

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 2368. A bill to assist in the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini Atoll by amending the terms of the trust fund established during the United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Rept. No. 106-240).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 2862. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to release reversionary interests held by the United States in certain parcels of land in Washington County, Utah, to facilitate an anticipated land exchange (Rept. No. 106-241).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 2863. A bill to clarify the legal effect on the United States of the acquisition of a parcel of land in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve in the State of Utah (Rept. No. 106-242).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 87. A resolution commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the International Visitors Program.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 258. A resolution designating the week beginning March 12, 2000 as "National Safe Place Week."

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with a preamble:

S. Res. 263. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should communicate to the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ("OPEC") cartel and non-OPEC countries that participate in the cartel of crude oil producing countries, before the meeting of the OPEC nations in March 2000, the position of the United States in favor of increasing world crude oil supplies so as to achieve stable crude oil prices.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. Res. 267. An original executive resolution directing the return of certain treaties to the President.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 270. An original resolution designating the week beginning March 11, 2000, as "National Girl Scout Week."

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1796. A bill to modify the enforcement of certain anti-terrorism judgements, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S.J. Res. 39. A joint resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the service by members of the Armed forces during such war, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 87. A concurrent resolution commending the Holy See for making significant contributions to international peace and human rights, and objecting to efforts to expel the Holy See from the United Nations by removing the Holy See's Permanent Observer status in the United Nations, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

N. Cinnamon Dornsife, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

Alan Philip Larson, of Iowa, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations, I report favorably a nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that the nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Foreign Service nominations beginning John Patrice Groarke and ending James Curtis Struble, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 11, 1999.

By Mr. JEFFORDS for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Bobby L. Roberts, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2003. (Reappointment)

Michael G. Rossmann, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Daniel Simberloff, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Leslie Lenkowsky, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring February 8, 2004.

Juanita Sims Doty, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring June 10, 2004.

Joan R. Challinor, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2004. (Reappointment)

Jerome F. Kever, of Illinois, to be a member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2003. (Reappointment)

Virgil M. Speakman, Jr., of Ohio, to be a member of the Railroad Retirement Board for a term expiring August 28, 2004. (Reappointment)

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to re-

quests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, I report favorably nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS of 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.

Public Health Service nominations beginning Edwin L. Jones III and ending Colleen E. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 19, 1999.

Public Health Service nominations beginning Susan J. Blumenthal and ending William Tool, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 19, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2225. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2226. A bill to establish a Congressional Trade Office; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2227. A bill to amend chapter 79 of title 5, United States Code, to allow Federal agencies to reimburse their employees for certain adoption expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. GORTON):

S. 2228. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to conduct studies and to carry out ecosystem restoration and other protective measures within Puget Sound, Washington, and adjacent waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, Mr. CLELAND, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2229. A bill to provide for digital empowerment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 2230. A bill to provide tax relief in relation to, and modify the treatment of, members of a reserve component of the Armed

Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COVERDELL:

S. 2231. A bill to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LUGAR, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2232. A bill to promote primary and secondary health promotion and disease prevention services and activities among the elderly, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add preventive benefits, and for other purpose; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. KOHL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. 2233. A bill to prohibit the use of, and provide for remediation of water contaminated by, methyl tertiary butyl ether; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 2234. A bill to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DODD, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 2235. A bill to amend the Public Health Act to revise the performance standards and certification process for organ procurement organizations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 2236. A bill to establish programs to improve the health and safety of children receiving child care outside the home, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 2237. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of premiums for any medigap insurance policy of Medicare+Choice plan which contains an outpatient prescription drug benefit, and to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide authority to expand existing medigap insurance policies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2238. A bill to designate 3 counties in the State of Montana as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas and authorize funding for drug control activities in those areas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2239. A bill to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River basins; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 2240. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain polyamides; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 2241. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust wages and wage-related costs for certain items and services furnished in geographically reclassified hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 2242. A bill to amend the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 to improve the process for identifying the functions of the Federal Government that are not inher-

ently governmental functions, for determining the appropriate organizations for the performance of such functions on the basis of competition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CLELAND, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 2243. A bill to reauthorize certain programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 2244. A bill to increase participation in employee stock purchase plans and individual retirement plans so that American workers may share in the growth in the United States economy attributable to international trade agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2245. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the article description with respect to certain hand-woven fabrics; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2246. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to clarify that certain small businesses are permitted to use the cash method of accounting even if they use merchandise or inventory; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BYRD:

S. 2247. A bill to establish the Wheeling National Heritage Area in the State of West Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HELMS:

S. Res. 267. An original executive resolution directing the return of certain treaties to the President; placed on the Executive Calendar.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ROBB, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KERREY):

S. Res. 268. A resolution designating July 17 through July 23 as "National Fragile X Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. Res. 269. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to United States relations with the Russian Federation, given the Russian Federation's conduct in Chechnya, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. Res. 270. An original resolution designating the week beginning March 11, 2000, as "National Girl Scout Week"; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 271. A resolution regarding the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. Res. 272. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should remain actively engaged in southeastern Europe to promote long-term peace, stability, and prosperity; continue to vigorously oppose the brutal regime of Slobodan

Milosevic while supporting the efforts of the democratic opposition; and fully implement the Stability Pact; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HATCH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BOND, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. HELMS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DOMENICI, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. Res. 273. A resolution designating the week beginning March 11, 2000, as "National Girl Scout Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REED:

S. Con. Res. 93. A concurrent resolution expressing the support of Congress for activities to increase public awareness of multiple sclerosis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Con. Res. 94. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Con. Res. 95. A concurrent resolution commemorating the twelfth anniversary of the Halabja massacre; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2225. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs; to the Committee on Finance.

THE LONG-TERM CARE AND RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT OF 2000

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, long-term tax credits may seem like a dull topic. But the expenses of caring for an ailing family member are shocking. Millions of people bear these expenses every day, without any help.

Here's a typical example: A state legislator from Ohio named Barbara Boyd testified before my Special Committee on Aging last year. Ms. Boyd cared at home for her mother who had Alzheimer's disease and breast cancer. Her mother had \$20,000 in savings and a monthly Social Security check. That went quickly. Prescription drugs alone ran \$400 a month.

Antibiotics, ointments to prevent skin breakdown, incontinence supplies and other expenses cost hundreds of dollars a month. Ms. Boyd exhausted her own savings to care for her mother, and exhausted herself. She isn't complaining. Family caregivers don't complain. But we can and should use the tax code to ease their burden.

Yesterday a bipartisan group of legislators, and two prominent groups—AARP and the Health Insurance Association of America, announced a consensus agreement on a legislative package to help people with a variety of long-term care needs. Our bill contains a tax deduction to encourage individuals to buy long-term care insurance. We want to help people to prepare for their health needs in retirement.