ERTS-1. A communication from the Admin-
istrator, Rural Utilities Service, Depart-
ment of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant
to law, the report of a rule entitled "Useful
Life of Selected Power Distribution and
Transmission Lines" received on May 6, 2003;
to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry.
ERTS-2. A communication from the Regu-
latory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers
and Stockyards Administration, Department of
Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law,
the report of a rule entitled "Criteria for
Rice Inspection Services (0590-AA28)" re-
ceived on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
ERTS-3. A communication from the Acting
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of
a rule entitled "Indoxacarb; Time Limited
Pesticide Tolerance (7390-G)" received
on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agri-
culture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
ERTS-4. A communication from the Sec-
retary of Health and Human Services, trans-
mitting, pursuant to law, the report relative
to the launching the Physician Group Prac-
tice (PGP) demonstration; to the Committee
ERTS-5. A communication from the Chair-
man, National Foundation on the Arts and
the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to
law, the Twenty-Seventh Annual Report on
the Arts and Humanities Indemnity Program for
fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions.
ERTS-6. A communication from the Direc-
tor, Workforce Compensation and Perfor-
ance Service, Office of Personnel Manage-
ment, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-
port of a rule entitled "Locality-based Com-
parability Payments (3206-A) (2)" received
on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions.
ERTS-7. A communication from the Direc-
tor, Regulations, Policy and Management,
transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of
a rule entitled "Cold, Cough, Allergy, Bron-
chialasthma, and Antiasthmatic Drug Prod-
ucts for Over-the-Counter Human Use Mono-
graph for Combination Products; CORRECC-
TION (0910-AA01)" received on May 6, 2003;
to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
and Pensions.
ERTS-8. A communication from the Gen-
eral Counsel, Department of Housing and
Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant
to law, the report of a rule entitled "Com-
petition for the Office of Assistant Secretary
for Congressional and Intergovernmental
Relations, Department of Housing and Urban
Development; to the Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions.
ERTS-9. A communication from the Assis-
tant Secretary, Land and Minerals Manage-
ment, Mineral Management Service, Depart-
ment of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant
to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and
Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer
Continental Shelf; Document Incorporated
by Reference for Fixed Platforms (1010-A03)"
received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee
on Energy and Natural Re-
ources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees
were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee
on Armed Services, without amendment:
S. 1050. An original bill to authorize appro-
priations for fiscal year 2004 for military ac-
tivities of the Department of Defense, for
military construction, and for defense activi-
ties of the Department of Energy, to pre-
scribe personnel strengths for such fiscal
year for the Armed Forces, and for other
purposes (Rept. No. 108-46).
S. 1047. An original bill to authorize appro-
priations for fiscal year 2004 for military ac-
tivities of the Department of Defense, to pre-
scribe personnel strengths for such fiscal
year for the Armed Forces, and for other
purposes.
S. 1048. An original bill to authorize appro-
priations for fiscal year 2004 for military con-
struction, and for defense activities of the
Department of Energy, for other
purposes.
S. 1049. An original bill to authorize appro-
priations for fiscal year 2004 for defense ac-
tivities of the Department of Defense, to pre-
scribe personnel strengths for such fiscal
year for the Armed Forces, and for other
S. 1052. A bill to ensure that recipients of
unsolicited bulk commercial electronic mail
can identify the sender of such electronic
mail, and for other purposes; to the Com-
mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
tation.
S. 1053. A bill to prohibit discrimination on
the basis of genetic information with respect
to health insurance and employment; to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions.
S. 1054. An original bill to provide for rec-
ognization pursuant to section 201 of the
concurrent resolution on the budget for fis-
cal year 2004; to the Committee on Fi-
nance; placed on the calendar.
S. 1055. A bill to amend the Internal Rev-
ue Code of 1986 to provide physicians and
other health care professionals with a tax
credit for qualified expenditures for medical
professional malpractice insurance, and for
other purposes; to the Committee on Fi-
nance.
S. 1056. A resolution relative to the
death of Russell B. Long, former United
States Senator for the State of Louisiana;
considered and agreed to.
S. 1057. A joint resolution relative to the
concurrent resolutions and Senate resolu-
tions were read, and
referred (or acted upon), as indicated:
By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN,
Mr. JONHSON, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. THOMAS,
and Mr. CONRAD):
S. 1044. A bill to amend the Packers and
Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of
certain anti-competitive forward contracts;
to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry.
S. 1045. A bill to strengthen United States
capabilities to safely and securely dispose of
all greater-than-Class C low-level radio-
active waste; to the Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources.
S. 1046. A bill to amend the Communica-
tions Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to fos-
ter and promote the diversification of television
programming, to foster and promote com-
petitive entry; to the Committee on Com-
merce, Science, and Transportation.
S. 1047. An original bill to authorize appro-
priations for fiscal year 2004 for military ac-
tivities of the Department of Defense, to pre-
scribe personnel strengths for such fiscal
year for the Armed Forces, and for other
purposes; to the Committee on Armed
Services; placed on the calendar.
S. 1048. An original bill to authorize appro-
priations for fiscal year 2004 for military con-
struction, and for other purposes; from the
Committee on Armed Services; placed on the
calendar.
S. 1049. An original bill to authorize appro-
priations for fiscal year 2004 for defense ac-
tivities of the Department of Energy, for other
purposes; from the Committee on Armed
Services; placed on the calendar.
S. 1050. An original bill to authorize appro-
priations for fiscal year 2004 for military ac-
tivities of the Department of Defense, to pre-
scribe personnel strengths for such fiscal
year for the Armed Forces, and for other
purposes; from the Committee on Armed
Services; placed on the calendar.
S. 1051. A bill to direct the Secretary of the
Interior to carry out a demonstration pro-
gram to assess potential water savings
through control of Salt Cedar and Russian
Olive; to the Committee on Environment
and Public Works.
S. 1052. A bill to ensure that recipients of
unsolicited bulk commercial electronic mail
can identify the sender of such electronic
mail, and for other purposes; to the Com-
mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
tation.
By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. FRIST,
Mr. EFFORDS, Mr. ENZI, Ms. COLLINS,
Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. GREGG):
S. 1053. A bill to prohibit discrimination on
the basis of genetic information with respect
to health insurance and employment; to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions.
By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on
Finance, without amendment:
S. 1054. An original bill to provide for rec-
ognization pursuant to section 201 of the
concurrent resolution on the budget for fis-
cal year 2004; to the Committee on Fi-
nance; placed on the calendar.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND
SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and
Senate resolutions were read, and
referred (or acted upon), as indicated:
By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BREAUX,
Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DASCHLE):
S. Res. 1. A resolution relative to the
death of Russell B. Long, former United
States Senator for the State of Louisiana;
considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 238
At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the
Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to reauthorize the Museum
and Library Services Act, and for other
purposes.
S. 253
At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the
name of the Senator from New York
(Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cospon-
or of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18,
United States Code, to exempt qualified
credit and former law enforce-
ment officers from State laws prohib-
iting the carrying of concealed hand-
guns.
S. 281
At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the
name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.
INUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S.
281, a bill to amend the Transportation
Equity Act for the 21st Century to make
certain amendments with respect
to Indian tribes, to provide for training and
technical assistance to Native
Americans who are interested in com-
mmercial vehicle driving careers, and for
other purposes.
INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 285, a bill to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand Medicare coverage of certain self-injected biologicals.

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 491, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 575, a bill to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American language survival schools, for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 590, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for equitable reimbursement rates under the medicare program to Medicare+Choice organizations.

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the investment of foreign earnings within the United States for productive business investments and job creation.

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to clarify Federal authority relating to land acquisition from willing sellers for the majority of the trails in the System, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to support certain housing proposals in the fiscal year 2003 budget for the Federal Government, including the downpayment assistance initiative under the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 899, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to restore the full market basket percentage increase applied to payments to hospitals for inpatient hospital services furnished to medicare beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii and to amend the Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2001 to modify the water resources study.

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and hold Syria accountable for its role in the investment of foreign earnings provided by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical services for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 899, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.
the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 990

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUx) was added as a cosponsor of S. 990, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Challenge Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service; to provide TRICARE eligibility for members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and their families; to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 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 service committed to the defense of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1003

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1003, a bill to clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River.

S. 1015

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1015, a bill to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence.

S. RES. 10

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 103, a resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, South-Asian Americans, and Sikh Americans.

AMENDMENT NO. 590

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 590 proposed to S. 14, a bill to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes. STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS—MAY 8, 2003

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1032. A bill to provide for alternative transportation in certain federally owned or managed areas that are open to the general public; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

STATEMENT ON THE TRANSIT IN PARKS ACT

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation similar to measures I have introduced in previous Congresses that will help protect our Nation's natural resources and improve the visitor experience in our national parks and other public lands. The Transit in Parks Act, or "TRIP," establishes a transit grant initiative to support the development of alternative transportation services for our national parks, wildlife refuges, Federal recreational areas, and other public lands. I am pleased to be joined by Senators AKAKA, ALEXANDER, BAUCUS, CORZINE, DODD, GRAHAM, KENNEDY, LAUTENBERG, LEVIN, REID, SCHUMER, STABENOW, and WYDEN, who are cosponsors of this legislation.

I want to underscore again today some of the principal arguments I have made in past years as to why this legislation is urgently needed. Memorial Day weekend, the opening of the summer travel season, is just weeks away. Millions of visitors will soon head to our national parks to experience the incredible natural heritage with which our Nation was endowed. But too many of them will spend hours looking for parking, or staring at the bumper of the car in front of them.

Clearly, the world has changed significantly since the national parks first opened in the second half of the nineteenth century, when visitors arrived by stagecoach along dirt roads. At that time, travel through parkslands, such as Yosemite or Yellowstone, was limited to hikers, and costly. Not many people could afford or endure such a trip. The introduction of the automobile gave every American greater mobility and freedom, which included the freedom to travel and see some of our Nation's great natural wonders. Early in this century, landscape architects from the National Park Service and highway engineers from the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads collaborated to produce many feats of road engineering that opened the national park lands to millions of Americans.

Yet greater mobility and easier access now threaten the very environments that the National Park Service is mandated to protect. The ongoing tension between preservation and access has always been a challenge for our national park system. Today, record numbers of visitors and cars have resulted in increased congestion to our parks. The Grand Canyon alone has almost five million visitors a year. As many as 6,000 vehicles arrive in a single summer day. They compete for 2,400 parking spaces. Between 32,000 and 72,000 tourists park in the park each year. During the peak summer season, the entrance route becomes a giant parking lot.

In 1975, the total number of visitors to America's national parks was 190 million. By 2002, that number had risen to 277 million annual visitors—almost equal to one visit by every man, woman, and child in this country. This dramatic increase in visitation has created an overwhelming demand on these areas, resulting in severe traffic congestion, forcing visitors to wait in some instances for hours to be allowed entry into the parks altogether. The environmental damage at the Grand Canyon is visible at many other parks: Yosemite, which has more than four million visitors a year, which has more than three million visitors a year and experiences such severe traffic congestion that access has to be restricted; Zion; Acadia; Bryce; and many others. We need to solve these problems now or risk permanent harm to our Nation's natural, cultural, and historical heritage.

Visitor access to the parks is vital not only to the parks themselves, but to the economic health of their gateway communities. For example, visitors to Yosemite infuse $3 billion a year into the local economy of the surrounding area. At Yellowstone, tourists spend $725 million annually in adjacent communities. Wildlife-related tourism generates an estimated $100 billion a year nationwide. If the parks are forced to close their gates to visitors due to congestion, the economic vitality of the surrounding region would be jeopardized.

The challenge for park management has always been twofold: to conserve and protect the nation's natural, historical, and cultural resources, while at the same time ensuring visitor access and enjoyment of these sensitive environments. Until now, the principal transportation systems that the Federal government has developed to provide access into our national parks are roads, primarily for private automobile access. The TRIP legislation recognizes that we need to do more than simply build more roads; we must invest in alternative transportation solutions before our national parks are damaged beyond repair.

In developing solutions to the parks' transportation needs, this legislation builds upon the 1997 Memorandum of Understanding between Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater and Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, in