

Republican Women; \$110, 3/30/1999, Republican National Committee; \$110, 12/31/1998, Republican National Committee; \$150, 12/02/1998, Natl. Fed. Of Republican Women; \$250, 9/29/1998, Scott Keadle for Congress; \$106, 8/03/1998, Hayes for Congress; \$100, 2/16/1998, Republican National Committee; \$200, 2/09/1998, Hayes for Congress; \$100, 12/08/1997, Natl. Fed. Of Republican Women; \$100, 12/01/1997, Hayes for Congress; \$200, 11/21/1997, Coble for Congress; \$250, 10/29/1997, Faircloth for Senate; \$100, 9/16/1997, Natl. Fed. Of Republican Women; \$200, 8/14/1997, Helms for Senate; \$100, 2/24/1997, Natl. Fed. Of Republican Women; \$200, 2/18/1997, Helms for Senate; \$100, 2/11/1997, Republican National Committee.

John V. Hanford Sr. (deceased).

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Groome (deceased).

6. Brothers and spouses: Joseph G. Hanford, none.

7. Sisters and spouses: NA.

*Adolfo A. Franco, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

*Arthur E. Dewey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

*Donna Jean Hrinak, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

(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: Dona J. Hrinak.

Post Ambassador: Brasilia.

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.

2. Spouse, none.

3. Children and spouses: Wyatt A. Flores, none.

4. Parents: John Hrinak (deceased); Mary Hrinak, none.

5. Grandparents: John and Anna Hrinak (deceased); Joseph and Julia Pukach (deceased).

6. Brothers and spouses: David J. Hrinak, none.

7. Sisters and spouses: NA.

*Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of New Hampshire, 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 the Philippines and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Palau.

Nominee: Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr. Post: Manilla, The Philippines.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.

2. Spouse, none.

3. Children and spouses: Francesca Mara and Chiara Teresa Ricciardone, none.

4. Parents: Francis J. Ricciardone, none; mother deceased.

5. Grandparents: (deceased).

6. Brothers and spouses: Michael and Elizabeth Ricciardone, none; James and Lisa Ricciardone, none; David and Beverly Ricciardone, none.

7. Sisters and spouses: Maruerite R. and David Stone, none; Theresa R. and Peter Thayer, none.

* Roger P. Winter, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

* Frederick W. Schieck, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD 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.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Shaun Edward Donnelly and ending Charles R. Wills, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on October 16, 2001.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Patrick C. Hughes and ending Mason Yu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 27, 2001.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Kathleen T. Albert FL and ending Sunghwan Yi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 27, 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 and 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. THOMAS (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1808. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to encourage the development of natural gas and oil resources on Federal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 1809. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in west Houston, Texas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1810. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide credits for individuals and businesses for the installations of certain wind energy property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THOMPSON (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1811. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to streamline the financial disclosure process for executive branch employees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 1812. A bill to repeal the provision of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 that requires the reduction of a claimant's compensation by the amount of any collateral source compensation payments the claimant is entitled to receive, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 1813. A bill to require the United States Trade Representative to keep the House of Representatives Committee on Resources and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation informed with respect to negotiations on fish and shellfish; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1814. A bill to name the national cemetery in Saratoga, New York, as the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 267

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 267, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or market nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1067

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1067, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the availability of Archer medical savings accounts.

S. 1209

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1209, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to consolidate and improve the trade adjustment assistance programs, to provide community-based economic development assistance for trade-affected communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1278

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1278, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a United States independent film and television production wage credit.

S. 1478

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1478, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to improve the treatment of certain animals, and for other purposes.

S. 1482

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1482, a bill to consolidate

and revise the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture relating to protection of animal health.

S. 1503

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1503, a bill to extend and amend the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program under subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act, to provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services with new authority to support programs mentoring children of incarcerated parents, to amend the Foster Care Independent Living Program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for educational and training vouchers for youths aging out of foster care, and for other purposes.

S. 1570

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1570, a bill to provide the Secretary of Education with specific waiver authority to respond to conditions in the national emergency declared by the President on September 14, 2001.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief, appeals process reforms, contracting flexibility, and education improvements under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1739

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1739, a bill to authorize grants to improve security on over-the-road buses.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1749, a bill to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1805

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1805, a bill to convert certain temporary judgeships to permanent judgeships, extend a judgeship, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 13

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 13, a joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier, also known as the Marquis de Lafayette.

S. CON. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. Wisconsin and all those who served aboard her.

S. CON. RES. 86

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 86, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that women from all ethnic groups in Afghanistan should participate in the economic and political reconstruction of Afghanistan.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1808. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to encourage the development of natural gas and oil resources on Federal land; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. THOMAS. Madam President, I rise today to introduce the Federal Acreage Chargeability Act of 2001. The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 restricts the interests a company can own in Federal oil and gas leases in any one State to 246,080 acres. This legislation alters the acreage cap for oil and gas leases on federal lands so that producing leases are not included in the existing Statewide acreage limitation. This provides an incentive for producers to keep domestic acreage in production or to turn the leases over to another operator who will.

Historically, the acreage limitation in the Mineral Leasing Act responded to public concern over a few major integrated oil companies locking up potential supplies of crude oil from Federal lands in the West. As originally enacted, the Act forbade any person from owning more than three Federal oil and gas leases in any state and more than one lease in an oil and gas field. In 1926, the restriction was converted from leases into acres and the acreage limit was increased to 7,680 acres in any state. The Congress, on three other occasions, has further expanded the number of acres a lessee may hold to 15,360 acres in 1946, to 46,080 acres per state in 1954, and to its present 246,080 acres in 1960. Under present-day conditions increased acreage and more time are necessary to protect the huge investments now needed to maintain rates of discovery.

Today, companies are able to administratively exempt Federal acreage from the 246,080-acre limit per state either through unitization or by the creation of a development contract. At this time, the BLM only allows development contracts in situations where the acreage is considered wildcat. The BLM has been extremely cooperative in working with companies that find themselves bumping up against or exceeding the acreage cap. However, the time has come to pass legislation that will encourage the sizeable capital investment that will be needed to promote orderly and environmentally responsible exploration, development, and production of natural gas and oil from the public lands of the United States.

In our modern economy, the acreage limitations of the Mineral Leasing Act appear as historical relics, ill suited to their original task of promoting competition. The acreage limitations of the Act are once again inhibiting a company's ability to assemble sufficient blocks of acreage to efficiently explore promising natural gas and oil prospects. Companies are also unable to adequately finance the development of those prospects and related infrastructure such as pipelines. Exacerbating the acreage situation further, is the trend toward mergers and acquisitions taking place in the oil and gas industry.

The Federal Acreage Chargeability Act of 2001 amends the acreage limitation provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 in such a manner that is truly reflective of today's exploration and production techniques and economics. Given the uncertain natural gas and oil supply situation that this country faces, it is even more critical to reform the outdated existing Federal acreage limitation provisions. The Federal Acreage Chargeability Act of 2001 amends the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 by exempting oil and natural gas producing acreage from being counted against the Federal acreage cap.

Acreage limitations for other federal minerals such as coal and trona have also been revised upward over the years. Last Congress, I authored legislation that passed and was signed into law that raised the acreage limits for both Federal coal and trona leases due to industry consolidation and international competition. The domestic natural gas and oil industry is certainly facing these same concerns.

In recognition of the economics and technological advances of exploring for and producing domestic natural gas and oil on our public lands, and the national goal of increasing both domestic production and environmental efficiency, make now the right time to enact the Federal Acreage Chargeability Act of 2001.

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: