

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

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

Viet D. Dinh, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

(The above nominations 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. ENZI:

S. 906. A bill to provide for protection of gun owner privacy and ownership rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CARNAHAN:

S. 907. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the use of ethanol and the adoption of other forms of value-added agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 908. A bill to require Congress and the President to fulfill their Constitutional duty to take personal responsibility for Federal laws; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 909. A bill to improve the administration of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 910. A bill to provide certain safeguards with respect to the domestic steel industry; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 911. A bill to reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 912. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 913. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 914. A bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California, as the "James R. Browning United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Con. Res. 38. A concurrent resolution recognizing the founding of the Alliance for Reform and Democracy in Asia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Con. Res. 39. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the moratorium on new oil and natural gas leasing activity on submerged land of the outer Continental Shelf should be maintained; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. CHAFFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Con. Res. 40. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the designation of the week of May 20, 2001, as "National Emergency Medical Services Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 37

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 37, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

S. 41

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 41, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit and to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit.

S. 152

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 152, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 60-month limit and increase the income limitation on the student loan interest deduction.

S. 207

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was

added as a cosponsor of S. 207, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to introduce new technologies to reduce energy consumption in buildings.

S. 275

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 275, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers, to preserve a step up in basis of certain property acquired from a decedent, and for other purposes.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and title 10, United States Code, to maximize the access of uniformed services voters and recently separated uniformed services voters to the polls, to ensure that each vote cast by such a voter is duly counted, and for other purposes.

S. 394

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to make an urgent supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense for the Defense Health Program.

S. 458

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 458, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable, and for other purposes.

S. 481

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 481, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a 10-percent income tax rate bracket, and for other purposes.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to require the Federal Communications Commission to fulfill the sufficient universal service support requirements for high cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand medicare coverage of certain self-injected biologicals.

S. 565

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator

from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 565, a bill to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes.

S. 580

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 580, a bill to expedite the construction of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, 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.

S. 690

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 690, a bill to amend title XVIII of the

Social Security Act to expand and improve coverage of mental health services under the medicare program.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 724, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of pregnancy-related assistance for targeted low-income pregnant women.

S. 742

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 742, a bill to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for electricity produced from biomass, and for other purposes.

S. 775

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit expansion of medical residency training programs in geriatric medicine and to provide for reimbursement of care coordination and assessment services provided under the medicare program.

S. 778

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 778, a bill to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings.

S. 828

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 828, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for certain energy-efficient property.

S. 829

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACH, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 829, a bill to establish the National Museum of African American History and Culture within the Smithsonian Institution.

S. 830

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 830, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors

that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 838, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children.

S. 839

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment for inpatient hospital services under the medicare program and to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 847, a bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates.

S. 853

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 853, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty by providing a non-refundable dual-earner credit and adjustment to the earned income credit.

S. 862

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 862, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2002 through 2006 to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

S. 877

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 877, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require that a warning label be affixed to arsenic-treated wood sold in the United States.

S. 880

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 880, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide adequate coverage for immunosuppressive drugs furnished to beneficiaries under the medicare program that have received an organ transplant, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Taxpayer

Relief Act of 1997 to provide for consistent treatment of survivor benefits for public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

S. 882

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 882, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that a monthly insurance benefit thereunder shall be paid for the month in which the recipient dies, subject to a reduction of 50 percent if the recipient dies during the first 15 days of such month, and for other purposes.

S. 884

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to improve port-of-entry infrastructure along the Southwest border of the United States, to establish grants to improve port-of-entry facilities, to designate a port-of-entry as a port technology demonstration site, and for other purposes.

S. 885

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for national standardized payment amounts for inpatient hospital services furnished under the medicare program.

S. RES. 57

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as co-sponsors of S. Res. 57, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal investment in programs that provide health care services to uninsured and low-income individuals in medically under-served areas be increased in order to double access to care over the next 5 years.

S. RES. 71

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as co-sponsors of S. Res. 71, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need to preserve six day mail delivery.

S. RES. 88

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 88, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of membership of the United States on the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

S. RES. 90

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 90, a resolution designating June 3, 2001, as “National Child’s Day.”

S. CON. RES. 35

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 35, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

AMENDMENT NO. 649

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 649.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 906. A bill to provide for protection of gun owner privacy and ownership rights, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise to announce the introduction of legislation that would make a technical correction to Chapter 44 of title 18 of the United States Code which would ensure that the rights of law-abiding gun owners are not further eroded by the Federal Government when it performs background checks for the purchase of firearms.

My heart goes out to the families who have suffered harm or death at the hands of persons who have chosen to break State and Federal gun statutes. There is no excuse for violence. When one citizen suffers the effects of violence, all of America should be outraged and should demand the violation be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Unfortunately, many people have lost sight of the reason for these tragedies, and rather than focusing on preventing further gun violence by working to resolve the violent nature of modern society, the debate over gun control has deteriorated into an argument over ways to punish law-abiding citizens for the criminal actions of others. This leaves us far too often confronted with legislation that attempts to make people feel safer without providing any real security.

Because of the extreme seriousness that surrounds incidents of gun violence, and because of the deep grief and horror that accompanies those times when the value of a human life is taken so lightly, I cannot in good faith support any legislation that makes empty promises and then does nothing to protect America’s children.

Events during the past two years clearly show that no number of laws or statutes will protect our children if those laws are not enforced. The key to curbing gun violence is stricter enforcement of existing laws and teach-

ing our children that it is wrong to kill.

No legislative action in the world will keep anyone safe if it is not enforced. By that same token, taking away the rights of law-abiding citizens does nothing to protect America’s children from the illegal ownership or use of a firearm. As in all social problems, the solution to ending gun violence lies in addressing the cause of the disease and not in picking away at its symptoms. Moral and social changes must take place throughout the nation. People must become more involved in their communities. Parents must become more involved in the lives of their children. Our society must reinforce the importance of treating others as you would like to be treated yourself.

The legislation I am introducing today would correct a misguided oversight that has occurred in the enforcement of the background check requirements by first, prohibiting the Federal Government from imposing a tax on federally mandated background checks conducted for the transfer of a firearm; second, it would require law enforcement agencies who conduct background checks to immediately destroy the records of those firearm purchasers who, as a result of the background check, are determined to be a legal purchaser; and finally, it imposes civil penalties for Federal agencies who fail to comply with this requirement.

The United States stands out as the example of democracy and freedom for the rest of the world. We hold this position because of our unwavering dedication to the Constitution, and to a Federal court system that has diligently worked to uphold the individual rights created by that historic document. This legislation makes it possible for law enforcement agencies to prevent conflicts that have arisen between an individual’s right to privacy and an enumerated right to own a firearm. These conflicts have arisen as a result of a bad policy decision that allows Federal agencies to hold onto background check records for up to 90 days for “Internal Audit” reasons. Because of an inability to monitor what agencies do with those records during that time, the immediate record destruction requirement is absolutely necessary to prevent abuses that could place the rights of our citizens in further conflict. Once again, this does not apply to persons whose background checks show they are attempting to illegally purchase a firearm but only applies to law-abiding citizens whose background checks demonstrate that they can legally purchase a firearm.

The underlying background check statute that this legislation amends authorizes federal agencies to conduct background searches for one reason and one reason only, to determine if the applicant can legally purchase a firearm. Once that purpose has been fulfilled there is no further authorization to retain the records of legal and