

title III of the Trade Act of 1974 reviewable by the Court of International Trade and to ensure that the United States Trade Representative considers petitions to enforce United States trade rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 26. A bill to establish the Northern Appalachian Economic Development Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 28. A bill to amend section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 30. A bill to provide appropriate protection to attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 4111. A bill to provide for certain water resources projects in the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 4112. A bill to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. REID, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 4113. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine; considered and passed.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 4114. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the use of generic drugs under the Medicare part D prescription drug program when available unless the brand name drug is determined to be medically necessary; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 4115. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to increase the effectiveness of physician assistance for drug treatment; considered and passed.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 4116. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, to clarify the scope of provisions relating to applicable rates of interest and other charge limitations; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 4117. A bill to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005, to reinstitute the section 7212 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, which provides States additional regulatory flexibility and funding authorization to more rapidly produce tamper- and counterfeit-resistant driver's licenses and to protect privacy and civil liberties by providing interested stakeholders on a negotiated rulemaking with guidance to achieve improved 21st century licenses to improve national security; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 4118. A bill to amend the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 to strike a provision relating to

modifications in reporting frequency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 4119. A bill to clarify the tax treatment of certain payments made to homeowners by the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Mississippi Development Authority; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 4120. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine, to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 4121. A bill to provide optional funding rules for employers in applicable multiple employer pension plans; considered and passed.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 4122. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. Res. 630. A resolution allowing the senior Senator from Kentucky to reassign the Henry Clay desk when serving as party leader; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. REID, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. FRIST, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 631. A resolution urging the Government of Sudan and the international community to implement the agreement for a peacekeeping force under the command and control of the United Nations in Darfur; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. Res. 632. A resolution urging the United States and the European Union to work together to strengthen the transatlantic market; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 633. A resolution condemning the conference denying that the Holocaust occurred to be held by the Government of Iran and its President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. Res. 634. A resolution honoring the life and achievements of Tom Carr, Congressional Research Service Analyst, and extending the condolences of the Senate on the occasion of his death; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) 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. 676

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 676, a bill to provide for Project GRAD programs, and for other purposes.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 914, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, an act to reduce hunger in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1217

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1217, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to phase out the 24-month waiting period for disabled individuals to become eligible for medicare benefits, to eliminate the waiting period for individuals with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1608

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1608, a bill to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against illegal spam, spyware, and cross-border fraud and deception, and for other purposes.

S. 3582

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3582, a bill to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market.

S. 3980

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3980, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a policy for managing the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 4067

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4067, a bill to provide for secondary transmissions of distant network signals for private home viewing by certain satellite carriers.

S. 4097

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4097, a bill to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 97

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 97, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

S. RES. 628

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 628, a resolution supporting the 200th anniversary of the nation's nautical charting and related scientific programs, which formed the basis for what is today the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

AMENDMENT NO. 5230

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5230 intended to be proposed to H.R. 6111, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the Tax Court may review claims for equitable innocent spouse relief and to suspend the running on the period of limitations while such claims are pending.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 26. A bill to establish the Northern Appalachian Economic Development Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Northern Appalachian Economic Development Commission Act of 2006 with Senator COLLINS because the people of the Northern Forest region have not shared in the economic prosperity of many parts of the rest of the United States. The bill establishes a Federal-State partnership commission for the purpose of promoting economic development in the communities in the northern forest area of Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont through the development of public policy tools and grants designed to build local capacity.

The legislation calls for a collaborative regional effort to achieve real progress to enhance not only the forest products industry to preserve the traditional industries of the region, but to catalyze new rural economic and small development and job growth, and slow out-migration.

Today, small businesses are fueling the economic growth of the Nation, producing over 50 percent of the gross domestic product and creating three-fourths of all new jobs. Entrepreneurship is a critical element in the establishment of self-sustaining communities that create jobs and contribute broadly to economic and community development. The bill authorizes appropriations of \$40 million for economic development grants for fiscal years 2008–2012 that will support existing entrepreneur and small business development programs and projects and support projects for small business innovation research. Funding will also assist the region in obtaining job training, employment-related education and business development and assist in community development. Assistance will be provided to severely distressed and underdeveloped while maintaining the integrity of the region's resources.

Many residents of the Northeast region live below the poverty level, in areas of significantly higher than average unemployment rates, with limited access to capital, and with low per capita personal income. Maine's economy has long been based on the bounty of its natural resources—fishing, farming, forestry, and tourism. The very nature of these industries has meant that a significant portion of employment opportunities are seasonal and overall earnings lag behind national averages. Currently, Maine leads the country with the fastest growing poverty rate, tied with Arkansas and Mississippi. As a matter of fact, in 2005, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Maine was the only State other than Louisiana that experienced a decline in economic activity. The entire northern forest region shares many of these common challenges, and as a result, local and State economic development leaders have been receptive to considering other means to create jobs.

Currently, there are several independent entities focused on regional economic development, such as the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Denali Commission, the Delta Regional Authority, and the Northern Great Plains Regional Authority. However, there is currently no single regional economic development entity focused on the needs of the far Northeast region. Our Northern Appalachian Economic Development Commission is expected to complement existing efforts, and I plan to pursue these efforts in the 2007 Farm bill.

The Appalachian Regional Commission—ARC—developed in 1965 has proven to be a success and has help transform a region once solely dependent on mining, agriculture and heavy industry to one more reliant on the service and retail industries. Since its creation, the ARC has reduced the number of distressed counties from 219 to 100. It has cut the poverty rate from 31 percent to 15 percent and has helped 1,400 businesses create 26,000 new jobs since 1977. This is the type of assistance that

could also be very effective in Northern Appalachian area.

I look forward to fostering the rich potential of the northern forest States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York, with its abundance of natural resources and entrepreneurship, and hard working people through the Northern Appalachian Economic Development Commission to obtain vigorous self-sustaining growth throughout the region.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 28. A bill to amend section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill I introduce today—the Northern Border Travel Facilitation Act—be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 28

*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 “Northern Border Travel Facilitation Act”.

#### SEC. 2. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION ENROLLMENT PROGRAM.

Section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD ENROLLMENT PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a State Driver's License and Identity Card Enrollment Program as described in this subsection (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the “Program”) and enter into a memorandum of understanding with an appropriate official of each State that elects to participate in the Program.

“(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Program is to permit a citizen of the United States who produces a driver's license or identity card that meets the requirements of paragraph (3) or a citizen of Canada who produces a document described in paragraph (4) to enter the United States from Canada without providing any other documentation or evidence of citizenship.

“(3) ADMISSION OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.—A driver's license or identity card meets the requirements of this subparagraph if—

“(A) the license or card—

“(i) was issued by a State that is participating in the Program;

“(ii) meets the requirements of section 202 of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (division B of Public Law 109-13; 49 U.S.C. 30301 note); and

“(iii) includes the United States citizenship status of the individual to whom the license or card was issued; and

“(B) the State that issued the license or card—

“(i) has a mechanism that is approved by the Secretary of State to verify the United States citizenship status of an applicant for such a license or card;