

(Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 282

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 282, a bill to establish in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice a position with responsibility for agriculture antitrust matters.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 283, 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.

S. 284

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 284, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to expand health care coverage for individuals.

S. RES. 16

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 16, a resolution designating August 16, 2001, as "National Airborne Day."

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED & PROPOSED

SA 2. Mr. SMITH of Oregon submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 235, to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3. Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CARNAHAN, and Mr. GRASSLEY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 235, supra.

SA 4. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 235, supra.

SA 5. Mr. MCCAIN (for Mr. REED) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 235, supra.

SA 6. Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 235, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 7. Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 235, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 9. Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 235, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 10. Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 235, supra.

SA 11. Mr. NICKLES (for Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 14, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2. Mr. SMITH of Oregon submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 235, to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Following Subsection (b), AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE LIMITATION'S, insert the following:

“(c) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—

“(1) The interim regional price limitation, or cost-of-service based rate, shall not apply to any sale of electric energy at the wholesale rate for delivery in a state that—

“(A) has barred regulated utilities from passing through to retail consumers FERC-mandated wholesale rates, or

“(B) has instituted caps on the retail prices that regulated utilities can charge that are too low for the regulated utilities to recover costs on a cost-of-service based rate or that have resulted in the default of payments to other utilities within the region comprising the Western Systems Coordinating Council.

“(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither the Secretary nor the Commission may order the sale of electricity or natural gas into any state that meets the criteria set forth in subsection 1, unless there is a guarantee that the seller will be paid.

“(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, state public utility commissions within the region comprising the Western Systems Coordinating Council may require that regulated utilities under their respective jurisdictions meet the electricity demands of that utility's service area before making sales into any state that meets the criteria set forth in subsection 1.

“(d) INQUIRIES.—

“(1) The Commission is directed to undertake an examination to determine whether, within the region comprising the Western Systems Coordinating Council, any sale of electric energy at the wholesale rate in interstate commerce subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under part II of the Federal Power Act is unjust, unreasonable, or unduly preferential.

“(2) The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is directed to study whether the regulated utilities in states that meet the criteria set forth in Subsection (c)(1) are uncreditworthy, or have defaulted on payments, because of transfers of funds to parent holding companies or to subsidiaries beyond payments in accordance with any state deregulation statutes. The SEC is to report its findings to the House Committee on En-

ergy and Commerce and the Senate Committees on Commerce and Energy and Natural Resources within 120 days of enactment.”

Renumber the sequential subsections accordingly.

SA 3. Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CARNAHAN, and Mr. GRASSLEY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 235, to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

#### SEC. . STUDY OF NATURAL GAS RESERVE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) In the last few months, natural gas prices across the country have tripled.

(2) In California, natural gas prices have increased twenty-fold, from \$3 per million British thermal units to nearly \$60 per million British thermal units.

(3) One of the major causes of these price increases is a lack of supply, including a lack of natural gas reserves.

(4) The lack of a reserve was compounded by the rupture of an El Paso Natural Gas Company pipeline in Carlsbad, New Mexico on August 1, 2000.

(5) Improving pipeline safety will help prevent similar accidents that interrupt the supply of natural gas and will help save lives.

(6) It is also necessary to find solutions of the lack of natural gas reserves that could be used during emergencies.

(b) STUDY BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—The Secretary of Energy shall request the National Academy of Sciences to—

(1) conduct a study to—

(A) determine the causes of recent increases in the price of natural gas, including whether the increases have been caused by problems with the supply of natural gas or by problems with the natural gas transmission system;

(B) identify any Federal or State policies that may have contributed to the price increases; and

(C) determine what Federal action would be necessary to improve the reserve supply of natural gas for use in situations of natural gas shortages and price increases, including determining the feasibility and advisability of a federal strategic natural gas reserve system; and

(2) not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, submit to Congress a report on the results of the study.

SA 4. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 235, to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 5, line 12, after “industry” insert “and employee organization”.

On page 34, line 9, strike “sections 60525” and insert “section 60125”.

On page 34, line 14, after “transferred” insert “to the Secretary of Transportation, as provided in appropriation Acts.”

On page 34, beginning in line 15, strike “fiscal year 2002, fiscal year 2003, and fiscal year 2004,” and insert “each of fiscal years 2002, 2003, and 2004.”

On page 34, line 21, strike “60125” and insert “60301”.