

S. 891. A bill to require Federal agencies to assess the impact of policies and regulations on families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BOND, Mr. GREGG, Mr. REID, Mr. FORD, Mr. ROBB, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. GLENN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 892. A bill to amend title VII of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the area health education center program; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 893. A bill to provide for the conveyance of a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

S. 894. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Six Rivers National Forest in the State of California for the benefit of the Hoopla Valley Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 895. A bill to designate the reservoir created by Trinity Dam in the Central Valley project, California, as "Trinity Lake"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KERREY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBB, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BUMPERS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REID, Mr. DODD, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FORD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 896. A bill to restrict the use of funds for new deployments of antipersonnel landmines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. D'AMATO):

S. 897. A bill to make permanent certain authority relating to selfemployment assistance programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MACK, and Mr. D'AMATO):

S. 898. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain provisions applicable to real estate investment trusts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 899. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide for flow control of municipal solid waste; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 900. A bill to provide for sentencing enhancements and amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines for offenses relating to the abuse and exploitation of children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KEMPTHORNE:

S. 901. A bill to provide Federal tax incentives to owners of environmentally sensitive lands to enter into conservation easements for the protection of habitat; to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction from the gross estate of a decedent in an amount equal to the value of real property subject to an endangered species conservation agreement; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. FORD, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. GLENN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. BOND, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. GORTON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 98. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to any international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. Res. 99. A resolution to encourage consumers to consult with their pharmacists in connection with the purchase and use of over-the-counter drug products; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. REID, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MACK, Mr. KOHL, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. Con. Res. 32. A concurrent resolution recognizing and commending American airmen held as political prisoners at the Buchenwald concentration camp during World War II for their service, bravery, and fortitude; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 888. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to assist the development of small business concerns owned and

controlled by women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

THE WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS ACT OF 1997

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce today a bill that strengthens this country's small business sector, and that is the Women's Business Centers Act of 1997. I am also extremely pleased to have the chairman of the Committee on Small Business, Senator BOND, join me on this bill as my principal cosponsor, along with the ranking Democrat from the Small Business Committee who is also an original cosponsor. I note the arrival on the floor of Senator KERRY from Massachusetts. He is the ranking member of the Committee on Small Business.

There are a number of Senators in a very limited period of time who have joined us from both sides of the aisle. I ask unanimous consent that those Senators who are listed in my statement be original cosponsors, because they have indicated a desire to do that.

I thank the ranking member from Massachusetts for his diligence. He has procured a number of cosponsors, and we have also. I believe from the committee itself we have overwhelming support. I would like to take a couple of minutes to explain what we are doing.

First, let me acknowledge that in the U.S. House of Representatives, starting last year, Congresswoman NANCY JOHNSON took a lead in this matter and introduced a women's business bill. I introduced the companion bill in the Senate. By way of the recent history of this issue, we have been funding the women's business centers through appropriations. I take a great deal of pride in saying for the last few years, while the administration either did not fund this effort or reduced it in half, we funded it fully with the assistance of Chairman BOND, Senator HUTCHISON, and others, at \$4 million a year. We are asking that this effort, which we will explain briefly, now be funded at \$8 million a year.

Mr. President, I say to my fellow Senators, it might come as a shock to many that the fastest growing part of America's small business is women's small business. As a matter of fact, 2 years ago, we had a startling statistic that women-owned businesses employed more people—even then, 2 years ago—than all of the 500 major corporations in America. That means that there is a major business impact in America. Women are doing marvelously well by adding more women's ownership to the business sector. There is more diversification and more segments of the American population are becoming owners of businesses or have a real opportunity to do so.

In my particular State, there exists an entity that helps women's small businesses expand, in some instances, get started. I am very proud of that organization, and, frankly, it is growing. One will note that our bill varies a little bit from Representative JOHNSON'S