

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 272. A bill to rescind fiscal year 2001 procurement funds for the V-22 Osprey aircraft program other than as necessary to maintain the production base and to require certain reports to Congress concerning that program; to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on the Budget, jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, with instructions that the Budget Committee be authorized to report its views to the Appropriations Committee, and that the latter alone be authorized to report the bill.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 273. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to divide New Jersey into 2 judicial districts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 274. A bill to establish a Congressional Trade Office; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. GRAMM, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 275. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers, to preserve a step up in basis of certain property acquired from a decedent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HELMS, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. BURNS, Mr. KYL, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 276. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for congressional review of any rule promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service that increases Federal revenue, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 277. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 278. A bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. 279. A bill affecting the representation of the majority and minority membership of the Senate Members of the Joint Economic Committee; considered and passed.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 280. A bill to amend the Agriculture Marketing Act of 1946 to require retailers of beef, lamb, pork, and perishable agricultural commodities to inform consumers, at the final point of sale to consumers, of the country of origin of the commodities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 281. A bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education cen-

ter at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 282. A bill to establish in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice a position with responsibility for agriculture anti-trust matters; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DODD, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 283. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DODD, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 284. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to expand health care coverage for individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. BYRD):

S.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. Con. Res. 8. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding subsidized Canadian lumber exports; to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 269. A bill to ensure that immigrant students and their families receive the services the students and families need to successfully participate in elementary schools, secondary schools, and communities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, within the last decade, many States have experienced a wave of immigration that is rivaling the first and second waves of German, Irish, Polish and Scandinavian immigrants who arrived in the U.S. in the late 1800s and early 1900s. In fact, the Census Bureau is estimating that these recently arrived immigrants and refugees will account for 75 percent of the U.S. population growth over the next 50 years. These changing demographics are impacting not just com-

munities accustomed to large immigrant populations like New York, Los Angeles and Miami, but also non-traditional immigrant communities like Gainesville, Georgia and Fremont County, Idaho.

One result of our new wave of immigrants is a significant increase in the number of children with diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds enrolling in our schools. The Waterloo, Iowa school system, for example, is being challenged to teach 400 Bosnian refugee children, who came here without knowing our language, culture or customs. Schools in Wausau, Wisconsin are filled with Asian children who want to achieve success in the United States. In Dalton, Georgia, over 51 percent of the student population in the public schools are Hispanic children eager to participate in their new schools and communities. In Turner, Maine, the school-aged children of hundreds of recently arrived Latino immigrant families are pouring into this rural town's schools.

It is clear that U.S. schools from Florida to Washington State are being increasingly challenged by these changing demographics. We need to make sure that these children are served appropriately—and that their families are as well. Studies have shown that where quality educational programs are joined with community-based services, immigrants have an increased opportunity to become an integral part of their community and their children are better prepared to achieve success in school.

The recent influx of immigrants into U.S. communities calls for innovative and comprehensive solutions. Today I am reintroducing the Immigrants to New Americans Act. This legislation would establish a competitive grant program within the Department of Education to assist schools and communities which are experiencing an influx of recently arrived immigrant families. Specifically, this grant program would provide funding to partnerships of local school districts and community-based organizations for the purpose of developing model programs with a two-fold purpose: to assist culturally and linguistically diverse children achieve success in America's schools and to provide their families with access to comprehensive community services, including health care, child care, job training and transportation.

It does take a village to raise a child, Mr. President.

I have seen firsthand the benefits of one community's program that brings together teachers, community leaders and businesses in an innovative partnership to aid their linguistically and culturally diverse population. It is the Georgia Project, and its mission is to assist immigrant children from Mexico achieve to higher standards in Dalton, Georgia's public schools.

In recent years, the carpet and poultry industries in Dalton and surrounding Whitfield County experienced