

Whereas, the federal Freedom of Choice Act will not make abortion safe or rare, but will instead actively promote and subsidize abortion with federal and state tax dollars and will do nothing to ensure its safety; and

Whereas, the federal Freedom of Choice Act will protect and promote the abortion industry, endanger women and their health, promote a political ideology of unregulated abortion-on-demand, and silence the voices of Americans who want to engage in a meaningful public discussion and debate over the availability, safety, and even desirability of abortion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, hereby strongly oppose the federal Freedom of Choice Act and urge the United States Congress to summarily reject it; and be it further

Resolved, That the Missouri House of Representatives strongly opposes the federal Freedom of Choice Act because:

(1) It seeks to circumvent the states' general legislative authority as guaranteed by the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution;

(2) It seeks to undermine the right and responsibility of the states and the people to debate, vote on, and determine abortion policy;

(3) The protection of women's health through state regulation on abortion is a compelling state interest that should not be nullified by Congress; and

(4) Its enactment would nullify laws in the State of Missouri that the Missouri General Assembly and the people of Missouri strongly support; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Barack Obama, President of the United States; the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States Senate; the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives; each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation; and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United States Senate with a request that the resolution be printed in the Congressional Record.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Tony West, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 712. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the Medicare program for beneficiaries residing in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 713. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CARDIN, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 714. A bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 715. A bill to establish a pilot program to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of historic lighthouses; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 716. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve care for ventilator-dependent patients; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 717. A bill to modernize cancer research, increase access to preventative cancer services, provide cancer treatment and survivorship initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 718. A bill to amend the Legal Services Corporation Act to meet special needs of eligible clients, provide for technology grants, improve corporate practices of the Legal Services Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 719. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to notify surface estate owners in cases in which the leasing of Federal minerals underlying the land are to be used for oil and gas development; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 720. A bill to provide a source of funds to carry out restoration activities on Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 721. A bill to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 722. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for permanent alternative minimum tax relief, middle class tax relief, and estate tax relief, and to permanently extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DODD, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 723. A bill to prohibit the introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of novelty lighters, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 724. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to temporarily prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from considering global climate change as a natural or man-made factor in determining whether a species is a threatened or endangered species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 725. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow self-employed individuals to deduct health insurance costs in computing self-employment taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VITTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 726. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the licensing of biosimilar and biogeneric biological products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 727. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 728. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. REID, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 729. A bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 730. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DODD, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 731. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for continuity of TRICARE Standard coverage for certain members of the Retired Reserve; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 732. A bill to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams;