provide for the audit of financial statements of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2017 and fiscal years thereafter, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today Senators COBURN, GRASSLEY, and I are introducing the Department of Defense Financial Accountability Act of 2009, which imposes hard legislative deadlines on the Department of Defense to finally fix its broken bookkeeping system. This legislation is not only necessary, it is long overdue.

The bill establishes a series of deadlines, beginning next year and running through 2017, for DoD and the Services to become audit ready. In particular, it compels the Services to account for military equipment, real property, inventory, operating materials and supplies, environmental liabilities, and fund balances with Treasury. Thereafter, DOD must undergo a full, independent audit of its financial statements. If DoD fails to meet any deadline set forth in the bill, it must timely document and explain its failure to Congress.

The Department of Defense is the most massive and complex of any organization, public or private. It is entrusted with more taxpayer dollars than any other federal department or agency. For fiscal year 2009 alone, Congress appropriated over \$513 billion for DoD's base budget. It added an additional \$7.4 billion for DoD in this year's so-called stimulus bill.

To support its business functions, DoD has thousands of separate business systems that it has layered upon one another for decades. They are archaic, overly complex, and error-prone. They are sometimes redundant and often lack standardization. It is no wonder that since 1995, GAO has classified the Pentagon's financial management as high-risk, which makes it vulnerable to fraud and waste. Indeed, according to GAO, DoD's accounting problems cost

the American taxpayer \$13 billion in 2005—that's \$35 million a day.

This has been a problem for decades. In 1975, the Army disclosed that it had spent \$225 million over its budget because of a serious breakdown in its accounting and financial management reporting system. For fiscal year 1986, the Navy failed to disclose \$58 million in real property, \$1.7 billion in guaranteed loans, and data on operating leases on ships. According to the Government Accountability Office, between 1970 and 1980, the Air Force incurred numerous over obligations in amounts up to \$210 million of its industrial funds. This would never be tolerated in the private sector.

This is not only about numbers and audits—this is also about the security of our troops and our nation. These broken systems affect operations and endanger our troops. Over the years, the GAO has reported that the Pentagon's poor financial management has caused pay problems for National Guard and reservists; impeded delivery of food and other essential supplies to U.S. troops; and had the Pentagon scrambling to identify and locate 250,000 defective chem-bio suits, some of which were being sold over the Internet.

Let me read into the record one account of how this impacted ongoing operations in Iraq. According to a February 5, 2006 Star Tribune news article: "When Perry Jeffries was serving in Iraq, the computers showed that his 4th Infantry Division troops had access to drinking water, a place to shower and working wheels on their vehicles. As the first sergeant came to understand when scrounging for water, towing immobilized tanks and driving to other posts or to Kuwait to pick up needed parts, the Pentagon's bookkeeping doesn't always match reality. Jeffries saw the real-life results of what has been a visible 'accounting' problem in Washington—the Pentagon's inability to keep accurate track of transactions and assets."

Congress has already enacted several laws mandating financial management reform and the Office of Management and Budget has issued circulars on internal controls over financial reporting and financial management systems. Notably, none contain hard deadlines for an audit.

Meanwhile, DoD has repeatedly promised Congress that it would fix the problem. In 1999 and 2000, then-DoD Comptroller William Lynn testified before Congress that financial management reform was his highest priority. In fact, Mr. Lynn's successor, Dov Zakheim, set a deadline to have the Department of Defense audit ready by 2007. Under DoD's latest Financial Improvement and Audit Readiness Plan, that deadline is now 2017.

I want to recognize that the Department has tried, with varying degrees of effort, to improve financial management, but DoD auditors and GAO continue to report significant weaknesses.