

and Crop Substitution; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4645. A communication from the Chairman, International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Strategic Plan which covers the fiscal period 2003 through 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4646. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4647. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Algeria and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4648. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more to Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4649. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, the report of a license for the export of items in the national interest of the United States to Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4650. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Management and the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to funding for benefits attributable to the military service of current and former employees of the Postal Service; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4651. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, the Strategic Plan of the National Archives and Records Administration; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4652. A communication from the Postmaster General, United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, two reports relative to military service of current and former Postal Service employees and a proposal to expend savings accrued to the Postal Service as a result of P.L. 108-18; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4653. A communication from the Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission, transmitting, a report entitled "Designing for Security in the Nation's Capitol"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4654. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a letter relative to the Department of Labor's expenditure of a portion of the special \$1000 filing fees paid by employers who seek access to H-1B nonimmigrant employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4655. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, the Department of Labor's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4656. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, the Board's Strategic Plan for 2003 through 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4657. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health

and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Charitable Choice Regulations Applicable to States Receiving Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grants, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, Formula Grants, and to Public and Private Receiving Discretionary Funding from SAMHSA" (RIN0930-A11) received on September 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4658. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Charitable Choice Provisions Applicable to Programs Authorized Under the Community Services Block Grant Act" (RIN0970-AC13) received on September 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4659. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Charitable Choice Provisions Applicable to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program" (RIN0970-AC12) received on September 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4660. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2004" (RIN0938-AM67) received on September 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4661. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division, and reporting nationwide Federal law enforcement effort against public corruption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 4. A bill to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-162).

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 Mr. REED (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1710. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and part 7 of subtitle B of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish standards for the health quality improvement of children in managed care plans and other health plans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 1711. A bill to increase the expertise and capacity of community-based organizations involved in economic development activities and key development programs; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1712. A bill to re-establish and reform the independent counsel statute; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. BOND):

S. 1713. A bill to amend title IV of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, relating to a pilot program for credit enhancement guarantees on pools of non-SBA loans; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 1714. A bill to amend the National Housing Act to increase the maximum mortgage amount limit for FHA-insured mortgages for multifamily housing located in high-cost areas; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1715. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. BOND, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 1716. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the use of funds made available for nonpoint source management programs for projects and activities relating to the development and implementation of phase II of the storm water program of the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1717. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a National Cord Blood Stem Cell Bank Network to prepare, store, and distribute human umbilical cord blood stems cells for the treatment of patients and to support peer-reviewed research using such cells; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 239. A resolution designating November 7, 2003, as "National Native American Veterans Day" to honor the service of Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces and the contribution of Native Americans to the defense of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 240. A resolution designating November 2003 as "National American Indian Heritage Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina:

S. Res. 241. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Palestinian Authority; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. Res. 242. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate concerning the do-not-call registry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. Con. Res. 72. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the

establishment of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps and voicing the appreciation of Congress regarding the service of the members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financings to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to provide a partially refundable tax credit for caregiving related expenses.

S. 1231

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1231, a bill to eliminate the burdens and costs associated with electronic mail spam by prohibiting the transmission of all unsolicited commercial electronic mail to persons who place their electronic mail addresses on a national No-Spam Registry, and to prevent fraud and deception in commercial electronic mail by imposing requirements on the content of all commercial electronic mail messages.

S. 1510

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1510, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a mechanism for United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for residence in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1531, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

S. 1594

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1594, a bill to require a report on reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

S. 1612

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1612, a bill to establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer within the Department of Homeland Security.

S. 1630

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral services, and for other purposes.

S. 1685

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1685, a bill to extend and expand the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, and for other purposes.

S. 1708

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to provide extended unemployment benefits to displaced workers, and to make other improvements in the unemployment insurance system.

S. RES. 231

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 231, a resolution commending the Government and people of Kenya.

AMENDMENT NO. 1798

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1798 intended to be proposed to S. 1689, an original bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1816

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1816 proposed to S. 1689, an original bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1816

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1816 proposed to S. 1689, *supra*.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 1711. A bill to increase the expertise and capacity of community-based organizations involved in economic development activities and key development programs; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Community Economic Development Expertise Enhancement Act of 2003.

This regulation would provide funding for nonprofit, community-based

economic development organizations and for the establishment of partnerships between these organizations. Most importantly, the legislation would authorize grants to promote the use of mentors to improve the operational capabilities of community-based organizations in the areas of project development, personnel management, legal services, and financial management. These and other eligible uses of the funding would increase the capacity of these organizations to expand community development activities throughout the country.

Over the past several decades, our Nation has seen the emergence of community-based organizations that have helped break the cycle of poverty for millions of families. Today, according to the National Congress of Community Economic Development, there are more than 3,600 of these organizations, many of which serve some of our Nation's most economically challenged communities. These include both urban and rural areas, as well as suburban regions.

Typically, community development corporations have annual budgets ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000 and staffs averaging about six members. Their lack of personnel, expertise and financing often creates real constraints on their ability to make even greater contributions to their community.

This legislation would expand our investment in these organizations, and expand their capacity to build homes, create jobs, improve public safety, provide critical social services, increase access to capital, and turn around communities now filled with despair. The bill would serve a wide range of communities with different economic, geographic, and social characteristics.

I hope my colleagues will support the bill, and I ask unanimous consent that the text of the legislation be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1711

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Community Economic Development Expertise Enhancement Act of 2003".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) there are a multitude of community economic development programs administered by the Federal Government that assist many of the most economically distressed areas in the United States in—

(A) revitalizing physical and economic structures; and

(B) providing support to small- and medium-sized businesses to encourage and assist the businesses in generating long-term jobs and economic opportunity;

(2) there are many nonprofit, nongovernmental, community-based economic development organizations, including faith-based organizations, that have successfully operated community economic development programs that create jobs, build homes, and revitalize local markets;