

dimethyl - (1,1 -dimethylethyl) -2 - (4-ethylbenzoyl) hydrazide; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL # 6555-1), received May 19, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9127. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Colorado; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes, Canon City" (FRL # 6706-5), received May 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9128. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, South Coast Air Quality Management District, San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, and Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL # 6585-9), received May 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9129. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories" (FRL # 6706-1), received May 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9130. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories" (FRL # 6706-2), received May 23, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9131. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; Control of Emissions from Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators; Correction" (FRL # 6705-7), received May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9132. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes, Ohio" (FRL # 6701-8), received May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9133. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Removal of the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal for Chloroform from the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations" (FRL # 6705-4), received May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9134. A communication from the Office of Regulatory Management and Information,

Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon" (FRL # 6601-1), received May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9135. A communication from the Federal Trade Commission transmitting a report entitled "Privacy Online: Fair Information Practices in the Electronic Marketplace"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9136. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (44); Amdt. No. 1989 (5-4/5-18)" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0027), received May 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9137. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (127); Amdt. No. 1990 (5-4/5-18)" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0026), received May 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9138. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (87); Amdt. No. 1992 (5-18/5-22)" (RIN2120-AA65) (2000-0028), received May 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9139. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohibition Against Certain Flights Within the Territory and Airspace of Ethiopia; Docket No. 2000-7340 (5-16/5-18)" (RIN2120-AH01), received May 18, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9140. A communication from the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the Legal Description of the Hayward Air Termination Class D Airspace Area, CA; Docket No. 00-AWP-4 (5-2/5-22)" (RIN2120-AA66) (2000-0115), received May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1507: A bill to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-306).

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. WARNER:

S. 2669. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend to persons over age 64 eligibility for medical care under CHAMPUS

and TRICARE; to extend the TRICARE Senior Prime demonstration program in conjunction with the extension of eligibility under CHAMPUS and TRICARE to such persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 2670. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to require major rules of agencies to be approved by Congress in order to take effect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ASHCROFT:

S. 2671. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote pension opportunities for women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2672. A bill to provide for the conveyance of various reclamation projects to local water authorities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2673. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2674. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code to provide for realignment of the Department of Defense workforce; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2675. A bill to establish an Office on Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KYL, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. HELMS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2676. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to provide for inflation adjustments to the mandatory jurisdiction thresholds of the National Labor Relations Board; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. HELMS):

S. 2677. A bill to restrict assistance until certain conditions are satisfied and to support democratic and economic transition in Zimbabwe; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BRYAN (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REID, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 2678. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat gold, silver, and platinum, in either coin or bar, in the same manner as stocks and bonds for purposes of the maximum capital gain rate for individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. BREAUX):

S. 2679. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on stainless steel rail car body shells; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 2680. A bill to authorize such sums as may be necessary for a Balkan Stabilization Conference as convened by the United States and to express the sense of Congress that the president should convene such a conference to consider all outstanding issues related to the execution of the Dayton Accords and the peace agreement with Serbia that ended Operation Allied Force; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. BREAUX):

S. 2681. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on stainless steel rail care body shells; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2682. A bill to authorize the Broadcasting Board of Governors to make available to the Institute for Medial Development certain materials of the Voice of America; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2683. A bill to deauthorize a portion of the project for navigation, Kennebunk River, Maine; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 2684. A bill to redesignate and reauthorize as anchorage certain portions of the project for navigation, Narraguagus River, Milbridge, Maine; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S.J. Res. 46. A joint resolution commemorating the 225th Birthday of the United States Army; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S.J. Res. 47. A joint resolution disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. Con. Res. 119. A concurrent resolution commending the Republic of Croatia for the conduct of its parliamentary and presidential elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 2669. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend to persons over age 64 eligibility for medical care under CHAMPUS and TRICARE; to extend the TRICARE Senior Prime demonstration program in conjunction with the extension of eligibility under CHAMPUS and TRICARE to such persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

LEGISLATION REGARDING MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE MILITARY RETIREES

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill, S. 2669, to afford members the opportunity to examine the issues related to the complicated military medical program. We desire to change the existing program to encompass, in the future, retirees over age 65.

Beginning in World War II promises were made to military members that they and their families would be provided health care if they served a full career. Subsequent legislation was enacted which cut off medical benefits at age 65, leaving them to depend on the Medicare system, which has provided to be inefficient. This is a breach of promise made on behalf of our country to retirees who devoted a significant portion of their lives with careers in service to their country. I recognize with profound sorrow how we broke this promise to these retirees.

I have gone back and carefully examined these issues. There is no statutory foundation providing for entitlement to military health care benefits. It does not exist. It is a myth. But good faith representation was made to these members. Who made the commitment is irrelevant. I know personally that these representations were made. I served in the military and heard the same promises.

My Committee has made a determination, a bipartisan decision, that we would fix the issue of health care for our older retirees, this year. We have started with a series of bills, strengthening them as we went along, listening to those beneficiaries who use the system. The legislation I bring to the floor today repeals the restriction barring 65 and older military retirees and their families from continued access to the military health care system. If enacted, this legislation will provide an equal benefit for all military health care system beneficiaries, retirees, reservists, guardsmen and families. This puts all beneficiaries in the same class. It is fairly expensive, but we need to do it.

The legislation is a quantum leap over the provisions included in the Committee markup of the annual Defense bill. While the markup includes a comprehensive drug benefit regardless of age, the legislation goes further and provides uninterrupted access to complete health care services.

As a result of my initiatives, all military retirees, irrespective of age, will now enjoy the same health care benefit.

In Town Hall meetings, I have listened carefully to the health care concerns of military retirees—particularly those over age 65 who have lost their entitlement to health care within the current military health care system. The constant theme that runs through their requests is that, once they reach the point at which they are eligible for Medicare, they are no longer guaranteed care from the military health care system. This discriminatory characteristic of our current system—that has been in effect since 1964—reduces retiree medical benefits and requires a significant change in the manner in which health care is obtained at a point in the lives of our older military retirees when stability and confidence are most important. This bill, in effect, repeals the 1964 law.

The bill that I am proposing today would eliminate the current discrimination based on age and would permit military retirees and their dependents to be served by the military health care system throughout their lives. Under my proposal, it would not matter whether the military retiree is 47 years old or 77 years old. He or she will be covered by the military health care system while on active duty and throughout their retirement. No new systems will be required, although the existing military system may require assistance from the Congress to

strengthen its ability to serve all retirees. This bill eliminates the confusing and ineffective transfer of funds from Medicare to the Department of Defense. Military retirees will not be required to pay the high cost of additional basic or supplemental insurance premiums to ensure their health care needs are met. Military readiness will not be adversely impacted and our commitment to those who served a full career will be fulfilled.

In order to permit the Department of Defense to plan for restoring the health care benefit to all retirees, my bill would be effective on October 1, 2001. While some may advocate an earlier effective date, it is simply not feasible to expand the medical coverage to the 1.8 million Medicare-eligible retirees overnight.

What is apparent to me is that the will of the Congress, reflecting the will of the Nation, is that now is the time to act on this issue. My bill would eliminate the discriminatory practice that caused concern among our military retirees and will restore full benefits of the military health care system to all retirees.

Access to military health care has reached a crisis point. With the reduction in the number of military hospitals and with the growth in the retiree population, addressing the health care needs of our older retirees has become increasingly difficult. These beneficiaries should be assured that their health care needs will be met. They were promised a healthcare benefit, they served to earn a benefit, and our country needs to fulfill the commitments that were made to them.

I am well aware of the legislative alternatives that have been proposed to address military retiree health care needs. I have struggled to examine the most acute needs of these beneficiaries and have struggled to develop a plan that equally benefits all our retirees, not just those fortunate enough to live near a military medical facility, or those fortunate enough to be selected through some sort of lottery to be allowed to participate in the various pilot programs now underway. My goal is to provide health care through a means that is available to all beneficiaries, in an equitable and complete manner.

As I have made it clear throughout the year, improving the military health care system has been the Committee's top quality of life initiative this year. My Committee has held hearings and listened to a variety of beneficiary representatives. I have traveled throughout my state and listened to the concerns of retirees. I conducted an extensive town hall meeting in Norfolk in March. I have met with many retirees and their representatives at my office, during my travels, and even in social settings. I have listened.

This extensive review has allowed me to examine carefully how to approach this issue. The number one priority I