

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1622: A bill to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. (Rept. No. 107-120).

S. 1637: A bill to waive certain limitations in the case of use of the emergency fund authorized by section 125 of title 23, United States Code, to pay the costs of projects in response to the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City that occurred on September 11, 2001. (Rept. No. 107-121).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1791. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for economic security and recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1792. A bill to further facilitate service for the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 1793. A bill to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to conditions in the national emergency declared by the President on September 14, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 1794. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the unauthorized circumvention of airport security systems and procedures; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Con. Res. 90. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the efforts of people of the United States of Korean ancestry to reunite with their family members in North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Con. Res. 91. A concurrent resolution expressing deep gratitude to the government and the people of the Philippines for their sympathy and support since September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1209

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added

as cosponsors of S. 1209, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to consolidate and improve the trade adjustment assistance programs, to provide community-based economic development assistance for trade-affected communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1262

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1262, a bill to make improvements in mathematics and science education, and for other purposes.

S. 1456

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1456, a bill to facilitate the security of the critical infrastructure of the United States, to encourage the secure disclosure and protected exchange of critical infrastructure information, to enhance the analysis, prevention, and detection of attacks on critical infrastructure, to enhance the recovery from such attacks, and for other purposes.

S. 1499

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1499, a bill to provide assistance to small business concerns adversely impacted by the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 1619

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1619, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of substitute adult day care services under the medicare program.

S. 1663

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1663, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. 1717

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 1717, a bill to provide for a payroll tax holiday.

S. 1745

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1745, a bill to delay until at least January 1, 2003, any changes in medicare regulations that modify the medicare upper payment limit for non-State Government-owned or operated hospitals.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1791. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for economic security and recovery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DOMENICI. Madam President, the economy remains weak and the unemployment rate released last Friday for the month of November topped 5.7 percent. This is the highest level in over 6 years, and many economists expect it to exceed 6 percent in the coming months.

Recently the economy officially was put in the category of "recession" beginning last March by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

The economy measured by its gross national product, declined at a 1.1 percent rate in the third quarter of this year.

Corporate profits are down nearly 22 percent compared to last year, and consumer confidence is down 51 points in three months, the steepest drop since 1980.

While there are a couple of "not so bad" economic factors out there, low consumer prices, low interest rates, low oil prices for consumers, and record high auto sales, these all could be temporary phenomena related to a broader weak economy and low consumer demand.

For all these reasons, I believe Congress needs to act on a stimulus bill before it adjourns this first session of the 107th congress.

The American public deserves action on a stimulus bill and we need to act quickly. Too much time has passed and we cannot let politics as usual keep us from putting together a bill that can achieve wide bipartisan support quickly.

I have come to the conclusion that we should adopt a bill that is not controversial, politically speaking, and that can actually do some good for the American economy in a short time period.

I therefore am introducing today a bill that does three very simple things that I think we can all agree on:

First, a one-month payroll tax holiday, that will provide relief from the regressive payroll tax. It would eliminate the need for both employers and employees to pay the current 12.4 percent tax.

I have found wide bipartisan support for this proposal. Unfortunately it is