

beneficiaries who developed diseases as a result of exposure to radiation from U.S. atmospheric nuclear weapons testing; and

Whereas currently, a study is underway by the National Academy of Sciences and a report will be filed with Congress to address the adequacy of the initial geographic coverage provided in RECA; and

Whereas compelling anecdotal evidence has been accumulated at public meetings and in written reports, to indicate the impact of atmospheric testing on the downwinder populations in Idaho; and

Whereas preliminary evidence suggests that scientific documentation being gathered and assessed for inclusion in the report will find that risk factors present in Idaho equal or exceed the factors present in areas previously included in RECA coverage; and

Whereas members of Idaho's congressional delegation have worked and will continue to press for responsible legislative action to address the claims of Idahoans based upon radiation exposure; and

Whereas it is appropriate that members of the Idaho Legislature, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the state, express support for the efforts of Idaho's congressional delegation in their representation of downwinders in Idaho: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, That we anticipate the findings of the National Academy of Sciences will verify the impact of testing on residents of Idaho, and we conclude that it is appropriate to compensate these downwinders in the same manner and to the same extent as those individuals previously compensated for similar exposures. We urge the members of Idaho's congressional delegation to continue in their endeavors on behalf of Idaho's citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.

POM-77. A resolution adopted by the Board of the Town of Brookhaven of the State of New York relative to the opposition to the elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-78. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Atlanta, Georgia relative to proposed cuts in Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-79. A resolution adopted by the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida relative to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-80. A resolution adopted by the California State Lands Commission relative to the lifting of the Federal Moratorium on Oil and Gas Leasing off the California Coast; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-81. A resolution adopted by Hudson County (New Jersey) Board of Chosen Freeholders relative to the Passaic River Restoration Initiative; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-82. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Harrison, Hudson County, New Jersey, relative to the Passaic River Restoration Initiative; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-83. A resolution adopted by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners of the State of Michigan relative to the Social Security program; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-84. A resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Association of Counties relative to Perkins Funding; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-85. A resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Association of Counties relative to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-86. A resolution adopted by the Borough of Maywood, State of New Jersey relative to cloture rules adopted by the United States Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 21. A bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-71).

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. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 1108. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments to ambulance providers in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1109. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payments to Medicare ambulance suppliers of the full cost of furnishing such services, to provide payments to rural ambulance providers and suppliers to account for the cost of serving areas with low population density, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 1110. A bill to amend the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require engine coolant and antifreeze to contain a bittering agent in order to render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1111. A bill to promote oil shale and tar sand development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1112. A bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Rec-

onciliation Act of 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1113. A bill to provide that no Federal funds may be expended for the payment or reimbursement of a drug that is prescribed for the treatment of sexual or erectile dysfunction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 1114. A bill to establish minimum drug testing standards for major professional sports leagues; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1115. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Indian tribes to receive charitable contributions of inventory; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 300

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 300, a bill to extend the temporary increase in payments under the medicare program for home health services furnished in a rural area.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of S. 333, a bill to hold the current regime in Iran accountable for its threatening behavior and to support a transition to democracy in Iran.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 438, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 440, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the medicaid program.

S. 451

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally.

S. 467

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 467, a bill to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S.

470, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the clinical trials drug data bank.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to provide incentive grants to improve the quality of child care.

S. 603

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 603, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 685

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 685, a bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicen-

tennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

S. 836

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 836, a bill to require accurate fuel economy testing procedures.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 843, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education.

S. 914

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) 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. 1022

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1022, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for an energy efficient appliance credit.

S. 1055

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to improve elementary and secondary education.

S. 1063

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1063, a bill to promote and enhance public safety and to encourage the rapid deployment of IP-enabled voice services.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1067

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1067, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to undertake activities to ensure the provision of services under the PACE program to frail elders living in rural areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1075

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1075, a bill to postpone the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

S. 1076

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas

(Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1076, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax and income tax credits for the production of biodiesel.

S. 1103

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1103, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax.

S. 1105

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1105, a bill to amend title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding international and foreign language studies.

S. 1107

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. AL-EXANDER) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1107, a bill to reauthorize the Head Start Act, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 14, a joint resolution providing for the recognition of Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel before the United States recognizes a Palestinian state, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 1108. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to payments to ambulance providers in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Rural Access to Emergency Services (RAES) Act, which will improve access to emergency medical services (EMS) in rural communities. This bill will take the critical steps to help sustain rural emergency care in the future.

EMS is a vital component of the health care system, particularly in rural areas. Ambulance personnel are not only the first responders to an emergency, but also play a key role in the provision of life-saving medical care. It is said that time is one of the most important factors relating to patient outcomes in emergency situations. Rural EMS providers often have the enormous strain of responding to emergencies many miles away—sometimes nearly 50 minutes. However, current reimbursement levels are insufficient for the squads to bear the costs of responding to calls over these long distances. As rural EMS squads are forced