

for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. 3216. A bill to provide for the introduction of pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms into contracts of the Department of Veterans Affairs with community-based outpatient clinics for the provision of health care services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3217. A bill to provide appropriate protection to attorney-client privileged communications and attorney work product; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3218. A bill to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 603. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the restitution of or compensation for property seized during the Nazi and communist eras; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 604. A resolution congratulating the California State University, Fresno Bulldogs baseball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletics Association Division I College World Series; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. Res. 605. A resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift and honoring the veterans of Operation Vittles; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Con. Res. 92. A concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of homeownership for Americans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 334

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 334, a bill to provide affordable, guaranteed private health coverage that will make Americans healthier and can never be taken away.

S. 612

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 612, 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. 937

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 1212

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1212, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment under the Medicare program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities.

S. 1492

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation.

S. 1748

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1748, a bill to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the Medicare Program.

S. 1996

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1996, a bill to reauthorize the Enhancing Education Through Technology Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

S. 2238

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2238, 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.

S. 2504

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2504, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.

S. 2510

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2510, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes.

S. 2608

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2608, a bill to make improvements to the Small Business Act.

S. 2645

At the request of Mr. SMITH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2645, a bill to require the Commandant of the Coast Guard, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, to conduct an evaluation and review of certain vessel discharges.

S. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2668, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 2731

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2731, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

S. 2760

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2760, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response, and for other purposes.

S. 2773

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2773, a bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of pediatric research consortia.

S. 2920

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2920, a bill to reauthorize and improve the financing and entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 3007

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3007, a bill to hold the surviving Nazi war criminals accountable for the war crimes, genocide, and crimes against

humanity they committed during World War II, by encouraging foreign governments to more efficiently prosecute and extradite wanted criminals.

S. 3073

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3073, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve procedures for the collection and delivery of absentee ballots of absent overseas uniformed services voters, and for other purposes.

S. 3080

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3080, a bill to ensure parity between the temporary duty imposed on ethanol and tax credits provided on ethanol.

S. 3143

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3143, a bill to assist law enforcement agencies in locating, arresting, and prosecuting fugitives from justice.

S. 3150

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3150, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation or the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration from conducting auctions, implementing congestion pricing, limiting airport operations, or charging certain use fees at airports.

S. 3167

At the request of Mr. BURR, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 3167, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which veterans, their surviving spouses, and their children may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes.

S. 3185

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3185, a bill to provide for regulation of certain transactions involving energy commodities, to strengthen the enforcement authorities of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Natural Gas Act and the Federal Power Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3186

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KEN-

NEDY) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3186, a bill to provide funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

S.J. RES. 43

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 43, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

S. CON. RES. 75

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 75, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should take immediate steps to appoint doctors of chiropractic as commissioned officers in the Armed Forces.

S. RES. 580

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 580, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability.

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 580, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 4979

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4979 intended to be proposed to S. 3001, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5040

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 5040 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3221, a bill to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr.

CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 3202. A bill to address record high gas prices at the pump, and for other purposes; read the first time.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 3202

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Gas Price Reduction Act of 2008”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—DEEP SEA EXPLORATION

Sec. 101. Publication of projected State lines on outer Continental Shelf.

Sec. 102. Production of oil and natural gas in new producing areas.

Sec. 103. Conforming amendments.

TITLE II—WESTERN STATE OIL SHALE EXPLORATION

Sec. 201. Removal of prohibition on final regulations for commercial leasing program for oil shale resources on public land.

TITLE III—PLUG-IN ELECTRIC CARS AND TRUCKS

Sec. 301. Advanced batteries for electric drive vehicles.

TITLE IV—ENERGY COMMODITY MARKETS

Sec. 401. Study of international regulation of energy commodity markets.

Sec. 402. Foreign boards of trade.

Sec. 403. Index traders and swap dealers; disaggregation of index funds.

Sec. 404. Improved oversight and enforcement.

TITLE I—DEEP SEA EXPLORATION

SEC. 101. PUBLICATION OF PROJECTED STATE LINES ON OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.

Section 4(a)(2)(A) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1333(a)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) by designating the first, second, and third sentences as clause (i), (iii), and (iv), respectively;

(2) in clause (i) (as so designated), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Gas Price Reduction Act of 2008”; and

(3) by inserting after clause (i) (as so designated) the following:

“(ii)(I) The projected lines shall also be used for the purpose of preleasing and leasing activities conducted in new producing areas under section 32.