

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2602. A bill to provide for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to fund, on a 1-year emergency basis, certain requests for grant renewal under the programs for permanent supportive housing and shelter-plus-care for homeless persons; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 2603. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2604. A bill to amend title 19, United States Code, to provide that rail agreements and transactions subject to approval by the Surface Transportation Board are no longer exempt from the application of the antitrust laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2605. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand income averaging to include the trade or business of fishing and to provide a business credit against income for the purchase of fishing safety equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BREAU, Mr. INOUE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BYRD):

S. 2606. A bill to protect the privacy of American consumers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2607. A bill to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide euthanasia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. ROTH):

S. 2608. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of certain expenses of rural letter carriers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2609. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects, and to increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating chances for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and implementation of those Acts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2610. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of items and services provided to medicare beneficiaries residing in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2611. A bill to provide trade adjustment assistance for certain workers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 2612. A bill to combat Ecstasy trafficking, distribution, and abuse in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. 2613. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to permit duty drawbacks for certain

jewelry exported to the United States Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 2614. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide for duty-free treatment on certain manufacturing equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2615. A bill to establish a program to promote child literacy by making books available through early learning and other child care programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. Res. 309. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding conditions in Laos; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. REED, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Res. 310. A resolution honoring the 19 members of the United States Marine Corps who died on April 8, 2000, and extending the condolences of the Senate on their deaths; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BURNS, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. Res. 311. A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding Federal procurement opportunities for women-owned small businesses; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 312. A resolution to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in State of Indiana v. Amy Han; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 313. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in Harold A. Johnson v. Max Cleland, et al; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Con. Res. 114. A concurrent resolution recognizing the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, as a national World War I symbol honoring those who defended liberty and our country through service in World War I; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. Con. Res. 115. A concurrent resolution providing for the acceptance of a statue of Chief Washakie, presented by the people of Wyoming, for placement in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEIN-

STEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. Con. Res. 116. A concurrent resolution commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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HOMELESS ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise to introduce legislation designed to guarantee funding for Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) McKinney Act homeless assistance programs, including Shelter Plus Care and the Supportive Housing Program (SHP).

The legislation I am introducing today mirrors legislation introduced earlier this year in the House by Representative LAFALCE and included in the House version of the FY01 supplemental, which would renew existing Shelter Plus and SHP contracts and fund them under the budget for the HUD Section 8 housing assistance program.

The renewals funded under this legislation would provide grant funding for existing programs that support assistance to some of the most vulnerable Americans—the homeless. Without the resources that this bill is designed to provide, many who receive assistance today will literally be left out in the cold.

Keep in mind that these are not new programs—they are renewals. And they fund community initiatives already in place in cities and towns across the country that provide assistance to those in need. Under Shelter Plus and SHP, states are awarded grants for services such as subsidized housing for the homeless, many of whom are physically or mentally ill or disabled, or who suffer from substance abuse problems, as well as job training, shelters, health care, child care, and other services for this population. Some of the victims that are helped are children, low-income families, single mothers, and battered spouses. Many are also veterans.

I have witnessed first-hand the dislocation that can be caused by non-renewal. In January of last year, HUD issued homeless grant assistance announcements to most states but denied applications submitted by the Maine State Housing Authority and by the city of Portland, Maine leaving the state one of only four not to receive any funds. We were alarmed to learn that this would mean that many homeless agencies and programs could lose