

Church in America, Episcopal Church, Catholic Church, Rapid City and Sioux Falls Dioceses, Reformed Church in America, and Christian Church Disciples. The Flandreau Chaplaincy program was the first project to be sponsored by the Association of Christian Churches.

On the occasion of his retirement as a school Chaplain, I want to congratulate Tony Firman for his tireless dedication to Flandreau Indian School, his commitment to finding the best in students, for helping others with spiritual guidance, and for coordinating and supporting religious activities. I also commend him for his valuable service to the community over the years.

The lives of countless young people have been enormously enhanced by Tony's talent and skill as Chaplain. The State of South Dakota is a better place because of his commitment to and passion for working with local youth. His achievements will certainly serve as a model for other talented religious leaders throughout our State to emulate.

I wish Tony Firman the best on his retirement.●

HONORING THE LADY GAMECOCKS FOR WINNING THE NCAA TRACK TITLE

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Madam President, my colleagues who have heard me debate fast track trade negotiating authority in the last month may be surprised with what this senator from South Carolina is about to say. But I rise today wishing to scream my lungs out in favor of fast track that is the fast track of the University of South Carolina women's track and field team, who just won the NCAA title earlier this month. It only goes to show you that fast track is alive and well in my state, so long as it's the right fast track.

I have followed Gamecock sports for more than seven decades. This day is particularly pleasing in that, as hard as this is to believe, it is the first time South Carolina was won a national championship ever, in any sport, women's or men's.

I wish to congratulate the entire team of incredible athletes who worked hard all year to prepare for this. They won relays. They won individually. They set new records, piling up points with depth in several of the events. It was a real team effort, as it should be.

I especially want to congratulate the Gamecock coach, Curtis Frye, who recruited all these talented women and turned the program into a true powerhouse. He was just named the women's track coach of the year, and us faithful will obviously expect him to win that title every year now.

One last point, as the Gamecocks are showing their best ever performances on the field, they also are showing their best ever performances in the classroom. It is important that we have champions across the board, in

academics and athletics, and I salute all University of South Carolina athletes who have improved their academic performance.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar.

H.R. 2143. An act to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent.

S. 2600. A bill to ensure the continued financial capacity of insurers to provide coverage for risks from terrorism.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 34: A joint resolution approving the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982. (Rept. No. 107-159).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2602. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 2603. A bill to establish the Digital Opportunity Investment Trust; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2604. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Federal Government to assume all costs relating to implementation of and compliance with that Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG)):

S. 2605. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to geographically adjust the amount of the medicare part B premium based on the use of health care items and services in the State in which the medicare beneficiary resides, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2606. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a trade adjustment assistance program for certain service workers, and for other purposes; 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. FEINGOLD:

S. Res. 282. A resolution disapproving the withdrawal of the United States from the

1972 Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Limitation of Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems (ABM Treaty), signed in Moscow on May 26, 1972 (Ex. L. 92-2); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. Con. Res. 120. A concurrent resolution commending the Pennsylvania National Guard for its exemplary service to the United States in the war against terrorism and other recent documents; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 237

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to provide for fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in public and private college and university housing and dormitories, including fraternity and sorority housing and dormitories.

S. 701

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 701, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the charitable deduction for conservation contributions of land by eligible farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes.

S. 913

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a Korea Defense Service Medal to be issued to members of the Armed Forces who participated in operations in Korea after the end of the Korean War.

S. 1115

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1115, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 1483

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1483, a bill to amend Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to

reduce the impact of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking on the lives of youth and children and provide appropriate services for children and youth experiencing or exposed to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

S. 1523

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1523, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1648

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1648, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an increase in the maximum annual rates of pension payable to surviving spouses of veterans of a period of war, and for other purposes.

S. 1864

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1864, 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. 2005

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2005, a bill to authorize the negotiation of free trade agreement with the Republic of the Philippines, and to provide for expedited congressional consideration of such an agreement.

S. 2108

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2108, a bill to amend the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 to assist the neediest of senior citizens by modifying the eligibility criteria for supplemental foods provided under the commodity supplemental food program to take into account the extraordinarily high out-of-pocket medical expenses that senior citizens pay, and for other purposes.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2135, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a 5-year extension of the authorization for appropriations for certain medicare rural grants.

S. 2210

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2210, a bill to amend the International Financial Institutions Act to provide for modification of the Enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative.

S. 2221

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New

York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2221, a bill to temporarily increase the Federal medical assistance percentage for the medicaid program.

S. 2428

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2428, a bill to amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act.

S. 2458

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2458, a bill to enhance United States diplomacy, and for other purposes.

S. 2538

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2538, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

S. 2554

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2554, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a program for Federal flight deck officers, and for other purposes.

S. 2591

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2591, a bill to reauthorize the Mammography Quality Standards Act, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 37

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 37, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and Human Services relating to modification of the medicaid upper payment limit for non-State government owned or operated hospitals published in the Federal Register on January 18, 2002, and submitted to the Senate on March 15, 2002.

S. RES. 267

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 267, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the policy of the United States at the 54th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

S. RES. 272

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 272, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the success of the Varela Project's collection

of 10,000 certified signatures in support of a national referendum and the delivery of these signatures to the Cuban National Assembly.

S. CON. RES. 110

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 110, a concurrent resolution honoring the heroism and courage displayed by airline flight attendants on a daily basis.

AMENDMENT NO. 3569

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3569 proposed to H.R. 4775, a bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG): S. 2605. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to geographically adjust the amount of the Medicare part B premium based on the use of health care items and services in the State in which the Medicare beneficiary resides, and for purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

(At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

● Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, there few programs that are more important to the health and quality of life of Americans than Medicare. It has been a godsend for millions of Americans. It deserves our strong support. We need to make sure that Medicare is strong, secure and improved for the future.

The biggest gap in Medicare's coverage is it's lack of help with the high costs of prescription drugs. I feel strongly that we must move forward to provide seniors with an affordable, reliable Medicare prescription drug benefit this year. I call on our leadership to bring legislation to the floor so that we can provide seniors with much needed relief.

Another area that is in urgent need of improvement is the fairness of the distribution of Medicare's payments and costs throughout the states. The Medicare program is placing seniors and health care providers in certain States at a severe disadvantage compared to other States. There are currently unjustifiable inequities in the system that affect the way in which both seniors and health care professionals are treated. Rather than rewarding States with healthy populations, that have efficient, high quality health care practices, and practice health care cost containment, the Medicare system is punishing these States.

For example, seniors enrolled in the Medicare program pay monthly part B