

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 1746: A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 to strengthen security at sensitive nuclear facilities. (Rept. No. 107-335).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2715: A bill to provide an additional extension of the period of availability of unemployment assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief, an Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. (Rept. No. 107-336).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2969: A bill to provide for improvement of Federal education research, statistics, evaluation, information, and dissemination, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-337).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2730: A bill to modify certain water resources projects for the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers, Georgia, Florida and Alabama. (Rept. No. 107-338).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2332: A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Pursuant to a unanimous consent agreement of January 5, 2001, the Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged of the following nomination:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

John Portman Higgins, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

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. BROWNBACK):

S. Con. Res. 155. A concurrent resolution affirming the importance of a national day of prayer and fasting, and expressing the sense of Congress that November 27, 2002, should be designated as a national day of prayer and fasting; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 29

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 29, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for 100 percent of the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals.

S. 326

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 15 percent reduction in payment rates under the prospective payment system for home health services and to permanently increase payments for such services that are furnished in rural areas.

S. 830

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1248

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1248, a bill to establish a National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable, housing for low-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1291

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1291, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien college-bound students who are long term United States residents.

S. 2008

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2008, a bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 2085

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2085, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the definition of homebound with respect to home health services under the medicare program.

S. 2268

At the request of Mr. MILLER, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2268, a bill to amend the Act establishing the Department of Commerce to protect manufacturers and sellers in the firearms and ammunition industry from restrictions on interstate or foreign commerce.

S. 2489

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana

(Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2489, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

S. 2573

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2573, a bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2714

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2714, a bill to extend and expand the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002.

S. 2826

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2826, a bill to improve the national instant criminal background check system, and for other purposes.

S. 2903

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) 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. 3018

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor 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. 3114

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3114, a bill to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits.

S. 3118

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3118, a bill to strengthen enforcement of provisions of the Animal Welfare Act relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 339

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 339, a resolution designating November 2002, as "National Runaway Prevention Month".

S. CON. RES. 94

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont

(Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 94, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that public awareness and education about the importance of health care coverage is of the utmost priority and that a National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month should be established to promote that awareness and education.

S. CON. RES. 129

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 129, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the establishment of the month of November each year as "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month".

S. CON. RES. 138

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 138, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Health And Human Services should conduct or support research on certain tests to screen for ovarian cancer, and Federal health care programs and group and individual health plans should cover the tests if demonstrated to be effective, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 155—AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING, AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT NOVEMBER 27, 2002, SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING.

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 155

Whereas the President has sought the support of the international community in responding to the threat of terrorism, violent extremist organizations, and states that permit or host organizations that are opposed to democratic ideals;

Whereas a united stance against terrorism and terrorist regimes will likely lead to an increased threat to the armed forces and law enforcement personnel of those states that oppose these regimes of terror and that take an active role in rooting out these enemy forces;

Whereas Congress has aided and supported a united response to acts of terrorism and violence inflicted upon the United States, our allies, and peaceful individuals all over the world;

Whereas President Abraham Lincoln, at the outbreak of the Civil War, proclaimed

that the last Thursday in September 1861 should be designated as a day of humility, prayer, and fasting for all people of the Nation;

Whereas it is appropriate and fitting to seek guidance, direction, and focus from God in times of conflict and in periods of turmoil;

Whereas it is through prayer, self-reflection, and fasting that we can better examine those elements of our lives that can benefit from God's wisdom and love;

Whereas prayer to God and the admission of human limitations and frailties begins the process of becoming both stronger and closer to God;

Whereas becoming closer to God helps provide direction, purpose, and conviction in those daily actions and decisions we must take;

Whereas our Nation, tested by civil war, military conflicts, and world wars, has always benefited from the grace and benevolence bestowed by God; and

Whereas dangers and threats to our Nation persist and in this time of peril, it is appropriate that the people of the United States, leaders and citizens alike, seek guidance, strength, and resolve through prayer and fasting: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) November 27, 2002, should be designated as a day for humility, prayer, and fasting for all people of the United States; and

(2) all people of the United States should—

(A) observe this day as a day of prayer and fasting;

(B) seek guidance from God to achieve greater understanding of our own failings;

(C) learn how we can do better in our everyday activities; and

(D) gain resolve in how to confront those challenges which we must confront.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to staff members of the late Senator PAUL WELLSTONE during today's session.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 5005

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be agreed to, and without further intervening action or debate the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Gramm amendment, No. 4738, to H.R. 5005, the homeland security legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 1052, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097,

1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1103, 1104 through 1112, 1114, 1115, 1117 through 1121, 1123 through 1129; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, the President of the United States be immediately notified of the Senate's action, any statements be printed in the RECORD, and the Senate then resume legislative session, with the preceding all occurring without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Charles S. Abell, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Carol Chine-Hua Lam, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

Glenn T. Suddaby, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York for the term of four years.

Johnny Mack Brown, of South Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

John Francis Clark, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Robert Maynard Grubbs, of Michigan, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Joseph R. Guccione, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Alberto Faustino Trevino, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Carolyn Y. Peoples, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2002.

Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2005.

Deborah Doyle McWhinney, of California, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2004.

NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK

Rafael Cuellar, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

Michael Scott, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

John M. Reich, of Virginia, to be Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

John R. Dawson, of the District of Columbia, 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 Peru.

Gene B. Christy, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of