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. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. Nelson of Nebraska):
S. 941. A bill to amend the Cooperative Forestry Act of 1978 to establish a program to provide assistance to States and nonprofit organizations to preserve suburban forest land and open space and contain suburban sprawl, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WARNER:
S. 942. A bill to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness, to establish the Song Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. Graham):
S. 943. A bill to assist in the conservation of cranes by hunting, by providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of which the Secretary of Interior deems necessary to ensure that cranes and the ecosystems of cranes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. Corzine, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Bingaman, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Durbin):
S. 944. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protection for whistleblowers, to impose additional penalties for certain violators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Bingham, Mrs. Clinton, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Levin, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Bayh, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Corzine, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Reid, Mr. Harkin, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Specter, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Obama):
S. 945. A bill to provide reliable officers, technology, education, community prosecutors, and training in our neighborhoods; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Sununu):
S. 946. A bill to ensure privacy for e-mail communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. Specter):
S. 947. A bill to combat commercial sexual activity by targeting demand, to protect children from being exploited by such activities, to prohibit the operation of sex tours, to assist State and local governments to enforce laws developed with commercial sexual activities, to reduce trafficking in persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Bond):
S. 948. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to require that members of the National Preserve called or ordered to active duty for a period of more than 30 days to receive a basic allowance for housing at the same rate as similarly situated members of the regular components of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. Martinez (for himself and Mr. Nelson of Florida):
S. 949. A bill to expedite payments of certain Federal emergency assistance authorized pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to exercise certain authority provided under that Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. Smith (for himself and Mr. Wyden):
S. 950. A bill to establish a national demonstration project to improve intervention programs for the most disadvantaged children and youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. Collins (for herself and Mr. Reed):
S. 951. A bill to amend the Cooperative Forestry Act of 1978 to establish a program to provide assistance to States and nonprofit organizations to preserve suburban forest land and open space and contain suburban sprawl, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. Warner:
S. 952. A bill to designate additional National Forest System lands in the State of Virginia as wilderness, to establish the Song Mountain and Bear Creek Scenic Areas, to provide for the development of trail plans for the wilderness areas and scenic areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. Feingold (for himself and Mr. Crapo, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Sannes, and Mr. Kohl):
S. 953. A bill to assist in the conservation of cranes by hunting, by providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of which the Secretary of Interior deems necessary to ensure that cranes and the ecosystems of cranes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. Corzine, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Bingaman, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Durbin):
S. 944. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to expand coverage under the Act, to increase protection for whistleblowers, to impose additional penalties for certain violators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Bingaman, Mrs. Clinton, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Levin, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Bayh, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Corzine, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Smith, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Reid, Mr. Harkin, Mrs. Boxer, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Reid, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Specter, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Obama):
S. 945. A bill to provide reliable officers, technology, education, community prosecutors, and training in our neighborhoods; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. Bond):
S. 948. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require multi-channel video programming distributors to provide a kid-friendly tier of programming; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORKMAN, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Nelson of Nebraska:
S. 962. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued to finance certain energy projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 963. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funds for veterans' health care, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a pilot program to improve access to health care for rural veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Ms. LANDRICK, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. JOHNSTON):

S. 964. A bill to provide a conservation royalty from Outer Continental Shelf revenues to establish the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, to provide assistance to States under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, to ensure adequate funding for conserving and restoring wildlife, to assist local governments in improving local park and recreation systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. LINDSAY):

S. 965. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a Federal import duty on prepackaged food products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. PRESCOTT):

S. 966. A bill to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 967. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to impose Federal authority relating to land acquisition for trails in the System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 974. 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; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 975. A bill to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 976. A bill to provide incentives to increase research by public sector entities to develop medical countermeasures to prevent, detect, identify, treat, and prevent, including those associated with biological, chemical, nuclear, or radiological weapons attack or infectious disease outbreak, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.


By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 128. A resolution designating April 30, 2005, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans"; and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. Res. 129. A resolution designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2005, as "North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH)"; and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. LEARY, Mr. KYL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 130. A resolution designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2005, as "North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH)"; and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. Res. 131. A resolution expressing support for democracy in Iran.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. Res. 132. A resolution designating April 30, 2005, as "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

By Mr. REED:

S. Con. Res. 30. A concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress concerning the protection of health care for all Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

S. 947. A bill to amend Title II of the Social Security Act to ensure that every uninsured child in America has health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 948. A bill to extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries, and for other purposes.

By Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 300, a bill to extend the temporary increase in payments under the medicare program for home health services furnished in a rural area.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 949. A bill to extend the temporary increase in payments under the medicare program for home health services furnished in a rural area.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 950. A bill to extend the temporary increase in payments under the medicare program for home health services furnished in a rural area.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 951. A bill to extend the temporary increase in payments under the medicare program for home health services furnished in a rural area.

By Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BINGMAN, Mr. DAYTON, Mrs. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. KENNEDY:

S. Con. Res. 30. A concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress concerning the protection of health care for all Americans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 114

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 114, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to ensure that every uninsured child in America has health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to improve the palliative and end-of-life care provided to patients with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 191, a bill to extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 300, a bill to extend the temporary increase in payments under the medicare program for home health services furnished in a rural area.

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 347, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals’ health care operations and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decision-making so that individuals’ wishes are known should they become unable to speak for themselves, to engage health care providers in disseminating information about and assisting in the preparation of advance directives, which include living wills and durable powers of