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

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 2859. A bill to provide assistance to States in reducing the backlog of casework for persons who have been convicted of Federal and States offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 2860. A bill to establish a biannual certification of eligibility for development assistance to States based on the level of economic freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. 2861. A bill to establish a biannual certification of eligibility of countries receiving United States development assistance to provide for a phase-out of that assistance based on the level of freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 2862. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Exisulind; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S. 2863. A bill to prohibit use or sharing of employment health records by financial institutions and their affiliates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SHERMAN:

S. 2864. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel R'ADVENTURE II; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2865. A bill to designate certain land of the National Forest System located in the State of Virginia as wilderness; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
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considered and agreed to.

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most important job—nurturing and

for visitors to enjoy scenic views, interaction with wildlife, hiking, fishing,

and other types of outdoor recreation.

These areas need to be protected

from development, and this legislation

will protect one of the most beautiful

areas in the United States.

This action is now fully supported by

the Virginia delegation, and the com-

munities closest to the proposed wil-

derness areas. I hope we will see quick

action on this bill through the commit-

tee and that we can move it to floor

in time.

S. 2865. A bill to protect religious liberty,

and for other purposes; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and

referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. LOTT,

Mr. BIDEN, Mr. L. CHAFFEE, Mr. DODD,

Mr. LUGAR, Mr. C IVERDELL, Mr. DOMENICI,

Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRASSLEY,

Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr.

MCC AIN, Mr. SMITH OF NEW HAMP-

shire, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

Ms. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs.

HUTCHISON, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. FRIST,

Mr. GRAMS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. KYL,

and Mr. BROWNBACK).

S. Res. 335. A resolution congratulating the people of Mexico on the occasion of the
democratic elections held in that country; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2860. A bill for the relief of Sammie Martine Orr; to the Com-

mittee on the J udiciary.

THE RELIEF OF SAMMIE MARTINE ORR

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask an unani-

mous consent that the text of the bill

be printed in the RECORD.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today in support of legislation to add
two areas in my State to the National Wilderness Preservation System. These
areas, known as The Priest and the Three Ridges, are located in the George
Washington National Forest and comprise approximately 10,500 acres.

The Commonwealth of Virginia is blessed with rich geographic diversity.

From the Chesapeake Bay in the East to the Appalachian Mountains in the
West, residents of the state and visitors alike are able to participate in a
broad range of activities not often found in other areas of the country.

The Priest and the Three Ridges, in particular, offer unique opportunities
for visitors to enjoy scenic views, interaction with wildlife, hiking, fishing,
and other types of outdoor recreation. These areas need to be protected
from development, and this legislation would ensure that they remain pristine
for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Mr. President, I look forward to the designation of The Priest and Three
Ridges as wilderness through the swift passage of this bill.

By Mr. ROBB (for himself and

Mr. WARNER):

S. 2865. A bill to designate certain land of the National Forest System located
in the State of Virginia as wilderness; to the Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources.

VIRGINIA WILDERNESS ACT OF 2000

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I come to

the floor today to introduce a bill that

will protect one of the most beautiful
areas of Virginia. Today, with my col-
league JOHN WARNER, I am introducing

This Act will provide wilderness status to two exceptional areas of Virginia.

These areas, the “Three Ridges” and “The Priest” have long been recognized
for their outstanding vistas, deep valleys and rugged beauty.

After receipt of wilderness designation these areas will remain available for
hunting, fishing, hiking, picnicking, and other traditional uses.

Wilderness protections will ensure that “The Three Ridges” and “The Priest”
remain available for the full enjoyment of our children, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren.

This action is now fully supported by the Virginia delegation, and the com-
munities closest to the proposed wilderness areas. I hope we will see quick
action on this bill through the commit-
tee and that we can move it to floor
and complete action on the bill this
year.

I ask unanimous consent that this bill be printed in the RECORD.

If there be no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as
follows:

S. 2865

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress as-
ssembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

The act may be cited as the “Virginia Wilderness Act of 2000.”

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.

Section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to designate certain National Forest System
lands in the States of Virginia and West Vir-

ginia as wilderness” (Public Law 100±
306; 102 Stat. 584) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at

the end;

(2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period

and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) certain land in the George Washington
National Forest, comprising approximately
4,800 acres, as generally depicted on a map
entitled ‘The Priest Wilderness Study Area’,
dated June 6, 2000, to be known as the ‘Priest
Wilderness Area’; and

(8) certain land in the George Washington
National Forest, comprising approximately
6,500 acres, as generally depicted on a map
entitled ‘The Three Ridges Wilderness Study
Area’, dated June 6, 2000, to be known as the
‘Three Ridges Wilderness Area’.”.