EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. (lb) Mary P. O’Donnell.

Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. Thomas H. Collins.

Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were received from the President on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting, on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary’s desk for the information of the Senate.

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

Coast Guard nominations beginning Donald B. Bunn and ending Dale M. Rauch, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2002.

Coast Guard nominations beginning David W. Luzik and ending Mary A. Wysock, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 28, 2002.

Coast Guard nominations beginning David M. Butler and ending John S. Leyerle, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 15, 2002.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Rebecca L. Albert and ending Allison L. Zumwalt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 15, 2002.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:

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**Daniel L. Cooper, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

**Robert H. Roswell, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.

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. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. BUNN): S. 2040. A bill to provide emergency agricultural assistance to producers of the 2002 crop, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.


By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. LANDRIEU): S. 214. A bill to expand access to affordable health care and to strengthen the health care safety net and make health care services more available in rural and under-served areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BONDO: S. 377. A bill to improve the collection of excise taxes on tobacco products.

By Mr. HARKER: S. 214. A bill to provide for the further improvement of the program to expand and improve the provision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of noninstitutional extended care services and required nursing home care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER: S. 214. A bill to provide for further improvement of the program to expand and improve the provision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of extended care services and required nursing home care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. SMITH): S. 2046. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to take steps to control the growing international problem of tuberculosis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRAIG: S. 2046. A bill to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit the advertisement of the sale of cigarettes to children; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Mr. BOND): S. 2047. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to authorize loan guarantees for rural health facilities to buy new and repair existing infrastructure and technology; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN): S. 2048. A bill to regulate interstate commerce in certain devices by providing for prior approval of development and for implementation and enforcement by Federal regulations to protect digital content and promote broadband access to the Internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mrs. CLIFTON, and Mr. NICKLES): S. 2049. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to include a 12 month review period for new enforcement authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans’ disability compensation from taking affect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER: S. 2050. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat nominally foreign corporations created through inversion transactions as domestic corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RIID (for himself, Mr. HUTCHISON, Mr. WATSON, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. INOUE, Mr. REED, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CARNANAH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. Bunning, and Mr. BINGAMAN): S. 2051. A bill to remove a condition precedent to the granting of authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans’ disability compensation from taking affect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PRIST: S. 2052. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize and improve the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRIST: S. 2053. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. REED, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. Akaka, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CARNANAH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. Bunning, and Mr. BINGAMAN): S. 2054. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to establish a Nationwide Health Tracking Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CANYWELL: S. 2055. A bill to make grants to train sexual assault nurse examiners, law enforcement personnel, and first responders in the handling of sexual assault cases, to establish minimum standards for forensic evidence collection kits, to carry out DNA analyses of samples from crime scenes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. CARNANAH): S. 2056. A bill to ensure the independence of accounting firms that provide auditing services to publicly traded companies and of executives, audit committees, and financial compensation committees of such companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr.
GrAham, M. Snowe, Mr. Corzine, and Mrs. Carnahan:

S. 2057. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit expansion of medical residency training programs in geriatric medicine and to provide for reimbursement of care coordination and assessment services provided under the medicare program, to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. Lincoln (for herself, Mr. Breaux, and Mr. Rockefeller):

S. 2058. A bill to replace the case-load reduction credit with an employment credit under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. Mikulski (for herself, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. hutchinson, and Mr. Dodd):

S. 2059. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for Alzheimer's disease research and demonstration grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. Nelson of Florida (for himself and Mr. Graham):

S. 2060. A bill to rename the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in St. Petersburg, Florida, after Franklin D. Miller; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. Bond:

S. 2061. A bill to establish a national response to terrorism, a national urban search and rescue task force program to ensure local capability to respond to the threat and aftermath of terrorist activities and other emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. Durbin:

S. 2062. A bill to provide fast-track trade negotiating authority to the President; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. Lincoln:

S. 2063. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. McCain (for himself, Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, Mr. Jeffords, and Mr. Inouye):

S. 2064. A bill to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. Campbell (for himself and Mr. Allard):

S. 2065. A bill to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed pursuant to a bilateral Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribes and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Identification of Concurrent and Senate Resolutions

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

By Mr. Corzine (for himself and Mr. Lieberman):

S. Res. 230. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should reject reductions in guaranteed Social Security benefits as opposed by the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Daschle (for himself, Mr. Lott, Mr. Cleland, and Mr. Miller):

S. Res. 231. A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Herman E. Talmadge, formerly a Senator from the State of Georgia; considered and agreed to.

Additional Cosponsors

S. 170. At the request of Mr. Reid, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. Murkowski) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

S. 259. At the request of Mr. Bingaman, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. Cantwell) was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through Technology Transfer and Partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

S. 540. At the request of Mr. DeWine, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. Lincoln) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. Craig) were added as cosponsors of S. 540, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow as a deduction in determining adjusted gross income the deduction for expenses in connection with services as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, to allow employers a credit against income tax with respect to employees who participate in the military reserve components, and to allow a comparable credit for participating reserve component self-employed individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 677. At the request of Mr. Hatch, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Bencomo) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Dodd) were added as cosponsors of S. 677, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financing to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 891. At the request of Mr. Dodd, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. Stabenow) was added as a cosponsor of S. 891, a bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act with respect to extensions of credit to consumers under the age of 21.

S. 948. At the request of Mr. Lott, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. Bond) was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a grant program for providing financial assistance for local rail line relocation projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1429. At the request of Mr. Gramm, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. Craig) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1429, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the tax relief sunset and to reduce the maximum capital gains rates for individual taxpayers, and for other purposes.

S. 1549. At the request of Mr. Lieberman, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Bingaman) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1549, a bill to provide for increasing the technically trained workforce in the United States.

S. 1644. At the request of Mr. Campbell, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. Bennett) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1644, a bill to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

S. 1655. At the request of Mr. Biden, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Levin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1655, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals.

S. 1707. At the request of Mr. Jeffords, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. Craig) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. 1710. At the request of Mr. Mcconnell, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Miller) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1708, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure the continuity of medical care following a major disaster by making private for-profit medical facilities eligible for Federal disaster assistance.

S. 1915. At the request of Mrs. Lincoln, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Dorgan) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat natural gas distribution lines as 10-year property for depreciation purposes.

S. 2009. At the request of Mr. Durbin, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Edwards) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2009, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide