

S. 2179

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2179, a bill to require openness in conference committee deliberations and full disclosure of the contents of conference reports and all other legislation.

S. 2197

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 2197, a bill to improve the global competitiveness of the United States in science and energy technology, to strengthen basic research programs at the Department of Energy, and to provide support for mathematics and science education at all levels through the resources available through the Department of Energy, including at the National Laboratories.

At the request of Mr. FRIST, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2197, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 2197, *supra*.

S. 2198

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2198, a bill to ensure the United States successfully competes in the 21st century global economy.

At the request of Mr. FRIST, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2198, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 2198, *supra*.

S. 2199

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2199, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives to promote research and development, innovation, and continuing education.

At the request of Mr. FRIST, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2199, *supra*.

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 2199, *supra*.

S. 2201

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2201, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the mediation and implementation requirements of section 40122 regarding changes in the Federal Aviation Administration personnel management system, and for other purposes.

S. 2205

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2205, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 78

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 78, a concurrent resolution condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council.

S. RES. 182

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 182, a resolution supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research.

S. RES. 320

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 320, a resolution calling the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

S. RES. 355

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA),

the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 355, a resolution honoring the service of the National Guard and requesting consultation by the Department of Defense with Congress and the chief executive officers of the States prior to offering proposals to change the National Guard force structure.

S. RES. 357

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 357, a resolution designating January 2006 as "National Mentoring Month".

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 358—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ACTING THROUGH THE DIRECTOR OF INDIAN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ACTING THROUGH THE DIRECTOR OF INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE, SHOULD MAINTAIN THE CURRENT OPERATING HOURS OF THE WAGNER SERVICE UNIT UNTIL THE SECRETARY SUBMITS TO CONGRESS A NEW REPORT THAT ACCURATELY DESCRIBES THE CURRENT CONDITIONS AT THE WAGNER SERVICE UNIT

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs:

S. RES. 358

Whereas the Senate reaffirms the policy that, as provided in section 3(a) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1602(a)), "it is the policy of this Nation, in fulfillment of its special responsibilities and legal obligation to the American Indian people, to assure the highest possible health status for Indians and urban Indians and to provide all resources necessary to effect that policy."

Whereas the Senate reaffirms the finding that, as provided in section 2(a) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601(a)), "Federal health services to maintain and improve the health of the Indians are consonant with and required by the Federal Government's historical and unique legal relationship with, and resulting responsibility to, the American Indian people.;"

Whereas the Senate reaffirms the finding that, as provided in section 2(c) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601(c)), "Federal health services to Indians have resulted in a reduction in the prevalence and incidence of preventable illnesses among, and unnecessary and premature deaths of, Indians.;"

Whereas the Senate reaffirms the finding that, as provided in section 2(d) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1601(d)), "Despite such services, the unmet health needs of the American Indian people are severe and the health status of the Indians is far below that of the general population of the United States.;"

Whereas the Senate reaffirms the policy, as provided in section 301(b)(1) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1631(b)(1)), that—

“(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law other than this subsection, no Service hospital or outpatient health care facility of the Service, or any portion of such a hospital or facility, may be closed if the Secretary has not submitted to the Congress at least 1 year prior to the date such hospital or facility (or portion thereof) is proposed to be closed an evaluation of the impact of such proposed closure which specifies, in addition to other considerations—

“(A) the accessibility of alternative health care resources for the population served by such hospital or facility;

“(B) the cost effectiveness of such closure;

“(C) the quality of health care to be provided to the population served by such hospital or facility after such closure;

“(D) the availability of contract health care funds to maintain existing levels of service;

“(E) the views of the Indian tribes served by such hospital or facility concerning such closure;

“(F) the level of utilization of such hospital or facility by all eligible Indians; and

“(G) the distance between such hospital or facility and the nearest operating Service hospital.”;

Whereas the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of Indian Health Service, has proposed that the operating hours of the Wagner Service Unit, which serves the Yankton Sioux Tribe and others, should be reduced from 24 hours per day to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.;

Whereas the 1997 proposed closure report, submitted by the Secretary pursuant to section 301(b)(1) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1631(b)(1)), is currently out of date and no longer accurately represents the impact of such closure upon eligible Indians at the Wagner Service Unit; and

Whereas, during the previous year, the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska requested health care services formerly provided by the Indian Health Service under the Indian Self-Determination Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.) from another provider, thereby removing “shares” from the Wagner Service Unit and creating a budgetary crisis that forced the facility to announce reductions in the operating hours of the emergency room: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) pursuant to section 301(b)(1) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1631(b)(1)), the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of Indian Health Services, should submit to Congress a new report that evaluates the impact of reduction in emergency room services at the Wagner Service Unit of Indian Health Service; and

(2) the Secretary should maintain the current operating hours of the Wagner Service Unit until the Secretary submits to Congress a report described in paragraph (1).

AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Monday, January 30, 2006, at 2 p.m., for a hearing titled, “Hurricane Katrina: Urban Search and Rescue in a Catastrophe.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I request that my fellow, Scott Fisher, be granted floor privileges during the debate tonight and for tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2006

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Samuel Alito to the United States Supreme Court as under the provisions of the previous order.

I ask further that the time until 10:20 a.m. be equally divided, with the time from 10:20 to 10:30 under the control of Senator LEAHY and the time from 10:30 to 10:40 under the control of Senator SPECTER, the time from 10:40 to 10:50 under the control of the Democratic leader, and the time from 10:50 to 11 be reserved for the majority leader. I further ask unanimous consent that following the vote on confirmation, the Senate proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Ben Bernanke to be Chairman of the Federal Reserve, as under the previous order.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. to accommodate the weekly party luncheons, and that Senator BUNNING be recognized at 2:15 for his 30 minutes of debate on the Bernanke nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. INHOFE. Tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock we will vote on the confirmation of Judge Alito to be an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court. Senators should be seated at their desks for this historic vote. Following that vote, we will consider the nomination of Ben Bernanke to be Chairman of the Federal Reserve under a time agreement reached last week. Tomorrow evening we will proceed as a body to the House Chamber to hear the President's State of the Union Message, which is due to be delivered at 9 o'clock eastern standard time.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. INHOFE. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:44 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 31, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.