

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ENZI, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 591. A bill to limit the acquisition by the United States of land located in a State in which 25 percent or more of the land in that State is owned by the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 592. A bill to extend the contract for the Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project in the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BYRD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. LOTT):

S. 593. A bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 594. A bill to amend section 1114 of title 11, United States Code, to preserve the health benefits of certain retired miners; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 595. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the work opportunity credit and the welfare-to-work credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 596. A bill to reform the nation's outdated laws relating to the electric industry, improve the operation of our transmission system, enhance reliability of our electric grid, increase consumer benefits from wholesale electric competition and restore investor confidence in the electric industry; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAYH:

S. 597. A bill for the relief of Fatuka Kaikumba Flake; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 598. A bill to reauthorize provisions in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 relating to Native Hawaiian low-income housing and Federal loan guarantees for Native Hawaiian housing; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 599. A bill to provide duty-free treatment for certain tuna; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 600. An original bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, for foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CONRAD:

S. 601. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include combat pay in determining an allowable contribution to an individual retirement plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. BOND, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. WARNER, Ms.

COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. TALENT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 602. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention; to the Committee on Finance.

### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 79. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate in marking the dedication on March 15, 2005, of the expanded museum complex at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority in Israel, in furtherance of Yad Vashem's mission to document the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust, to preserve the memory and story of each of the victims, impart the legacy of the Holocaust to future generations, and recognize the Righteous Among the Nations; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SARBANES, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 80. A resolution honoring the life of Fern Holland and expressing the deepest condolences of the Senate to her family on their loss; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 81. A resolution recognizing the contribution of Chris LeDoux to country music; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Con. Res. 17. A concurrent resolution calling on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to assess the potential effectiveness of and requirements for a NATO-enforced no-fly zone in the Darfur region of Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 8

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 8, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 13

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 13, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand

and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 32

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 32, a bill to enhance the benefits and protections for members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces who are called or ordered to extend active duty, and for other purposes.

S. 132

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance.

S. 147

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 147, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity.

S. 151

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 151, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 238

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income interest received on loans secured by agricultural real property.

S. 241

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 241, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 250

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms.

MIKULSKI), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 250, a bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act.

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 250, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. TALENT, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 250, *supra*.

S. 263

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 263, a bill to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

S. 268

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 268, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 325

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish programs to facilitate international and interstate trade.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 352

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 352, a bill to revise certain requirements for H-2B employers and require submission of information regarding H-2B non-immigrants, and for other purposes.

S. 354

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 354, a bill to improve patient

access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 382

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 397

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were added as cosponsors of S. 397, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the sale of prescription drugs through the Internet, and for other purposes.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, 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. 403

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 467

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 467, a bill to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) were added as cosponsors of S. 489, a bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, and for other purposes.

S. 495

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 495, a bill to impose sanctions against perpetrators of crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 515

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of S. 515, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, and for other purposes.

S. 516

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 516, a bill to advance and strengthen democracy globally through peaceful means and to assist foreign countries to implement democratic forms of government, to strengthen respect for individual freedom, religious freedom, and human rights in foreign countries through increased United States advocacy, to strengthen alliances of democratic countries, to increase funding for programs of nongovernmental organizations, individuals, and private groups that promote democracy, and for other purposes.

S. 528

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 528, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide grants to States to conduct demonstration projects that are designed to enable medicaid-eligible individuals to receive support for appropriate and necessary long-term services in the settings of their choice.

S. 586

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 586, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments.

S. RES. 69

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 69, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate about the actions of Russia regarding Georgia and Moldova.

S. RES. 71

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 71, a resolution designating the week beginning March 13, 2005 as "National Safe Place Week".

AMENDMENT NO. 70

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 70 proposed to S. 256, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 112

At the request of Mr. INOUE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 112 proposed to S. 256, a bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 588. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Arizona Trail as a national scenic trail or a national historic trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to be joined today by Senator KYL in introducing the Arizona Trail Feasibility Study Act. This bill would authorize the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to conduct a joint study to determine the feasibility of designating the Arizona Trail as a National Scenic or National Historic Trail. A companion bill is being introduced today in the House of Representatives by Representative KOLBE and rest of the Arizona delegation.

Since 1968, when the National Trails System Act was established, Congress has designated 20 national trails. This legislation is the first step in the process of national trail designation for the Arizona Trail. If the study concludes that designating the Arizona Trail as a part of the national trail system is feasible, subsequent legislation can be introduced to designate the Arizona Trail as either a National Scenic Trail or National Historic Trail.

The Arizona Trail is a beautifully diverse stretch of public lands, mountains, canyons, deserts, forests, historic sites, and communities. The Trail begins at the Coronado National Memorial on the U.S.-Mexico border and ends in the Bureau of Land Management's Arizona Strip District on the Utah border. In between these two points, the Trail winds through some of the most rugged, spectacular scenery in the Western United States.

For the past 10 years, over 16 Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as community and business organizations,

have worked to form a partnership to create, develop, and manage the Arizona Trail. Designating the Arizona Trail as a national trail would help streamline the management of the Trail to ensure that this pristine stretch of diverse land is preserved for future generations to enjoy.

The corridor for the Arizona Trail encompasses the wide range of ecological diversity in the State, and incorporates a host of existing trails into one continuous trail. The Arizona Trail extends through seven ecological life zones including such legendary landmarks as the Sonoran Desert and the Grand Canyon. It connects the unique lowland desert flora and fauna in Saguaro National Park and the pine-covered San Francisco Peaks, Arizona's highest mountains at 12,633 feet in elevation. In fact, the Trail route is so topographically diverse that a person can hike from the Sonoran Desert to Alpine forests in one day. The Trail also takes travelers through ranching, mining, agricultural, and developed urban areas, as well as remote and pristine wildlands.

With over 700 miles of the 800-mile trail already completed, the Arizona Trail is a boon to recreationists. The Arizona State Parks recently released data showing that two-thirds of Arizonans consider themselves trail users. Millions of visitors also use Arizona's trails each year. In one of the fastest-growing states in the U.S., the designation of the Arizona Trail as a National Scenic or National Historic Trail would ensure the preservation of a corridor of open space for hikers, mountain bicyclists, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, eco-tourists, equestrians, and joggers.

I commend the Arizona Trail Association for taking the lead in building a coalition of partners to bring the Arizona Trail from its inception to a nearly completed, multiple-use, non-motorized, long-distance trail. Trail enthusiasts look forward to the completion of the Arizona Trail. Its designation as a national trail would help to protect the natural, cultural, and historic resources it contains for the public to use and enjoy.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this legislation.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, today I am pleased to join with Senator MCCAIN in introducing the Arizona Trail Feasibility Study Act. This bill would authorize the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to conduct a joint study to determine the feasibility and desirability of designating the Arizona Trail as a National Scenic or Historic Trail. A companion bill is being introduced today in the House of Representatives by Representative KOLBE on behalf of the entire Arizona delegation.

In 1968, Congress established the National Trails System to promote the preservation of historical resources and

outdoor areas. National scenic and national historic trails may be designated only by an act of Congress. The first step toward national trail designation is the feasibility study process, which this legislation authorizes. When a study recommends a trail for designation, subsequent legislation will be introduced to bring it into the National Trails System.

The Arizona Trail is highly deserving of consideration for national designation. The trail is a roller coaster ride through the wide range of ecological diversity in the State. The Trail corridor begins at the Coronado National Memorial on the U.S. Mexico Border, and winds some 800 miles, ending on the Bureau of Land Management's Arizona Strip District on the Utah Border. As it connects these two points, it invites recreationists to explore the State's most renowned mountains, canyons, deserts and forests, including the Grand Canyon and the Sonora Desert. This trail is unique in that it was developed to maximize the incorporation of already existing public trails into one continuous trail, to showcase some of the most spectacular scenery in the West.

The trail is a partnership of over 16 Federal, State and local agencies, as well as numerous community and business organizations and countless volunteers, to develop and sustain it as a recreational resource for future generations. Authorizing this study and ultimately designating the Arizona Trail as a national trail will help streamline its management, boost tourism and recreation, and preserve a magnificent natural, cultural, and historical experience of the American West.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 589. A bill to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, on February 16, shortly before the President's Day recess in February, the Senator from Vermont and I introduced the OPEN Government Act of 2005—bipartisan legislation to promote accountability, accessibility, and openness in government, principally by strengthening and enhancing the Federal law commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act.

When I served as Attorney General of Texas, it was my responsibility to enforce Texas's open government laws. I am pleased to report that Texas is known for having one of the strongest set of open government laws in our Nation. And ever since that experience, I have long believed that our federal government could use "a little Texas sunshine." I am thus especially enthusiastic about the OPEN Government Act, because that legislation attempts