SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. STABENOW:
S. Res. 173. A resolution designating August 9, 2007, as “National Marina Day”: to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEIBERMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. CARDIN):
S. Res. 174. A resolution honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, beginning April 22, 2007; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Ms. MUKULSKI, Mr. LEIBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KYL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BUNNING, Ms. MUKOFSKY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LUTZENBERG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. Hatch, Mr. SMITH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. MCCONNELL):
S. Res. 175. A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. MARTINEZ):
S. Con. Res. 29. A concurrent resolution encouraging the recognition of the Negro Baseball League and its players on May 25th of each year; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 223
At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 223, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 351
At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to amend title X of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit family planning grants from being awarded to any entity that performs abortions.

S. 413
At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 413, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 522
At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to safeguard the economic health of the United States and the health and safety of the United States citizens by improving the management, coordination, and effectiveness of domestic and international intellectual property rights enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 535
At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 625
At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 648
At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 648, a bill to amend title 16, United States Code, to reduce the eligibility age for receipt of non-regular military service retired pay for members of the Ready Reserve in active federal status or on active duty for significant periods.

S. 703
At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 703, a bill to expand the definition of immediate relative for purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

S. 727
At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to improve and expand geographic literacy among kindergarten through grade 12 students in the United States by improving professional development programs for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers offered through institutions of higher education.

S. 766
At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 766, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies of victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 823
At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to facilitating the development of microbicides for preventing transmission of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 879
At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 879, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 901
At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, 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.

S. 902
At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 902, a bill to provide support and assistance for families of members of the National Guard and Reserve who are undergoing deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 935
At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 938
At the request of Mr. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of coastal and ocean observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes, to improve warnings of tsunami, hurricanes, El Niño events, and other natural hazards, to enhance homeland security, to support maritime operations, to improve management of coastal and marine resources, and for other purposes.

S. 961
At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PHYOR), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 970
At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.

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S. 1212  
At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a co-sponsor of S. 1213, a bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families.

S. 1224  
At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a co-sponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to authorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 125  
At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 125, a resolution designating May 18, 2007, as 'Endangered Species Day', and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide.

S. RES. 154  
At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 154, a resolution designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

S. RES. 155  
At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 155, a resolution designating the return of the USS Pueblo to the United States Navy.

S. RES. 156  
At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 156, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on efforts to control violence and strengthen the rule of law in Guatemala.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS—APRIL 25, 2007

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. KENNEDY):  
S. 1224. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, when we enacted the Children's Health Insurance Program a decade ago, we made a promise to low-income working families to assist them in obtaining health insurance coverage for their children, and we must continue to keep that promise. Today, with Senators ROCKEFELLER and SNOWE, I am pleased to introduce The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007.

CHIP has been a significant success, and has made a real difference in many children's lives. Over the past decade, the percentage of uninsured children has dropped dramatically, even though more and more of their parents have been losing coverage because employers decide to reduce it or drop it entirely.

In its first year, the program enrolled nearly a million children, and enrollment has grown ever since. Average monthly enrollment is now 4 million, and over 6 million have been enrolled for at least part of the year.

Without CHIP, all states will have difference in the lives of millions of children, but we also know that this is no time to rest on past success. We can and must do more to enroll the 6 million uninsured children who are eligible but not enrolled for CHIP and Medicaid, and to expand coverage so that all children can obtain the health care they need.

The bill we are introducing today reauthorizes the program and it will make sure that states have enough funds to provide health care to all children who need this assistance. No parents should be faced with the impossible decision of whether they can afford to take their sick child to the doctor.

The bill establishes a strong, reliable financing structure for CHIP. It more than doubles the Federal resources currently available over the next 5 years for covering children through CHIP. It ensures that all states will have the Federal matching funds needed both to sustain their existing programs and to move forward to cover the millions of children who are eligible for CHIP and Medicaid but remain unenrolled.

Observations of uninsured children in America isn't just wrong. It's unacceptable. We need to act now in getting to guarantee them the health coverage they need.

This bill adopts a variety of approaches to help states increase their enrollment. It strengthens CHIP by expanding the current program, improving its outreach, and making sure that all children have access to dental care and mental health services. so that good health care can be a reality for every child in America.

Quality health care for children isn't just a good option or a nice idea. It's not merely something we wish we could do. It's something we have to do. It's an obligation. We started earlier this year by pledging what is needed in the budget, but we also need a CHIP reauthorization that gives children the coverage we've promised them for the healthy future they deserve. The bill we're introducing today does that.

There's a reason the CHIP program has always enjoyed bipartisan support.