

agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. COTTON):

S. 2356. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to require an electronic communication service provider that generates call detail records pursuant to an order under that Act to notify the Attorney General if the provider intends to retain such records for a period less than 18 months; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2357. A bill to extend temporarily the extended period of protection for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2358. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out a pilot program to work with municipalities that are seeking to develop and implement integrated plans to meet wastewater and stormwater obligations under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2359. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; read the first time.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. HATCH, and Mrs. ERNST):

S.J. Res. 26. A joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and its associated forces; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 326. A resolution celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. UDALL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Mr. TESTER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 327. A resolution condemning violence that targets healthcare for women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 328. A resolution supporting the December 3, 2015, National Day of Remembrance for victims of drunk and drugged driving and for victims of the consequences of underage drinking; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 236

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend the Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication.

S. 290

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 290, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 553

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 553, a bill to marshal resources to undertake a concerted, transformative effort that seeks to bring an end to modern slavery, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to prevent international violence against women, and for other purposes.

S. 865

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 865, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to provide for an application process for interested parties to apply for an area to be designated as a rural area, and for other purposes.

S. 890

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the Land and Water Conservation Fund to maximize the effectiveness of the Fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 942

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.

MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 942, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a deduction from the gift tax for gifts made to certain exempt organizations.

S. 1127

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1127, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the denial of deduction for certain excessive employee remuneration, and for other purposes.

S. 1315

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1315, a bill to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to exclude cannabidiol and cannabidiol-rich plants from the definition of marijuana, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) 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. 1668

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1668, a bill to restore longstanding United States policy that the Wire Act prohibits all forms of Internet gambling, and for other purposes.

S. 1698

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1698, a bill to exclude payments from State eugenics compensation programs from consideration in determining eligibility for, or the amount of, Federal public benefits.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to provide protections for workers with respect to their right to select or refrain from selecting representation by a labor organization.

S. 1909

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1909, a bill to protect communities from destructive Federal overreach by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a

bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 2006

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2006, a bill to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents.

S. 2022

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2022, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2123, a bill to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2170

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2170, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes.

S. 2275

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2275, a bill to provide for automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2337

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. DONNELLY) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2337, a bill to improve homeland security by enhancing the requirements for participation in the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2344

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2344, a bill to provide authority for access to certain business records collected under the Foreign Intelligence

Surveillance Act of 1978 prior to November 29, 2015, to make the authority for roving surveillance, the authority to treat individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 permanent, and to modify the certification requirements for access to telephone toll and transactional records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 148

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 148, a resolution condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights.

AMENDMENT NO. 2876

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2876 proposed to H.R. 3762, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

AMENDMENT NO. 2884

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2884 proposed to H.R. 3762, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2884 proposed to H.R. 3762, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 2886

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2886 intended to be proposed to H.R. 3762, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2353. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the incentives for biodiesel; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Biodiesel Tax Incentive Reform and Extension Act of 2015. I am pleased to be joined by Senator CANTWELL. Our bill will modify the biodiesel fuel blenders credit to a domestic production credit, and extend the credit through 2018.

Congress created the biodiesel tax incentive in 2005. As a result of this in-

centive, and the Renewable Fuel Standard, biodiesel is providing significant benefits to the nation. Domestic biodiesel production supports tens of thousands of jobs. Replacing traditional diesel with biodiesel reduces emissions and creates cleaner air.

Homegrown biodiesel improves our energy security by diversifying our transportation fuels and reducing our dependence on foreign oil. Biodiesel itself is a very diverse fuel. It can be produced from a wide array of resources such as recycled cooking oil, soybean and other plant oils, and animal fats.

Senator CANTWELL and I have been advocating for years a modification to the current incentive. We have proposed making the credit available for the domestic production of biodiesel, rather than a mixture credit available to the blender of the fuel, going back to 2009.

The bill we are introducing today is similar to an amendment that I offered with Senator CANTWELL during consideration of the tax extenders package in the Senate Finance Committee in July of this year. Our biodiesel reform amendment passed unanimously by voice vote.

Converting to a producer credit improves the incentive in many ways. The blenders credit can be difficult to administer, because the blending of the fuel can occur at many different stages of the fuel distribution. This can make it difficult to ensure that only fuel that qualifies for the credit claims the incentive. It has been susceptible to abuse because of this.

A credit for domestic production will also ensure that we are incentivizing the domestic industry, rather than subsidizing imported biofuels. It's projected that imports from Argentina, Singapore, the European Union, South Korea and others could exceed 1.5 billion gallons over this year and next.

We should not provide a U.S. taxpayer benefit to imported biofuels. By restricting the credit to domestic production, we will also save taxpayer money. The amendment adopted in the Finance Committee is estimated to reduce the cost of the extension by \$90 million.

Importantly, modifying the credit will have little to no impact on the consumer. Much of the credit will continue to be passed on to the blender and ultimately, the consumer. Additionally, the U.S. biodiesel industry is currently operating at only 60 percent of capacity. The domestic biodiesel industry has the capacity and access to affordable feedstocks to meet the demand of U.S. consumers.

It is my understanding that representatives from the House and Senate, along with the White House, are currently meeting to finalize a tax extender package before the end of the year. I strongly urge them to maintain the Senate position, and include the biodiesel reform policies that were adopted in the Senate Finance Committee.