

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 946. A bill to enhance competition for prescription drugs by increasing the ability of the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission to enforce existing anti-trust laws regarding brand name drugs and generic drugs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 947. A bill to better assist lower income families in obtaining decent, safe, and affordable housing through the conversion of the section 8 housing choice voucher program into a State-administered block grant; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 948. A bill to require prescription drug manufacturers, packers, and distributors to disclose certain gifts provided in connection with detailing, promotional, or other marketing activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 949. A bill to establish a commission to assess the military facility structure of the United States overseas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 122. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate May 1, 2003 as "National Child Care Worthy Wage Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. BAYH):

S. Res. 123. A resolution designating April 28, 2003, through May 2, 2003, as "National Charter Schools Week", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MILLER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 124. A resolution designating September 28, 2003, as "National Good Neighbor Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. BAYH):

S. Res. 125. A resolution designating April 28, 2003, through May 2, 2003, as "National Charter Schools Week", and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of St. Tammany Day on May 1, 2003, as a national day of recognition for Tammany and the values he represented; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 132

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 132, a bill to place a moratorium on executions by the Federal

Government and urge the States to do the same, while a National Commission on the Death Penalty reviews the fairness of the imposition of the death penalty.

S. 145

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to prohibit assistance to North Korea or the Korean Peninsula Development Organization, and for other purposes.

S. 171

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 171, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payment to medicare ambulance suppliers of the full costs of providing such services, and for other purposes.

S. 243

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 243, a bill concerning participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

S. 300

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 300, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson.

S. 318

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 318, a bill to provide emergency assistance to nonfarm-related small business concerns that have suffered substantial economic harm from drought.

S. 338

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from North

Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 338, a bill to protect the flying public's safety and security by requiring that the air traffic control system remain a Government function.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements.

S. 374

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 374, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the occupational taxes relating to distilled spirits, wine, and beer.

S. 392

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, 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.

S. 392

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, *supra*.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 451, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan, and for other purposes.

S. 465

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand medicare coverage of certain self-injected biologicals.

S. 473

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 473, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

S. 478

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 478, a bill to grant a Federal charter Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

S. 514

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits.

S. 516

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 516, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow the arming of pilots of cargo aircraft, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to authorize the Department of Energy to develop and implement an accelerated research and development program for advanced clean coal technologies for use in coal-based electricity generating facilities and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide financial incentives to encourage the retrofitting, repowering, or replacement of coal-based electricity generating facilities to protect the environment and improve efficiency and encourage the early commercial application of advanced clean coal technologies, so as to allow coal to help meet the growing need of the United States for the generation of reliable and affordable electricity.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the investment of foreign earnings within the United States for productive business investments and job creation.

S. 610

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 610, a bill to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 617

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 617, a bill to provide for full voting representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 654, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance the access of medicare beneficiaries who live in medically underserved areas to critical primary and preventive health care benefits, to improve the Medicare+Choice program, and for other purposes.

S. 664

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 664, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 678, a bill to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 727, a bill to reauthorize a Department of Energy program to develop and implement accelerated research, development, and demonstration projects for advanced clean coal technologies for use in coal-based electricity generating facilities, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for the use of those technologies, and for other purposes.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of

S. 740, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the medicare program.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for individuals and businesses for the installation of certain wind energy property.

S. 774

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 774, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the use of completed contract method of accounting in the case of certain long-term naval vessel construction contracts.

S. 780

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) were added as cosponsors of S. 780, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Chief Phillip Martin of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 789, a bill to change the requirements for naturalization through service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 816

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 816, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect and preserve access of medicare beneficiaries to health care provided by hospitals in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 818

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to ensure the independence and nonpartisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

S. 822

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 822, a bill to create a 3-year pilot program that makes small, non-profit child care businesses eligible for SBA 504 loans.

S. 825

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 825, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 to protect pension benefits of employees in defined benefit plans and to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to enforce the age discrimination requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 837

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 837, a bill to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Federal agencies and programs and to recommend the elimination or realignment of duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, and for other purposes.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 845, 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 programs.

S. 853

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 853, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the medicare program.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 876

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 876, a bill to require public disclosure of non-competitive contracting for the reconstruction of the infrastructure of Iraq, and for other purposes.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to revise and simplify the transitional medical assistance (TMA) program.

S. 918

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 918, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to implement fully by September 30, 2004, requirements for addi-

tional Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams.

S.J. RES. 1

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

S. CON. RES. 7

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 7, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INOUE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 931. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a program to reduce the risks from and mitigate the effects of avalanches on visitors to units of the National Park System and on other recreational users of public land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, today I introduce, with Senators CAMPBELL, DOMENICI, HATCH, INOUE, and MURKOWSKI, the Federal Land Recreational Visitor Protection Act of 2003.

Across our State of Alaska, Western States, and areas of the Northeast, local governments and businesses struggle each year to remove potential avalanches or recover from the disastrous effects of avalanches. The West Wide Avalanche Network calculated avalanche damage totals for the Western U.S. between \$600 thousand and \$800 thousand annually. These costs do not include the economic losses from town cut-off by avalanches. In our state alone, the Safety Center estimates upwards of \$18 million in direct damages both to private property and economic losses over the past 5 years.

While such damage can bring hardships to many local communities, none can compare with the loss of a friend or family member. The U.S. averages 30 deaths a year from avalanches, a majority of which are results of recreational activities in unmitigated avalanche areas. Some States set aside money for rescues prior to the winter season, knowing that the resources required to clear all avalanche threats are not at hand.

This bill brings those resources to the entities that need them the most, enabling us to significantly reduce the effects of avalanches on visitors, recreational users, transportation corridors, and our local communities.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 932. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for taxpayers owning certain commercial power takeoff vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce the Fuel Tax Equalization Credit for Substantial Power Takeoff Vehicles Act. This bill upholds a long-held principle in the application of the Federal fuels excise tax, and restores this principle for certain single engine "dual-use" vehicles.

This long-held principle is simple: fuel consumed for the purpose of moving vehicles over the road is taxed, while fuel consumed for "off-road" purposes is not taxed. The tax is designed to compensate for the wear and tear impacts on roads. Fuel used for a non-propulsion "off-road" purpose has no impact on the roads. It should not be taxed as if it does. This bill is based on this principle, and it remedies a problem created by IRS regulations that control the application of the federal fuels excise tax to "dual-use" vehicles.

Dual-use vehicles are vehicles that use fuel both to propel the vehicle on the road, and also to operate separate, on-board equipment. The two prominent examples of dual-use vehicles are concrete mixers, which use fuel to rotate the mixing drum, and sanitation trucks, which use fuel to operate the compactor. Both of these trucks move over the road, but at the same time, a substantial portion of their fuel use is attributable to the non-propulsion function.

The current problem developed because progress in technology has outstripped the regulatory process. In the past, dual-use vehicles commonly had two engines, IRS regulations, written in the 1950's, specifically exempt the portion of fuel used by the separate engine that operates special equipment such as a mixing drum or a trash compactor. These IRS regulations reflect the principle that fuel consumed for non-propulsion purposes is not taxed.

Today, however, typical dual-use vehicles use only one engine. The single engine both propels the vehicle over the road and powers the non-propulsion function through "power takeoff." a major reason for the growth of these single-engine, power takeoff vehicles is that they use less fuel. And a major benefit for everyone is that they are better for the environment.

Power takeoff was not in widespread use when the IRS regulations were drafted, and the regulations deny an exemption for fuel used in single-engine, dual-use vehicles. The IRS defends its distinction between one-engine and two-engine, vehicles based on possible administrative problems if vehicle owners were permitted to allocate fuel between the propulsion and non-propulsion functions.

Our bill is designed to address the administrative concerns expressed by the