

DODD, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Res. 530. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Women's Health Week 2010", and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. Res. 531. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Hepatitis Awareness Month and World Hepatitis Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 354

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 354, a bill to provide that 4 of the 12 weeks of parental leave made available to a Federal employee shall be paid leave, and for other purposes.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and reduce the occurrence of sudden unexpected infant death and to enhance public health activities related to stillbirth.

S. 2749

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2749, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve access to nutritious meals for young children in child care.

S. 2768

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2768, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2011 and 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 3039

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3039, a bill to prevent drunk driving injuries and fatalities, and for other purposes.

S. 3058

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3058, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the special diabetes programs for Type I diabetes and Indians under that Act.

S. 3342

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3342, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a demonstration project to promote collaborations to improve school nutrition.

AMENDMENT NO. 3889

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3889 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3939

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3939 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3986

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3986 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4019

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4019 proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 4899. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-188).

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3377. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the multifamily transitional housing loan program of the Department of Veterans Affairs by requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue loans for the construction of, rehabilitation of, or acquisition of land for multifamily transitional housing projects instead of guaranteeing loans for such purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I rise today to offer legislation that would improve the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, Multifamily Transitional Housing Loan program. This program, established in 1998 and supported with a \$48 million appropriation in 1999, was intended to encourage additional development of transitional housing units for homeless veterans. Despite the good intention, the program was viewed as too rigid by community providers who turned elsewhere for assistance. In fact, only one loan was ever guaranteed under the program until VA discontinued it 2 years ago. The legislation I am introducing today would modify the program to give it the flexibility that community providers say is needed. The bill is cost neutral, relying only on money that Congress already has appropriated.

According to VA more than 107,000 veterans are homeless on any given night, including an estimated 1,589 in my home state of North Carolina. Many veterans are considered homeless or at risk due to their poverty, lack of support systems, and poor living conditions.

Even though we have seen a decrease in the number of homeless veterans from previous years, there is still work to be done. Make no mistake; the goal is not only to end homelessness but provide sustainable solutions to prevent veterans from, again, falling through the cracks. One area that will continue to play an important role in keeping veterans off the streets is the provision of transitional housing units coupled with onsite supportive services.

There are a number of VA programs that encourage the development of transitional housing units for homeless veterans. One such program, as I previously mentioned, was established by Congress in 1998—the Multifamily Transitional Housing Loan Guarantee Program. It was designed to encourage lenders to make low-interest loans, backed by a VA guaranty, available to homeless providers for the acquisition, construction, and improvement of transitional housing units. One provider, the St. Leo Campus for Veterans in Chicago, IL, operated by Catholic Charities, availed themselves of a VA-backed housing loan. However, St. Leo's experience is illustrative of why no other provider was able to secure a