

Mr. LEVIN. 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.

Army nominations beginning George M. Gouzy III and ending Carroll H. Kinsey Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 21, 2001.

Army nominations beginning Jeffrey E. Arnold and ending Timothy L. Sheppard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 21, 2001.

Marine Corps nomination of Henry J. Goodrum.

Navy nominations beginning Richard D. Anderson III and ending James P. Ingram, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 21, 2001.

Navy nomination of Bradley J. Smith.

Army nomination of Gregory A. Antoine.

Navy nominations beginning Richard A. Guerra and ending Jeff B. Jorden, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on October 2, 2001.

Navy nomination of Martin B. Harrison.

Army nomination of Stephen C. Burritt.

Navy nomination of Michael S. Speicher.

Navy nomination of Gary W. Latson.

Navy nomination of Robert S. Sullivan.

Air Force nominations beginning Gino L. Auteri and ending Jesus E. Zarate, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on October 20, 2001.

Air Force nominations beginning Richard E. Aaron and ending *Delia Zorrilla, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on October 10, 2001.

Navy nominations beginning Kevin T. Aanestad and ending John J. Zuhowski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on October 10, 2001.

*Nomination was reported with 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.

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 Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1543. An original bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1544. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to give certain workers who have lost their jobs as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, priority in hiring for aviation-related security posi-

tions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1545. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief and contracting flexibility under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 1546. A bill to provide additional funding to combat bioterrorism; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 1547. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for producing fuel from a nonconventional source; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CARNAHAN:

S. 1548. A bill to allow the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to award a grant to create and maintain a website with information regarding bioterrorism; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BOND, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1549. A bill to provide for increasing the technically trained workforce in the United States; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1550. A bill to provide for rail safety and security assistance; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1551. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to add provisions regarding protecting the United States food supply; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 540

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 540, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow as a deduction in determining adjusted gross income the deduction for expenses in connection with services as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, to allow employers a credit against income tax with respect to employees who participate in the military reserve components, and to allow a comparable credit for participating reserve component self-employed individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve nutrition assistance for working families and the elderly, and for other purposes.

S. 677

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 677, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financing to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on me-

dian family income, and for other purposes.

S. 727

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 727, a bill to provide grants for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training in public schools.

S. 790

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH of Oregon) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 790, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning.

S. 1071

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1071, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require consideration under the congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program of the extent to which a proposed project or program reduces sulfur or atmospheric carbon emissions, to make renewable fuel projects eligible under that program, and for other purposes.

S. 1111

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE), and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1111, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the National Rural Development Partnership, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S. 1163

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1163, a bill to increase the mortgage loan limits under the National Housing Act for multifamily housing mortgage insurance.

S. 1203

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1203, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide housing loan benefits for the purchase of residential cooperative apartment units.

S. 1262

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1262, a bill to make improvements in mathematics and science education, and for other purposes.

S. 1328

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1328, a bill entitled the “Conservation and Reinvestment Act”.

S. 1408

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1408, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to standardize the income threshold for copayment for outpatient medications with the income threshold for inability to defray necessary expense of care, and for other purposes.

S. 1433

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1433, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001.

S. 1434

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1434, a bill to authorize the President to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to the passengers and crew of United Airlines flight 93 in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001.

S. 1447

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1447, a bill to improve aviation security, and for other purposes.

S. 1486

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1486, a bill to ensure that the United States is prepared for an attack using biological or chemical weapons.

S. 1496

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1496, a bill to clarify the accounting treatment for Federal income tax purposes of deposits and similar amounts received by a tour operator for a tour arranged by such operator.

S.J. RES. 24

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 24, a joint resolution honoring Maureen Reagan on the occasion of her death and expressing condolences to her family, including her husband Dennis Revell and her daughter Rita Revell.

S. RES. 171

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.

Res. 171, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the provision of funding for bioterrorism preparedness and response.

S. CON. RES. 74

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 74, a concurrent resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Sikh-Americans in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1544. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to give certain workers who have lost their jobs as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, priority in hiring for aviation-related security positions; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President it's a privilege to introduce this bill to ensure that laid-off aviation industry workers receive first priority when the Federal Government and private security firms under Federal contracts hire new employees. Identical legislation was introduced last week in the House of Representatives by Representative Jane Harman of California, and I commend her for her leadership.

Under our legislation, the Secretary of Transportation will develop regulations giving priority in such hiring for aviation-related security positions to qualified airline workers who were laid-off as a result of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Those attacks have had a devastating impact on large numbers of the men and women who work in aviation and related industries. Immense job losses have taken place. Since September 11, layoffs of more than 140,000 aviation workers have been announced, and nearly 80,000 of those workers are already out of work. Clearly, Congress should do all it can to help the men and women in the industry who have lost their jobs. These workers should get preference for training and new employment opportunities.

Last week, the Senate passed the aviation security bill that federalizes airport security, including 18,000 baggage screeners and 10,000 other security-related positions. The bill that Representative Harman and I am sponsoring gives first priority in hiring for these airport security jobs to the thousands of men and women who were working in the aviation industry and at airports before September 11, and who have been laid off as a result of the terrorist attacks.

The time to help these workers is now. We must help these workers get back to work. One of the most effective ways to do that is by giving preference to those who lost their jobs for these airport security positions. I urge my

colleagues to help these dedicated men and women by supporting this important legislation.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

S. 1544

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

SECTION 1. PRIORITY IN HIRING.

Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue regulations directing that the Department of Transportation, agencies within the Department, and private companies contracted to provide aviation-related security shall give first priority in hiring, for employment related to security at airports and on aircraft operated by air carriers in air transportation and intrastate air transportation, to individuals who—

(1) were employed before September 11, 2001—

(A) in a security-related position at an airport;

(B) by an air carrier;

(C) at a facility at, or immediately adjacent to, an airport;

(D) in providing transportation to or from an airport; or

(E) in other employment directly related to commercial aviation;

(2) have been laid off, terminated, released, or otherwise lost their jobs as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and

(3) are qualified for those positions or for training programs needed to qualify for those positions.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1545. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief and contracting flexibility under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, Today I rise to introduce the Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2001.

I do so at this time because, within the past month, I have received two letters from Medicare Contractors who are withdrawing their services from some Oklahoma counties and other markets across the country. One letter reads, “. . .over-regulation will force health plans to make the difficult decision to withdraw from some markets. . .”. Nearly half a million seniors will lose their Medicare+Choice health coverage this year. This is unacceptable. Over-regulation and reimbursement issues plague many Medicare contractors and providers. If we do not act to alleviate the ills of this system, more and more Americans will suffer the consequence.

This legislation will substantially alter the current system to reduce the regulatory burden on Medicare providers, carriers, fiscal intermediaries and beneficiaries, and it will improve the efficiency and quality of the contracting system by which Medicare operates on a daily basis.

In order to help providers, carriers, and beneficiaries understand and implement Medicare regulations, this legislation consolidates the rule-making