

Agency to establish a grant program to support research projects on critical infrastructure protection for water supply systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1594. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide programs to improve nurse retention, the nursing workplace, and the quality of care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MILLER (for himself and Mr. HELMS):

S. Res. 174. A resolution expressing appreciation to the United Kingdom for its solidarity and leadership as an ally of the United States and reaffirming the special relationship between the two countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Con. Res. 80. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 414

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 414, a bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish a digital network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve nutrition assistance for working families and the elderly, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 721, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Nurse Corps and recruitment and retention strategies to address the nursing shortage, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH of Oregon) was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide med-

icaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 990

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 990, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to improve the provisions relating to wildlife conservation and restoration programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the availability of medicare cost contracts for 10 years.

S. 1292

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1292, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for dry and wet cleaning equipment which uses non-hazardous primary process solvents.

S. 1499

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH of Oregon) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1499, a bill to provide assistance to small business concerns adversely impacted by the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1520

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1520, a bill to assist States in preparing for, and responding to, biological or chemical terrorist attacks.

S. 1530

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1530, a bill to provide improved safety and security measures for rail transportation, provide for improved passenger rail service, and for other purposes.

S. 1539

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator

from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 1539, a bill to protect children from terrorism.

S. 1552

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1552, a bill to provide for grants through the Small Business Administration for losses suffered by general aviation small business concerns as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 1567

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1567, a bill to foster innovation and technological advancement in the development of the Internet and electronic commerce, and to assist the States in simplifying their sales and use taxes.

At the request of Mr. ENZI, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1567, supra.

S. RES. 171

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON of Florida), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 171, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the provision of funding for bioterrorism preparedness and response.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1585. A bill to establish grant and scholarship programs to enable hospitals to retain and further educate their nursing staffs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Madam President, I rise today to introduce the Hospital Based Nursing Initiative Act, a bill that will create new and innovative incentives to lessen the impact of the critical shortage of nurses in our Nation's hospitals. I am very pleased that my respected colleague, Senator JOHN ENSIGN, is joining as sponsor of this legislation/

Before I get into the specific about the bill, I'd like to talk about the overall condition of nursing in America for a moment. Several studies have been completed in the past year that show troubling trends developing in this historic profession. Take for example, the study that reflects a 41 percent dissatisfaction rate among nurses in