United States regarding stabilizing the currency of Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. PRYOR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 449. A resolution commemorating and honoring the dedication and sacrifice of the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 450. A resolution designating May 17, 2014, as ''Kids to Parks Day''; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. Res. 451. A resolution recalling the Government of China's forcible dispersion of those peaceably assembled in Tiananmen Square 25 years ago, in light of China's continued abysmal human rights record; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 435

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to ban the exportation of crude oil or refined petroleum products derived from Federal land, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage and payment for complex rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program.

S. 997

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 997, a bill to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to provide independent counsel to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues associated with recruitment, retention, research, and reinvestment in the profession of social work, and for other purposes.

S. 1174

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1174, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers.

S. 1239

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to expand the research and awareness activities of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to scleroderma, and for other purposes.

S. 1256

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antimicrobials used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S. 1406

At the request of Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1406, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to permanently extend the Internet Tax Freedom Act.

S. 1622

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1622, a bill to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes.

S. 1799

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1799, a bill to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

S. 1875

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1875, a bill to provide for wildfire suppression operations, and for other purposes.

S. 2279

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2279, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate certain energy tax subsidies and lower the corporate income tax rate.

S. 2292

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2292, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinancing of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S. 2295, a bill to establish the National Commission on the Future of the Army, and for other purposes.

S. 2301

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2301, a bill to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 2305

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2305, a bill to amend the method by which the Social Security Administration determines the validity of marriages under title II of the Social Security Act.

S. 2307

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2307, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 2316

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2316, a bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on wait times for veterans seeking medical appointments and treatment from the Department of Veterans Affairs, to prohibit closure of medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes.

S. 2339

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2339, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require States with failed American Health Benefit Exchanges to reimburse the Federal Government for amounts provided under grants for the establishment and operation of such Exchanges.

S. RES. 445

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 445, a resolution recognizing the importance of cancer research and the contributions of scientists, clinicians, and patient advocates across the United States who are dedicated to finding a cure for cancer, and designating May 2014 as ''National Cancer Research Month''.

AMENDMENT NO. 3057

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3057 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the

Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3057 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 3058

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3058 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3058 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 3063

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3063 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 3066

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3066 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 3067

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3067 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 3068

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3068 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 3072

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3072 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3072 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 3073

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3073 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 3074

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3074 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3074 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 3077

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3077 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3077 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 3078

At the request of Mr. JOHANNS, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3078 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3078 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 3086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3086 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 3087

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3087 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3474, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KAINE:

S. 2341. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the authority for members of the Armed Forces to obtain professional credentials; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, since taking office, one of my highest priorities has been finding solutions to the unemployment rate among American veterans. We proudly in Virginia proclaim a tighter connection with the American military than any other State—and I know 99 or 98 other Senators would argue with me about that, but 1 in 9 Virginians is a veteran. Virginia has 27 military installations, including the largest naval base in the world in Norfolk, and all marine officers are trained at Quantico. Virginia's map is a map of Virginia's military history: Yorktown, where the Revolutionary War ended; Appomattox, where the Civil War ended, and other Civil War battlefields; and the Pentagon, where one of the two attacks on 9/11 occurred.

Our servicemembers in Virginia and nationally make a tremendous sacrifice for our country, and we have to have a commitment to honor these sacrifices and demonstrate to service men and women the same degree of commitment as they have demonstrated to our country.

That is what makes the unemployment rate among our veterans so troubling. Veterans who are exiting military service in the Iraq and Afghan war era—especially enlisted men and women who may not have college degrees—have an unemployment rate significantly higher than the national average. In fact—a statistic that when I heard it really stunned me—between the fiscal year 2001 and 2012, the Department of Defense spent $9.6 billion on unemployment insurance payments—$9.6 billion in payments to men