enabled to return to their jobs as quickly as possible; and

Whereas, it is also of utmost importance that the functions and operations of other significant federal entities, such as the United States Department of Agriculture’s Southern Regional Research Center, the United States Marine Corps Reserve Command, the Naval District Washington, and the United States Army Reserve 377th Theater Army Area Command (TAACOM), are fully restored to help ensure the economic recovery of the New Orleans region; and

Whereas, as Louisiana struggles to recover and rebuild, of primary importance is the employment of its citizens, and it is therefore crucial that Congress require federal jobs that have been lost or relocated due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and their associated funding to be restored as expeditiously as possible in order to bring about the revitalization of the economies of the regions affected by the storms. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to require all federal jobs that have been lost or relocated due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and their associated funding to be restored as soon as possible, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Andrew J. McKenna, Jr., of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

**Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

*Air Force nomination of Brigadier General Philip M. Breedlove to be Major General.


Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Brig. Gen. Andrew B. Davis to be Major General.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS 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 Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning with Jolene A. Ainsworth and ending with David C. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 17, 2005.

Air Force nominations beginning with Craig L. Adams and ending with Matthew C. Wyatt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 17, 2005.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jay O. Aanrud and ending with Scott C. Zippwald, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 17, 2005.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robert W. Desvereaux and ending with Chetan U. Kharod, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2005.

Air Force nomination of Julie S. Miller to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Kara A. Gormont to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Deiby Acevedo and ending with David R. Zysk, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Homer R. Alonso and ending with Richard M. Zyagdlo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas E. Ayres and ending with Peter C. Zolper, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Richard L. Chavez to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Samuel Casscells and ending with Slobodan Jazarevic, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Joseph J. Impallaria and ending with Arthur E. Lees, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2005.

Air Force nominations beginning with Tony C. Baker and ending with J. Vopelius, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 14, 2005.

Marine Corps nomination of Michelle A. Rakers to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with Vincent J. Ventimiglia, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the Senate’s request 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. SANTORUM:

S. 2142. A bill to provide for the liquidation of unliquidated claims, debts, and sums due or payable to the United States arising from certain contracts.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 2143. A bill to increase the number of students from low-income backgrounds who are enrolled in studies leading to baccalaureate degrees in science, mathematics, technology, engineering, and critical foreign languages;

S. 2144. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Soldiers’ Memorial Military Museum located in St. Louis, Missouri, as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS, for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2145. A bill to enhance security and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 382

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. McCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to allow Congress, State legislatures, and regulatory agencies to determine appropriate laws, rules, and regulations to address the problems of weight gain, obesity, and health conditions associated with weight gain or obesity.

S. 1049

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide grants to promote innovative outreach and enrollment under the medicaid and State children’s health insurance programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1050

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to establish a market driven telecommunications marketplace, to eliminate government managed competition of existing communication service, and to provide parity between functionally equivalent services.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the pet industry.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to facilitate the development of science parks, and for other purposes.

S. 1581

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1581, a bill to provide the non-immigrant spouses and children of non-immigrant aliens who perished in the
At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. FELDT, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2109, a bill to provide national innovation initiative.

S. 2109

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. HAYDEN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 3593, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to individuals who have been affected by severe economic hardship.

S. 2143

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ‘‘National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Act’’.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL SMART GRANTS.

Subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a) is amended by adding after section 401 the following:

'SEC. 401A. NATIONAL SMART GRANTS.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to increase for minority postsecondary students from low-income backgrounds who are enrolled in studies leading to baccalaureate degrees in science, mathematics, technology, engineering, and critical foreign languages, and for other purposes:

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to increase for minority postsecondary students from low-income backgrounds who are enrolled in studies leading to baccalaureate degrees in science, mathematics, technology, engineering, and foreign languages critical to national security.

(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary shall award grants, in the amount specified in subsection (e), to eligible students to assist the eligible students in paying their college education expenses:

(c) DESIGNATION OF GRANT.—If the amount made available under this section shall be known as a ‘‘National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant’’ or a ‘‘NIMAT Grant’’.

(d) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE STUDENT.—In this section, the term ‘‘eligible student’’ means a full-time student who, for the academic year for which the determination of eligibility is made:

1. is a citizen of the United States;
2. is eligible for a Federal Pell Grant;
3. is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in the third or fourth academic year of a program of undergraduate education at a 4-year degree-granting institution of higher education;
4. is pursuing a major in—
(A) the physical, life, or computer sciences, mathematics, technology, or engineering (as determined by the Secretary pursuant to regulations); or
(B) a foreign language that the Secretary, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, determines is critical to the national security of the United States; and
5. has obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (or the equivalent as determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary) in the coursework required for the major described in paragraph (4).

S. 2109

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1779, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1779

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2010, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the Social Security Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 2010

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, a bill to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2082, a bill to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to extend the sunset of certain provisions of that Act and the lone wolf provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to March 31, 2006.

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, supra.

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, supra.

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, supra.

At the request of Ms. LINCOLN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2082, supra.

S. 2082

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2005, a bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations in 2005 and 2006.

S. 2005

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2005, a bill to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations in 2005 and 2006.