

S. 127. A bill to give American companies, American workers, and American ports the opportunity to compete in the United States cruise market; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 128. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require periodic cost of living adjustments to the maximum amount of deposit insurance available under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 129. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as "Gold Star Parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 130. A bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to establish a flexible fallow program under which a producer may idle a portion of the total planted acreage of the loan commodities of the producer in exchange for higher loan rates for marketing assistance loans on the remaining acreage of the producer; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 131. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. REID, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 132. A bill to amend the International Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that housing assistance provided under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 be treated for purposes of the low-income housing credit in the same manner as comparable assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 133. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 134. A bill to ban the importation of large capacity ammunition feeding devices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 135. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve payments for direct graduate medical education under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMM:

S. 136. A bill to amend the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 to extend trade negotiating and trade agreement implementing authority; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMM:

S. 137. A bill to authorize negotiation of free trade agreements with countries of the Americas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMM:

S. 138. A bill to authorize negotiation for the accession of Chile to the North American

Free Trade Agreement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 139. A bill to assist in the preservation of archaeological, paleontological, zoological, geological, and botanical artifacts through construction of a new facility for the University of Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAMM:

S. 140. A bill to authorize negotiation for the accession of United Kingdom to the North American Free Trade Agreement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 141. A bill to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 142. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to make unlawful for a packer to own, feed, or control livestock intended for slaughter; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 143. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to reduce securities fees in excess of those required to fund the operations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, to adjust compensation provisions for employees of the Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S.J. Res. 1. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to voluntary school prayer; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAMM:

S.J. Res. 2. A joint resolution to provide for a Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment that prohibits the use of Social Security surpluses to achieve compliance; 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. INOUE:

S. Res. 11. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate reaffirming the cargo the cargo preference policy of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 12. A resolution relative to the death of Alan Cranston, former United States Senator for the State of California; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. DAY-

TON, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 13. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for Congress to enact a new farm bill during the 1st session of the 107th Congress; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. REED):

S. 6. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

### S. 6

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Patients' Bill of Rights Act".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

### TITLE I—IMPROVING MANAGED CARE

#### Subtitle A—Grievance and Appeals

Sec. 101. Utilization review activities.  
Sec. 102. Internal appeals procedures.  
Sec. 103. External appeals procedures.  
Sec. 104. Establishment of a grievance process.

#### Subtitle B—Access to Care

Sec. 111. Consumer choice option.  
Sec. 112. Choice of health care professional.  
Sec. 113. Access to emergency care.  
Sec. 114. Access to specialty care.  
Sec. 115. Access to obstetrical and gynecological care.  
Sec. 116. Access to pediatric care.  
Sec. 117. Continuity of care.  
Sec. 118. Access to needed prescription drugs.  
Sec. 119. Coverage for individuals participating in approved clinical trials.

#### Subtitle C—Access to Information

Sec. 121. Patient access to information.

#### Subtitle D—Protecting the Doctor-Patient Relationship

Sec. 131. Prohibition of interference with certain medical communications.  
Sec. 132. Prohibition of discrimination against providers based on licensure.