

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 262. A resolution condemning the statements of former Education Secretary William J. Bennett; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Con. Res. 56. A concurrent resolution expressing appreciation for the contribution of Chinese art and culture and recognizing the Festival of China at the Kennedy Center; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to improve the health of women through the establishment of Offices of Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 910

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 910, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1403

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 1403, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend reasonable cost contracts under Medicare.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to establish an Office of the Hurricane Katrina Recovery Chief Financial Officer, and for other purposes.

S. 1716

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1716, a bill to provide emergency health care relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

S. 1725

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1725, a bill to strengthen Federal leadership, provide grants, enhance outreach and guidance, and provide other support to State and local officials to enhance emergency communications capabilities, to achieve communications interoperability, to foster improved regional collaboration and coordination, to promote more efficient utilization of funding devoted to public safety communications, to promote research and development by both the public and private sectors for first responder communications, and for other purposes.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1749, a bill to reinstate the application of the wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act to Federal contracts in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1793

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to extend certain apportionments to primary airports.

S. CON. RES. 37

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 37, a concurrent resolution honoring the life of Sister Dorothy Stang.

S. CON. RES. 48

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 48, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1805. A bill to repeal the increase in micropurchase authority for property and services for support of Hurricane Katrina relief and rescue operations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, Senator WYDEN and I are introducing legislation today to change a provision in law that was attendant to the emergency supplemental passed recently dealing with hurricane Katrina. That provision in law increased the amount of money that would be available to be spent on a Government credit card from \$2,500 to \$250,000. That is right—\$250,000 for purchases on a Government credit card.

Here is what a Government credit card looks like. There are about 390,000—somewhere in that neighborhood—390,000 Government credit cards in the country. I have three GAO reports that describe substantial abuse and misuse of these Government credit cards.

The proposal that passed this Congress attendant to the hurricane emergency relief says that on these credit cards, the limit will go from \$2,500 to \$250,000. Let me describe for a moment what the GAO found in various investigations.

What has been charged to a Government credit card? Hiring prostitutes, gambling, breast-enlargement surgery—yes, it was for a girlfriend of somebody who had a Government credit card—cigars, mounting a deer head, jewelry, wine, and the list goes on.

Now the limit goes to \$250,000. We aim to take it back to \$2,500. It will still have the emergency capabilities that existed since 9/11 which will allow a \$15,000 limit under emergencies.

We had a hearing at which a professor from GW Law School who is an expert in this area of Government procurement testified. Here is what he said about the \$250,000 credit card limit:

The potential for abuse is staggering.

Everybody knows that: "The potential for abuse is staggering." If you don't believe it, take a look at the GAO reports with respect to the abuse when the limit was \$2,500. Now it is \$250,000 for a credit card purchase? Who is going to stand up for the interest of the taxpayers?

This fellow, Mr. Safavian, was the top contracting officer for purchases of