

In 1994, for his "commitment to free enterprise, limited government, traditional American values and strong National Defense," Albert Johnson received the Medal of Freedom from the National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee thereby joining the ranks of other distinguished recipients of that award, including former President Ronald Reagan, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Retired General Norman Schwarzkopf.

Recently, I have been advised that Mr. Johnson has embarked on a new undertaking that features a joint venture whose mission is to build 20,000 private homes in Kabul, Afghanistan, using imported capital, local Afghanistan labor and materials, and fully funded mortgage loans with no down payment and long-term rates to assist that country in developing their infrastructure. This sounds like a daunting task. Nevertheless, Albert Johnson of Nashville has a track record to suggest he is the right man for the job.

There is very little that Mr. Johnson, an embodiment of American values, has not been able to achieve. To the extent that his ongoing efforts foster stability and peace in strife torn Afghanistan, I wish him well.●

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION'S 125th ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, animals and small children do not have an adequate voice to speak for themselves. They often cannot tell a parent or an owner that they don't like what they are doing or let them know that they are unhappy or in pain. That is why organizations that aid such vulnerable members of our society are so important. For this reason, I rise today to recognize the American Humane Association.

Today marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of that organization. I could not be more proud to report that the American Humane Association, a Colorado organization, has made a solid career of furthering the welfare of children and animals.

The American Humane Association is the only organization in the country that is dedicated to the protection and support of both animals and children. They have organized events such as Be Kind to Pets Week and Tag Day, to educate the public about the need to treat animals humanely and the need to be sure that pets can be easily identified if they are lost, to the Front Porch Project, a program to educate the public on how to protect children in their communities from abuse. American Humane also works to educate the public about the link between violence to people and violence to animals.

For 125 years, the American Humane Association has worked, through programs such as these and others, to assure that the interest and well-being of children and animals are fully, effec-

tively, and humanely guaranteed. I, for one, am grateful to the American Humane Association for the work that they do, and have done, and wish them another 125 years of success.●

REPORT ENTITLED "CONTINUED PRODUCTION OF THE NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES BEYOND APRIL 5, 2003"—PM 115

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 201(3) of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (10 U.S.C. 7422(c)(2)), I am informing you of my decision to extend the period of production of the Naval Petroleum Reserves for a period of 3 years from April 5, 2003, the expiration date of the currently authorized period of production.

Enclosed is a copy of the report investigating the necessity of continued production of the reserves as required by section 201(3)(c)(2)(B) of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976. In light of the findings contained in the report, I certify that continued production from the Naval Petroleum Reserves is in the national interest.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 9, 2002.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3580. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make improvements in the regulation of medical devices, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5422. An act to prevent child abduction, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5542. An act to consolidate all black lung benefit responsibility under a single official, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5557. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services and Foreign Service in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 113. A joint resolution recognizing the contributions of Patsy Takemoto Mink.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment:

S. 2690. An act to reaffirm the reference to one Nation under God in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5427. An act to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, without amendment:

H.R. 2666: A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program. (Rept. No. 107-307).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment:

S. 2483: A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-308).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

*Tony Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 14, 2004.

*Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for the term expiring November 22, 2008.

By Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Mark B. McClellan, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

By Mr. INOUE for the Committee on Indian Affairs.

*Quannah Crossland Stamps, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.

*Philp N. Hogen, of South Dakota, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years.

*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.

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. FRIST (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 3083. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend the Advisory Council on Graduate Medical Education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 3084. A bill to provide for the conduct of a study concerning health services research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 3085. A bill to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3086. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage under the medicare program for diabetes laboratory diagnostic tests and other services to screen for diabetes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 3087. A bill to make adjustments to the method of determining eligibility for impact aid funds for heavily impacted local educational agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 3088. A bill to provide pay protection for members of the Reserve and the National Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. Res. 337. A resolution authorizing the printing with illustrations of a document entitled "Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, 135th Anniversary, 1867-2002"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON:

S. Con. Res. 151. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal Government and the States should make it a priority to ensure a stable, quality direct support workforce that provides services and supports for individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 321

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 321, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors 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. 913

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 1966

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1966, a bill to educate health professionals concerning substance abuse and addiction.

S. 2122

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2122, a bill to provide for an increase in funding for research on uterine fibroids through the National Institutes of Health, and to provide for a program to provide information and education to the public on such fibroids.

S. 2821

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2821, a bill to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, obesity prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 2903

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2903, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. 2922

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2922, a bill to facilitate the deployment of wireless telecommunications networks in order to further the availability of the Emergency Alert System, and for other purposes.

S. 2968

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2968, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program.

S. 3009

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3009, a bill to provide economic security for America's workers.

S. 3018

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 3018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance beneficiary access to quality health care services under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 3032

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 3032, a bill to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts, and for other purposes.

S. 3054

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3054, a bill to provide for full voting representation in Congress for the citizens of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 3070

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3070, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 3081

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3081, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the tax-exempt status of designated terrorist organizations, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 46

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 46, a joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq.

S.J. RES. 49

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 49, a joint resolution recognizing the contributions of Patsy Takemoto Mink.

S. RES. 266

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 266, a resolution designating October 10, 2002, as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day".

S. RES. 307

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 307, a resolution reaffirming support of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and anticipating the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) on November 4, 2003.

S. CON. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) 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.