

address rising heating oil, natural gas, diesel, and other energy costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 3283. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow, in recognition of his especially meritorious role as a warrior of the Crow Tribe, Army Soldier in World War II, and author; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3284. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the estate tax as in effect in 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 3285. A bill to ensure that, for each small business participating in the 8(a) business development program that was affected by Hurricane Katrina of 2005 or Hurricane Rita of 2005, the period in which it can participate is extended by 24 months; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3286. A bill to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to add sites to the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3287. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish a national usury rate for consumer credit transactions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. REED, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. BYRD, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. TESTER):

S.J. Res. 44. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule set forth as requirements contained in the August 17, 2007, letter to State Health Officials from the Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the State Health Official Letter 08-003, dated May 7, 2008, from such Center; 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. MENENDEZ (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 615. A resolution urging the Government of Turkey to respect the rights and religious freedoms of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Orthodox Christian Church; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 223

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 604, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit increases in the certain costs of health care services under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 935

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from

New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1048, a bill to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries that activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes.

S. 1232

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a voluntary policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1243

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1243, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age.

S. 1577

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1577, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require screening, including national criminal history background checks, of direct patient access employees of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities and providers, and to provide for nationwide expansion of the pilot program for national and State background checks on direct patient access employees of long-term care facilities or providers.

S. 1942

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1942, a bill to amend part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the renovation of schools.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2092

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2092, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies.

S. 2303

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2303, a bill to amend section 435(o) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the definition of economic hardship.

S. 2561

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2561, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War.

S. 2795

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2795, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a nationwide health insurance purchasing pool for small businesses and the self employed that would offer a choice of private health plans and make health coverage more affordable, predictable, and accessible.

S. 2836

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2836, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include service after September 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay.

S. 2920

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2920, a bill to reauthorize and improve the financing and entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 2932

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2932, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States.

S. 2942

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2942, a bill to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center.

S. 3021

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3021, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to length and weight limitations for buses, trucks, and other large vehicles on Federal highways, and for other purposes.

S. 3068

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3068, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 3070

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3070, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 3083

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3083, a bill to require a review of existing trade agreements and renegotiation of existing trade agreements based on the review, to set terms for future trade agreements, to express the sense of the Senate that the role of Congress in trade policy-making should be strengthened, and for other purposes.

S. 3142

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3142, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public health activities related to stillbirth and sudden unexpected infant death.

S. 3155

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3155, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and for other purposes.

S. 3164

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3164, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce fraud under the Medicare program.

S. 3186

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of S. 3186, a bill to provide funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

S. 3223

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3223, a bill to establish a small business energy emergency disaster loan program.

S. 3248

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3248, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to clarify the treatment of purchases of certain commodity futures contracts and financial instruments with respect to limits established by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission relating to excessive speculation, and for other purposes.

S. 3268

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 3268, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 273

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 273, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Postal Service should issue a semipostal stamp to support medical research relating to Alzheimer's disease.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 3279. A bill to provide funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny the deduction for income attributable to