

Lakes and connecting waterways; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 881. A bill to ensure confidentiality with respect to medical records and health care-related information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 882. A bill to strengthen provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 with respect to potential Climate Change; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 883. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to reschedule certain drugs that pose an imminent danger to public safety, and to provide for the rescheduling of the date-rape drug and the classification of a certain "club" drug; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 884. A bill to establish the National Military Museum Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 885. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide incentives for the development of drugs for the treatment of addiction to illegal drugs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 886. An original bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2000 and 2001; to provide for enhanced security at United States diplomatic facilities; to provide for certain arms control, nonproliferation, and other national security measures; to provide for the reform of the United Nations; and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 887. A bill to establish a moratorium on the Foreign Visitors Program at the Department of Energy nuclear laboratories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 888. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the air transportation tax changes made by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 889. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credit for investment necessary to revitalize communities within the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 890. A bill to facilitate the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units or irregular forces in Laos; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 891. A bill to amend section 922(x) of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the transfer to and possession of handguns, semi-automatic assault weapons, and large capacity ammunition feeding devices by individuals who are less than 21 years of age, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MACK, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 892. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the subpart F exemption for active financing income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 893. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide equitable treatment with respect to State and local income taxes for certain individuals who perform duties on vessels; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LOTT, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. DODD, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. GREGG, Mr. REED, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. FIRST, Mr. BOND, and Mr. THOMPSON):

S.J. Res. 22. A joint resolution to reauthorize, and modify the conditions for, the consent of Congress to the Northeast Interstate Diary Compact and to grant the consent of Congress to the Southern Diary Compact; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. Res. 86. A resolution supporting the National Railroad Hall of Fame, Inc. of Galesburg, Illinois, in its endeavor to erect a monument known as the National Railroad Hall of Fame; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. Res. 87. A resolution commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the International Visitors Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Con. Res. 30. A concurrent resolution recognizing the sacrifice and dedication of members of America's non-governmental organizations and private volunteer organizations throughout their history and specifically in answer to their courageous response to recent disasters in Central America and Kosovo; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 881. A bill to ensure confidentiality with respect to medical records and health care-related information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

THE MEDICAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Medical Information Protection Act of 1999. Trying to find the right balance between legitimate uses of health care data and the need for privacy has been a very difficult road to go down; however, I feel that great progress has been made and that the legislation that I am introducing strikes the right balance between the desire the patient has for increased confidentiality and the need our health care system has for information that will enable it to provide a higher quality of care. I am pleased that Senators MACK, MURKOWSKI and SANTORUM have joined me as co-sponsors of this legislation and I am hopeful that a number of other senators will soon join us as well. In addition, I am pleased to include in the record a list of groups that have come out in support of this legislation. I am grateful for the many comments and suggestions I have received from a wide variety of organizations and individuals.

Most of us wrongly assume that our personal health information is protected under federal law. It is not. Federal law protects the confidentiality of our video rental records, and federal law ensures us access to information about us such as our credit history. However, there is no current federal law which will protect the confidentiality of our medical information against unauthorized use and ensure us access to that same sensitive information about us. This is a circumstance that I believe should and must change.

At this time, the only protection of an individual's personal medical information is under state law. These state laws, where they exist, are incomplete, inconsistent and in most cases inadequate. At last check, there were approximately 35 states with 35 unique laws governing the use and disclosure of medical information. Even in those states where there are existing laws, there is no penalty for releasing and