

coverage of mental health services under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 691. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 692. A bill to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel EAGLE; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 693. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide additional safeguards for beneficiaries with representative payees under the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program or the Supplemental Security Income program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. REID, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 694. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. BYRD):

S. 695. A bill to provide parents, taxpayers, and educators with useful, understandable school report cards; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 696. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from applying spectrum aggregation limits to spectrum assigned by auction after 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. MILLER):

S. 697. A bill to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. REID):

S. 698. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to designate chromium-6 as a contaminant, to establish a maximum contaminant level for chromium-6, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 699. A bill to provide for substantial reductions in the price of prescription drugs for medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 700. A bill to establish a Federal inter-agency task force for the purpose of coordi-

nating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. THOMPSON:

S. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution commending Clear Channel Communications and the American Football Coaches Association for their dedication and efforts for protecting children by providing a vital means for locating the Nation's missing, kidnapped, and runaway children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. Con. Res. 32. A concurrent resolution honoring The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for its 135 years of service to the people of the United States and their animals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 128

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase to parity with other surviving spouses the basic annuity that is provided under the uniformed services Survivor Benefit Plan for surviving spouses who are at least 62 years of age, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name and the name of and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 170, *supra*.

S. 277

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) 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. 288

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 288, a bill to extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act through 2006, and encourage States to simplify their sales and use taxes.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 316, a bill to provide for teacher liability protection.

S. 351

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting use of mercury fever thermometers and improving collection, recycling, and disposal of mercury, and for other purposes.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and title 10, United States Code, to maximize the access of uniformed services voters and recently separated uniformed services voters to the polls, to ensure that each vote cast by such a voter is duly counted, and for other purposes.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to improve the National Writing Project.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend part F of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and refocus civic education, and for other purposes.

S. 426

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 426, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit to holders of bonds financing new communications technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 428

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 428, a bill to provide grants and other incentives to promote new communications technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 429

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Delaware

(Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 429, a bill to expand the Manufacturing Extension Program to bring the new economy to small and medium-sized businesses.

S. 430

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to provide incentives to promote broadband telecommunications services in rural America, and for other purposes.

S. 463

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 463, a bill to provide for increased access to HIV/AIDS-related treatments and services in developing foreign countries.

S. 466

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to fully fund 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for programs under part B of such Act.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to amend titles IV and XX of the Social Security Act to restore funding for the Social Services Block Grant, to restore the ability of States to transfer up to 10 percent of TANF funds to carry out activities under such block grant, and to require an annual report on such activities by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 534, a bill to establish a Federal interagency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance program.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 to establish permanent trade negotiating and trade agreement implementing authority.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend title III or the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for digital education partnerships.

S. 611

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 611, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reduction in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation.

S. 643

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 643, a bill to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers for marked graves of, or to otherwise commemorate, certain individuals.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and to establish State health insurance safety-net programs.

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of it.

AMENDMENT NO. 174

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 174 proposed to H. Con. Res. 83, a concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011.

AMENDMENT NO. 176

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Montana

(Mr. BAUCUS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 176 proposed to H. Con. Res. 83, a concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. CORZINE)

S. 687. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable by providing a tax deduction for higher education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, today, I rise to introduce the Higher Education Affordability and Fairness Act.

It is easy to forget that less than ten years ago this nation faced an endless stream of budget deficits. Today, through fiscal responsibility and the hard work and sacrifice of the American people, an unprecedented budget surplus has taken the place of annual deficits.

Clearly, there are many priorities to be addressed with this good fortune. The time has come to ease the tax burden on the American public through a reduction in tax rates. We must reserve a portion of the surplus for necessary investments in education, a prescription drug benefit, as well as a continuation of the progress we have made in reducing the national debt. Among those priorities we must include programs and policies to increase the affordability of a college education. I believe that this can be done through expanding tax credits and making college tuition tax deductible.

A college degree is becoming a prerequisite for the advanced skills that have become necessary in this global, information-based economy. And financially, a college education is integral to achieving middle-class earning power. In 1999, the average male college graduate earned 90 percent more than the average male high school graduate. In the late 1970's the difference in pay was only 50 percent.

While the benefits and the need of higher education have increased, so, too have the costs. In the last decade, the cost of sending a child to college has increased 40 percent, nearly two and a half times the rate of inflation.

Too often, the struggle to send a child to college consumes the budget of working families. In New Jersey, families spend anywhere from 30 to 50 percent of their incomes on college expenses, leaving little for the mortgage, medical bills, long-term care for a parent, or even a car payment.