EC-216. A communication from the Director, Financial Management, General Accounting Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Fiscal Year 2004 Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-217. A communication from the Chairmen, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Fiscal Year 2004 performance and accountability; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-218. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on Fiscal Year 2004 performance and accountability; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-219. A communication from the Director, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-220. A communication from the Chairmen, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Fiscal Year 2004 performance and accountability; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.


EC-222. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the 2004 Inventory of Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-223. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s Performance Accountability Reports for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-224. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-225. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2004 Performance Accountability Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-226. A communication from the Acting Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-227. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-228. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance:

* Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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

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. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. FRIST, Mr. CHAFFEE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDREI, Mr. PULITZER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. ENSHIN):

S. 5. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. FRINGOOLD, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 21. A bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUYE, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. DODD):

S. 39. A bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 145. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the naval forces of the Navy to include not less than 12 operational aircraft carriers; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. INOUYE:

S. 146. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of another government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUYE):

S. 147. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process by which the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 148. A bill to establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 149. A bill for the relief of Ziad Mohamed Shaban Khweis, Heyam Ziad Khweis, and Juman Ziad Khweis; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. FRINGOOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. RIEDEL, and Mr. SABANES):

S. 150. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. PYROU):

S. 151. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on the activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
S. 16. A bill to provide for the acquisition of certain property in Washington County, Utah, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 164. A bill to provide for the acquisition of certain property in Washington County, Utah, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 165. A bill for the relief of Tchiason Tho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 166. A bill to amend the Oregon Re- source Conservation Act of 1968 to reauthorize the process of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes River Conservancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 167. A bill to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. KYL):

S. 158. 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 those providing information and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile members of violent gang crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 156. A bill to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 157. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit interest on Federally guaranteed water, wastewater, and essential community facilities loans to be tax exempt; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 158. A bill to establish the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 159. A bill to eliminate the sunset for the determination of the Federal medical assistance percentage for Alaska; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 160. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 161. A bill to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BOWDOIN:

S. 162. A bill to amend chapter 99 of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to clarify that certain coal industry health benefits may not be modified or terminated; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 163. A bill to establish the National Mormon History Area in the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 8

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CAMBELL) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 8, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minor children as hostage in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 14

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 14, a bill to provide fair wages for America’s workers, to create new jobs through investment in America, to provide for fair trade and competitiveness, and for other purposes.

S. 15

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 15, a bill to ensure full and fair informed consent regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child.

S. 16

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 16, a bill to reduce the cost of quality health care coverage and improve the availability of health care coverage for all Americans.

S. 19

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 19, a bill to reduce budget deficits by restoring budget enforcement and strengthening fiscal responsibility.

S. 20

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce the number of abortions, and improve access to women’s health care.

S. 27

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 27, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes.

S. 50

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 50, a bill to authorize and strengthen the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program, and for other purposes.

S. 51

At the request of Mr. BROWNACK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child.

S. 57

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of 2000.