

amounts used to calculate the individual alternative minimum tax for inflation since 1993; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 538. A bill to provide for violent and repeat juvenile offender accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 539. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the maximum taxable income for the 15 percent rate bracket, to replace the Consumer Price Index with the national average wage index for purposes of cost-of-living adjustments, to lessen the impact of the noncorporate alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. REID, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BRYAN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 540. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that housing assistance provided under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 be treated for purposes of the low-income housing credit in the same manner as comparable assistance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 541. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make certain changes related to payments for graduate medical education under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KERREY, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. GORTON, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 542. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the deduction for computer donations to schools and allow a tax credit for donated computers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 543. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. 544. An original bill making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) (by request):

S. 545. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 546. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. REID, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 547. A bill to authorize the President to enter into agreements to provide regulatory

credit for voluntary early action to mitigate potential environmental impacts from greenhouse gas emissions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 548. A bill to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 549. A bill to redesignate the Coronado National Forest in honor of Morris K. Udall, a former Member of the House of Representatives; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 550. A bill to provide for the collection of certain State taxes from an individual who is who is not a member of an Indian tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 551. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage school construction and rehabilitation through the creation of a new class of bond, 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. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. HELMS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. Res. 57. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the human rights situation in Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 58. A resolution relating to the retirement of Barry J. Wolk; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. Con. Res. 14. A concurrent resolution congratulating the state of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a central municipal council on March 8, 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KYL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. INOUE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. KOHL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. KERREY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. REID, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. Con. Res. 15. A concurrent resolution honoring Morris King Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 529. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage, to make structural changes to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and the Risk Management Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

CROP INSURANCE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I rise today, along with my colleague, Mr. KERREY of Nebraska, to introduce a bill that we call the Crop Insurance for the 21st Century Act. We believe this bill represents an important step in improving the Federal Crop Insurance Program, and in creating greater access to the risk management tools that our farmers and ranchers simply must have.

Senator KERREY and I, and many others who are privileged to represent the agriculture community, have long discussed the need to address reforms to the Crop Insurance Program. However, the necessary demands from the agriculture community and the Congress to successfully reform this program, in my personal opinion at least, did not reach a crescendo until last fall when we approved something called the omnibus appropriations bill, and that contained approximately \$6 billion in disaster assistance for our farmers and ranchers.

I am sure, while Republicans and Democrats and individual agricultural groups were unable to agree on the necessary size and scope of the disaster package, one thing became abundantly clear to all involved—if we had a Crop Insurance Program that worked, without question, the situation would not have been so serious.

This has been a longstanding effort. I can remember well, back in 1978, when I was a staff member in the House of Representatives to my predecessor, that was when the Crop Insurance Program was first established. It has been 20 years, and we still have an obligation to reform the program and make sure that it works for all regions, all farmers, all commodities.

In response to the demands for the improved risk management tools, Senator KERREY and I committed to pursuing major crop insurance reforms in this Congress. To aid us in this task, last November we contacted all of the major farm organizations and all of the commodity groups, all of the crop insurance companies, all of the agricultural lending groups, and requested their guidance on these issues. We were listening. We wanted to find out their advice in regard to what do we need to pay attention to, what is the most serious issue that we need to address in the Crop Insurance Program. We received feedback from over 20 of these major organizations.