

conduct the quarterly financial report program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### 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. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 2081. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend authorities for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand presumption of service connection for compensation for diseases the Secretary determines are associated with exposure to herbicide agents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2082. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 275

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home as a site of care for infusion therapy under the Medicare program.

S. 370

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 370, a bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for other purposes.

S. 571

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 571, a bill to amend the Pilot's Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 598

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 788

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 788, a bill to require the termination of any employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs who is found to have retaliated against a whistleblower.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota

(Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 1767

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1767, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to combination products, and for other purposes.

S. 1793

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1793, a bill to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans.

S. 2060

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2060, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and extend the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome prevention and services program, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 267

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 267, a resolution expressing support for the continuation of the Federal Perkins Loan program.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2695. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2696. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 719, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2697. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 719, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2698. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 719, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2699. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 719, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2700. Mr. GARDNER (for Mr. LEE) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2082, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2695. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal

investigator positions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end add the following:

This Act shall take effect 5 days after the date of enactment.

SA 2696. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike "5" and insert "6".

SA 2697. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end add the following:

This Act shall take effect 7 days after the date of enactment.

SA 2698. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike "7" and insert "8".

SA 2699. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike "8" and insert "9".

SA 2700. Mr. GARDNER (for Mr. LEE) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2082, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 18, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(c) PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS.—The Secretary may not transfer any amounts from the Veterans Choice Fund established under section 802 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146; 38 U.S.C. 1701 note) to fund the increase under subsection (a) of the authorization to carry out the medical facility construction project described in subsection (b).

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXPIRING AUTHORITIES ACT OF 2015

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 2082, introduced earlier today.