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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. REED:

S. 1624. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1625. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small business employers a credit against income tax for certain expenses for long-term training of employees in highly skilled small business trades; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 1626. A bill to provide emergency disaster assistance to agricultural producers; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GREGG, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1627. A bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. KYL, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1628. A bill to prescribe the oath of renunciation and allegiance for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DeWINE (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 1629. A bill to improve the palliative and end-of-life care provided to children with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1630. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1631. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a 15-year applicable recovery period for depreciation of electric transmission property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1632. A bill to extend eligibility for certain Federal benefits to citizens of the Freely Associated States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 1633. A bill to require financial institutions and financial services providers to notify customers of the unauthorized use of personal information, to amend the Fair

Credit Reporting Act to require fraud alerts to be included in consumer credit files in such cases, and to provide customers with enhanced access to credit reports in such cases; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CORZINE, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1634. A bill to provide funds for the security and stabilization of Iraq by suspending a portion of the reductions in the highest income tax rate for individual taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 1635. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to ensure the integrity of the L-1 visa for intracompany transferees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 518

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 518, a bill to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 884

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1129

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 1213

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1213, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II and survivors of such veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1214

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1214, a bill to provide a partially refundable tax credit for caregiving related expenses.

S. 1461

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1461, a bill to establish two new categories of nonimmigrant workers, and for other purposes.

S. 1482

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1482, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the reduction in the deductible portion of expenses for business meals and entertainment.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

S. 1545

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. 1545, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents.

S. 1548

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for the production of renewable fuels and to simplify the administration of the Highway Trust Fund fuel excise taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1580

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1580, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the

special immigrant religious worker program.

S. 1586

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 1586, a bill to authorize appropriate action if the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency and currency manipulations are not successful.

S. 1613

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1613, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a United States independent film and wage production credit.

S. 1615

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1615, a bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to make permanent the rates of hostile fire and imminent danger special pay and family separation allowance for members of the uniformed services as increased by the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003.

S. 1622

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1622, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to exempt certain members of the Armed Forces from the requirement to pay subsistence charges while hospitalized.

S. CON. RES. 21

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 21, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that community inclusion and enhanced lives for individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities is at serious risk because of the crisis in recruiting and retaining direct support professionals, which impedes the availability of a stable, quality direct support workforce.

S. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 98, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week of October 12, 2003, through October 18, 2003, as "National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week".

S. RES. 170

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of

S. Res. 170, a resolution designating the years 2004 and 2005 as "Years of Foreign Language Study".

S. RES. 219

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 219, a resolution to encourage the People's Republic of China to establish a market-based valuation of the yuan and to fulfill its commitments under international trade agreements.

S. RES. 221

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 221, a resolution recognizing National Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the importance and accomplishments of historically Black colleges and universities.

S. RES. 222

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 222, a resolution designating October 17, 2003 as "National Mammography Day".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REED:

S. 1624. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act of 2003. This legislation would address a serious flaw in our Nation's regional fisheries management system by adding Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), which currently consists of representatives from New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina.

The MAFMC manages the following 13 species, all of which are landed in Rhode Island: Illex squid, loligo squid, Atlantic mackerel, black sea bass, bluefish, butterfish, monkfish, scup, spiny dogfish, summer flounder, surfclam, ocean quahog, and tilefish.

In 2001, the most recent year for which final data are available, Rhode Island fishermen brought in over 21 percent of MAFMC landings by weight—more than any of the MAFMC member States except New Jersey, which is responsible for about 56 percent of total MAFMC landings. In fact, with the exception of New Jersey, Rhode Island's total 2001 MAFMC landings, 44.1 million pounds, nearly equaled those of all other MAFMC member States combined, 45.9 million pounds.

If Rhode Island fishermen are responsible for a large percentage of overall MAFMC landings, these species make up an even larger proportion of landings within Rhode Island every year. Between 1995 and 2002, MAFMC species represented between 29 percent and 58 percent of all finfish landed in Rhode Island annually, for an average of 43 percent of total landings by weight. In eight of the years between 1990 and 2002, squid, Illex and loligo, was the number one finfish landed in Rhode Island, with a value of between \$13 million and \$20 million annually.

Yet Rhode Island has no voice in the management of these species.

Following council tradition and Federal fisheries law, the Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act would create two seats on the MAFMC for Rhode Island: one seat nominated by the Governor of Rhode Island and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, and a second seat filled by Rhode Island's principal State official with marine fishery management responsibility. The MAFMC would increase in size from 21 voting members to 23.

There is a precedent for this proposed legislation. In 1996, North Carolina's representatives in Congress succeeded in adding that State to the MAFMC through an amendment to the Sustainable Fisheries Act. Like Rhode Island, a significant proportion of North Carolina's landed fish species were managed by the MAFMC, yet the State had no vote on the council. Today, Rhode Island's share of total landings for species managed by the MAFMC is more than six times greater than that of North Carolina.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to restore a measure of equity to the fisheries management process by passing the Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act. I ask unanimous consent that the text of the legislation be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1624

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ADDITION OF RHODE ISLAND TO THE MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.

Section 302(a)(1)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

- (1) by inserting "Rhode Island," after "Virginia,";
- (2) by inserting "Rhode Island," after "except North Carolina.";
- (3) by striking "21" and inserting "23"; and
- (4) by striking "13" and inserting "14".

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1625. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small business employers a credit against income tax for certain expenses for long-term training of employees in highly skilled small business trades; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to introduce today a