

gross income limitation for qualified performing artists eligible for an above-the-line deduction for performance expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. TALENT, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 3894. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to alleviate poverty by encouraging the employment of residents by empowerment zone businesses through the employment of residents in designated areas of pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3895. A bill to establish the Sacramento River National Recreation Area in the State of California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 3896. A bill to provide for the return of the Fresnel Lens to the lantern room atop Presque Isle Light Station Lighthouse, Michigan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 3897. A bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the sharing of certain data collected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services with certain agencies, research centers and organizations, and congressional support agencies; from the Committee on Finance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 3898. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act to provide for the health of Americans by implementing a system that detects and identifies in a timely manner diseases, conditions, and events that represent a threat to humans, animals, food production and the water supply; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 3899. A bill to achieve balance in the foreign trade of the United States, through a market-based system of tradable certificates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 3900. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the quality and efficiency of health care, to provide the public with information on provider and supplier performance, and to enhance the education and awareness of consumers for evaluating health care services through the development and release of reports based on Medicare enrollment, claims, survey, and assessment data; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 3901. An original bill to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3902. A bill to provide for education competitiveness; to the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 570. A resolution designating the month of September as "National American History and Heritage Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 571. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic Americans to the strength and culture of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Con. Res. 115. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 155

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 503

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 503, a bill to expand Parents as Teachers programs and other quality programs of early childhood home visitation, and for other purposes.

S. 713

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 713, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term needs.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1915

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2010, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the Social Security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 2250

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2250, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

S. 2475

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2475, a bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community, to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, DC, and for other purposes.

S. 2491

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2491, a bill to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator.

S. 2707

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

SNOWE) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2707, a bill to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt qualified public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan.

S. 2750

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2750, a bill to improve access to emergency medical services through medical liability reform and additional Medicare payments.

S. 3238

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ), and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. 3238, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

S. 3275

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3275, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 3519

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3519, a bill to reform the State inspection of meat and poultry in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 3609

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3609, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program.

S. 3628

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3628, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and extend certain energy-related tax provisions, and for other purposes.

S. 3705

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3705, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes.

S. 3744

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3744, a bill to establish the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Program.

S. 3771

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of S. 3771, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 4923

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4923 proposed to H.R. 4954, a bill to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4945

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4945 proposed to H.R. 4954, a bill to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5003

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 5003 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4096, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend to 2006 the alternative minimum tax relief available in 2005 and to index such relief for inflation.

AMENDMENT NO. 5004

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 5004 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4096, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend to 2006 the alternative minimum tax relief available in 2005 and to index such relief for inflation.

AMENDMENT NO. 5005

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5005 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4954, a bill to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5005 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4954, supra.

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5005 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4954, supra.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5005 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4954, supra.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 3892. A bill to reduce the number of deaths along the border between the United States and Mexico by improving the placement of rescue beacons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, one cold May morning earlier this year, a Border Patrol agent found the body of a 3-year-old boy in a blue windbreaker, his arms crossed. He had died trying to cross our southern border, the youngest victim our borders have claimed this year.

The boy's mother's name is Edith Rodriguez. She is 25 years old. She attempted to cross the border illegally, in hopes that she might escape the desperate poverty of her home state of Veracruz, Mexico. Edith hired a human smuggler—a coyote.

The coyote gave his charges an illegal drug, ephedrine, to help them keep awake and moving. But Edith and her son still could not keep up with the group. So the coyote, in a cruel and heartless act, abandoned them in the desert. Alone. With no food and little water, with a dangerous drug coursing through his system, exposed to the elements—Edith Rodriguez's little boy died.

Edith Rodriguez violated the laws of the United States when she crossed the border illegally. She was wrong to violate our border. But all should agree that her son did not deserve to die.

Here are the facts: Every 18½ hours, someone dies trying to cross the border between the United States and Mexico. About a year ago, I asked the Government Accountability Office to study the deaths that take place along America's borders.

Today, my office released that study. The results are sobering, shocking, and, I strongly believe, a cause for action. Since 1995, deaths along our borders have doubled. Despite the heroic rescue efforts of the men and women of Customs and Border Protection, things have gotten worse. In 1995, 266 people