

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 3129: An original bill to provide for international debt forgiveness and the strengthening of anticorruption measures and accountability at international financial institutions (Rept. No. 106-425).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2962: A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to address problems concerning methyl tertiary butyl ether, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-426).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 2594: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of non-project water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and any other beneficial purposes (Rept. No. 106-427).

S. 2691: A bill to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-428).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2848: A bill to provide for a land exchange to benefit the Pecos National Historical Park in New Mexico (Rept. No. 106-429).

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

S. 2942: A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia (Rept. No. 106-430).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 2951: A bill to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River. (Rept. No. 106-431).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 3000: A bill to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 106-432).

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

H.R. 1235: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes (Rept. No. 106-433).

H.R. 3236: A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Utah, to use Weber Basin Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes (Rept. No. 106-434).

H.R. 3577: A bill to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho (Rept. No. 106-435).

H.R. 4115: A bill to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-436).

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 1162: A bill to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge".

H.R. 1605: To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 402 North Walnut Street in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "J. Smith Henley Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

H.R. 2442: A bill to provide for the preparation of a Government report detailing injustices suffered by Italian Americans during World War II, and a formal acknowledgement of such injustices by the President.

By Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 4806: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 1710 Alabama Avenue in Jasper, Alabama, as the "Carl Elliott Federal Building".

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

S. RES. 343: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement should recognize and admit to full membership Israel's Magen David Adom Society with its emblem, the Red Shield of David.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1898: A bill to provide protection against the risks to the public that are inherent in the interstate transportation of violent prisoners.

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

S. 2621: A bill to continue the current prohibition of military cooperation with the armed forces of the Republic of Indonesia until the President determines and certifies to the Congress that certain conditions are being met.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2915: A bill to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and for other purposes.

S. 2924: A bill to strengthen the enforcement of Federal statutes relating to false identification, and for other purposes.

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

S. 3072: A bill to assist in the enhancement of the development of expansion of international economic assistance programs that utilize cooperatives and credit unions, 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.

Barry Edward Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

EC-10957. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules entitled "Acquisition Regulation; Administrative Amendments" (FRL #6878-9), "Consolidated Federal Air Rule (CAR): Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry" (FRL #6576-9), and "Grant Conditions for Indian Tribes and Insular Area Recipients" received on September 26, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10958. A communication from the Director of the Office of Small Business and Civil Rights, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance" (RIN3150-AG43) received on September 27, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-10959. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2000-01 Late Season" (RIN1018-AG08) received on September 27, 2000; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-10960. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Workforce Investment Act" (RIN1205-AB20) received on September 26, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-10961. A communication from the Director of the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on September 27, 2000; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-10962. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to the mailing of truthful information or advertisements concerning certain lawful gambling operations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-10963. A communication from the Director of Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fingerprinting certain applicants for a replacement permanent resident card (Form I-551)" (RIN1115-AF74) received on September 26, 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-10964. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the transmittal of the certification of the proposed issuance of an export license relative to Belgium, Greece, Japan, The Netherlands, and The United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-625. a resolution adopted by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Ocean (New Jersey) relative to mud dumping; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Robert Mays Lyford, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2002.

Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Rust Macpherson Deming, of Maryland, a Career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to be Republic of Tunisia.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Nominee: Rust Macpherson Deming.

Post: Tunis.

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Justine Deming Rodriguez and Mike Rodriguez, none. Katherine Deming Brodie, and John Brodie, none.
4. Parents: Olcott H. Deming: \$20.00, 2/9/98, Mosely Brown; \$30.00, 2/16/98, Barbara Boxer; \$20.00, 2/16/98, Barbara Milkulski; \$20, 3/15/98, Patty Murray. Louise M. Deming (deceased).
5. Grandparents (deceased).
6. Brothers and Spouses: John H. Deming, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Rosamond Deming, none.

Douglas Alan Hartwick, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Nominee: Douglas Alan Hartwick.

Post: Ambassador to Laos.

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse: Regina Z. Hartwick, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Kirsten and Andrea, none.
4. Parents: Tobias Hartwick and Mary Kathleen Hartwick, none.
5. Grandparents: Elmer Golden Thomas and Mary Hutchins Thomas; Tolley Hartwick and Emma Bensen Hartwick (all deceased).
6. Brothers and Spouses: Philip and Rachel Hartwick, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Marcia and Peter Mahoney, none.

Ronald D. Godard, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Nominee: Ronald D. Godard.

Post: Ambassador to Guyana.

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: Ronald D. Godard, none.
2. Spouse: Wesley Ann Godard: \$100, 5/30/98, Dottie Lamm (Senatorial candidate, Colorado).

3. Children and Spouses, none.

4. Parents, none.

5. Grandparents, none.

6. Brothers and Spouses, none.

7. Sisters and Spouses, none.

Michael J. Senko, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kiribati.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Nominee: Senko, Michael James.

Post: Marshall Islands and Kiribati.

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: \$30, 9/5/95, DNC; \$30, 1/6/96, DNC.
2. Spouse: Editha Senko, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Fe (Stepdaughter) and husband Jonathan Dalida, none; Sharon (age 12), none.
4. Parents: Michael and Lucille Senko: \$20, 1995, DNC; \$20, 1996, DNC; \$40, 1997, DNC.
5. Grandparents: Michael and Mary Senko (deceased).
6. Brothers and Spouses: John and Alice Senko, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Sharon and Alan Levin, none.

Howard Franklin Jeter, of South Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Nominee: Howard Franklin Jeter.

Post: Ambassador to Nigeria. Nominated February 22, 2000.

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse: Donice M. Jeter, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Malaika M. Jeter and Jason C. Jeter, none.
4. Parents: James W. Jeter, Jr. and Emma Maddox Jeter (deceased).
5. Grandparents: James W. Jeter, Sr. and Clara E. Jeter (deceased).
6. Brothers and Spouses: James R. Jeter and Jacqueline Jeter, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Jacqueline P. Taylor and Fred D. Taylor, Jr., none.

Lawrence George Rossin, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Croatia.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Nominee: Lawrence George Rossin.

Post: Ambassador to Croatia.

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse: Debra Jane McGowan, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Claire Veronica Rossin and Alec William Donald Rossin, none.

4. Parents: Don and Ruth Rossin, none.

5. Grandparents: (all deceased).

6. Brothers and Spouses, none.

7. Sisters and Spouses: Virginia and John Hargrave, none.

Brian Dean Curran, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Haiti.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Nominee: Brian Dean Curran.

Post: Ambassador to Haiti.

Contributions, Amount, Date and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse, N/A.
3. Children and Spouses, N/A.
4. Parents: Dorothy Curran, none; Timothy Curran (deceased).
5. Grandparents: Wadsworth Harris Williams and Leila Williams (deceased).
6. Brothers and Spouses: M/M David Curran, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: M/M Scott Smith, none.

(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 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.

Foreign Service nominations beginning John F. Aloia and ending Paul G. Churchill, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on 7/26/00.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Guy Edgar Olson and ending Deborah Anne Bolton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on 9/7/00.

Foreign Service nominations beginning James A. Hradsky and ending Michael J. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on 9/7/00.

By Mr. THOMPSON for the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

George A. Omas, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2006. (Re-appointment)

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

John Ramsey Johnson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Gerald Fisher, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary:

Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

#### 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. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 3128. A bill to establish the Dairy Farmer Viability Commission; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 3129. An original bill to provide for international debt forgiveness and the strengthening of anticorruption measures and accountability at international financial institutions; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. KYL, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. FRIST):

S. 3130. A bill to provide for post-conviction DNA testing, to facilitate the exchange by law enforcement agencies of DNA identification information relating to felony offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. ABRAHAM):

S. 3131. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that the Secretary of Health and Human Services provides appropriate guidance to physicians and other health care providers that are attempting to properly submit claims under the medicare program and to ensure that the Secretary targets truly fraudulent activity for enforcement of medicare billing regulations, rather than inadvertent billing errors; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 3132. A bill to expand the boundary of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3133. A bill to provide compensation to producers for underestimation of wheat protein content; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3134. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for certain charitable conservation contributions of land by small farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CLELAND (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 3135. A bill to direct the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to establish a program to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of American war veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3136. A bill for the relief of Edwardo Reyes, Dianelita Reyes, and their children, Susy Damaris Reyes, Danny Daniel Reyes, and Brandon Neil Reyes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. DODD, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BAYH, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MILLER, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. KYL, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. REID, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 3137. A bill to establish a commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison; read the first time.

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 3138. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount and availability of the child tax credit and make the credit refundable; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3139. A bill to ensure that no alien is removed, denied a benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act, or otherwise deprived of liberty, based on evidence that is kept secret from the alien; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 3140. A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over land of the Tennessee Valley Authority within the Daniel Boone National Forest to the Secretary of Agriculture and compensate the Authority for the transfer; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S.J. Res. 54. A joint resolution expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the peace process in Northern Ireland; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 362. A resolution recognizing and honoring Roberto Clemente as a great humanitarian and an athlete of unfathomable skill; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERREY:

S. Res. 363. A resolution commending the late Ernest Burgess, M.D., for his service to the Nation and the international community, and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. Con. Res. 139. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the dedication of the Japanese-American Memorial to Patriotism; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. KYL, Mrs.

HUTCHINSON, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. Con. Res. 140. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding high-level visits by Taiwanese officials to the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. KYL, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. FRIST):

S. 3130. A bill to provide for post-conviction DNA testing, to facilitate the exchange by law enforcement agencies of DNA identification information relating to felony offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTEGRITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ACT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, in the last decade, DNA testing has become the most reliable forensic technique for identifying criminals when biological evidence of the crime is recovered. While DNA testing is standard in pre-trial investigations today, the issue of post-conviction DNA testing has emerged in recent years as the technology for testing has improved. Because biological evidence, such as semen or hair from a rape, is often preserved by authorities years after trial, it is possible to submit preserved biological evidence for DNA testing. In cases that were tried before DNA technology existed, and in which biological evidence was preserved after conviction, post-conviction testing is feasible.

While the exact number is subject to dispute, post-conviction DNA testing has exonerated prisoners who were convicted of crimes committed before DNA technology existed. In some of these cases, the post-conviction DNA testing that exonerated a wrongly convicted person led to the apprehension of the actual criminal. In response to these cases, the Senate Judiciary Committee has examined various state post-conviction DNA statutes, held a hearing on post-conviction DNA testing, and sought the expertise of federal and state prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers.

To ensure that post-conviction DNA testing is available in appropriate cases, I, along with Senators LOTT, NICKLES, MACK, MCCAIN, THURMOND, GRASSLEY, KYL, ABRAHAM, DEWINE, SESSIONS, R. SMITH, G. SMITH, COLLINS, FITZGERALD, HELMS, SANTORUM, HAGEL,