

Army nominations beginning *Amy M Bajus and ending *Antoinette Wrightmccrae, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2002.

Air Force nominations beginning Wesley J. Ashabanner and ending David L. Walton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2002.

Air Force nomination of Michael Hajatian, Jr.

Air Force nomination of Catherine S. Lutz.

Air Force nomination of Karen L. Wolf.

Air Force nominations beginning Albert G. Baltz and ending Duane Kellogg, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2002.

Air Force nominations beginning James C. Demers and ending Carlos E. Rodriguez, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2002.

Air Force nominations beginning Derrick K. Anderson and ending Joseph R. Wallroth, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 6, 2002.

Air Force nominations beginning Matt Adkins, Jr. and ending Stephen M. Wolfe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 6, 2002.

Army nominations beginning *David E Bentzel and ending *Shannon M Wallace, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 6, 2002.

Army nominations beginning *Abad Ahmed and ending *Larry J Wooldridge, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 6, 2002.

Army nominations beginning Kimberlee A Aiello and ending *Chunlin Zhang, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 6, 2002.

Army nomination of James R. Kish.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Raymond J. Faugeaux and ending Marianne P. Winzeler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 6, 2002.

Navy nominations beginning Jennifer R Flather and ending Stephen J Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 6, 2002.

Air Force nomination of Joseph Wysocki.

Air Force nominations beginning Richard L. Fullerton and ending William P. Walker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 13, 2002.

Air Force nominations beginning William P. Albro and ending Delilah R. Works, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 13, 2002.

Army nominations beginning *Sharon M Aaron and ending Joellen E Windsor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 13, 2002.

*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 Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2035. A bill to provide for the establishment of health plan purchasing alliances; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2036. A bill to authorize the appointment of additional Federal district court judges for the middle and southern districts of Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 2037. A bill to mobilize technology and science experts to respond quickly to the threats posed by terrorist attacks and other emergencies, by providing for the establishment of a national emergency technology guard, a technology reliability advisory board, and a center for evaluating antiterrorism and disaster response technology within the National Institute of Standards and Technology; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2038. A bill to provide for homeland security block grants; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2039. A bill to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago area; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 228. A resolution honoring the memory of the USS *South Dakota* and its World War II crew on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the commissioning of the USS *South Dakota*; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Res. 229. A resolution condemning the involvement of women in suicide bombings; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 121

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 121, a bill to establish an Office of Children's Services within the Department of Justice to coordinate and implement Government actions involving unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 508

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 508, a bill to authorize the President to promote posthumously the late Raymond Ames Spruance to the grade of Fleet Admiral of the United States Navy, and for other purposes.

S. 548

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 548, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide enhanced reimbursement for, and expanded capacity to, mammography services under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a Korea Defense Service Medal to be issued to members of the Armed Forces who participated in operations in Korea after the end of the Korean War.

S. 1022

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1022, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 1211

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1211, a bill to reauthorize and revise the Renewable Energy Production Incentive program, and for other purposes.

S. 1839

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1839, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1922

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1922, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to provide for the merger of the bank and savings association deposit insurance funds, to modernize and improve the safety and fairness of

the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes.

S. 1992

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1992, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve diversification of plan assets for participants in individual account plans, to improve disclosure, account access, and accountability under individual account plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2003

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2003, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 2026

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2026, a bill to authorize the use of Cooperative Threat Reduction funds for projects and activities to address proliferation threats outside the states of the former Soviet Union, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 185

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 185, a resolution recognizing the historical significance of the 100th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States.

S. RES. 219

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 219, a resolution expressing support for the democratically elected Government of Columbia and its efforts to counter threats from United States-designated foreign terrorist organizations.

AMENDMENT NO. 3032

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3032 intended to be proposed to S. 517, a bill to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2036. A bill to authorize the appointment of additional Federal district court judges for the middle and southern districts of Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, an estimated 200,000 new Floridians every year move into the Sunshine State, making Florida one of the fastest growing States in the Nation. As the population increases, so do the number of people seeking justice from the Federal Courts in our State.

Few are more familiar with these demands than the judges and personnel of the United States Courts in Florida's Middle and Southern Districts. The Judicial Conference of the United States has established a benchmark caseload standard of 430 case filings per judgeship. This is a goal that is rarely met in Florida's Middle and Southern Districts.

In fact, the number of case filings per judgeship in the Southern District has remained above 500 since 1995; at the end of last year it stood at 609. In the Middle District the courts' weighted caseload with 547 per judgeship at the end of 2001, 27 percent above the Conference standard.

In light of this considerable burden on Florida's judges and the outlook for continued growth within the State, the United States Judicial Conference has recommended that Congress add one permanent and one temporary judgeship to the Middle District and one permanent judgeship in the Southern District.

It is in accordance with these recommendations that my colleague from Florida and I introduce legislation to establish these needed judgeships. It is my hope that these additional judges will help to alleviate the heavy burden currently placed on Florida's Federal courts.

The administration of justice will continue to be a challenge in Florida's Federal courts unless adequate resources are committed. Perhaps the most egregious example of this lack of resources is in the Fort Myers division of the Middle District, where judge's criminal caseloads stand at an astounding ninety percent above the national average.

As Florida continues to grow, this burden will only increase. The services provided by the Federal judiciary must grow to meet these demands. I urge the Senate to support this legislation, ensure adequate resources for the administration of justice, and uphold the United States Constitution's guarantee of fair and speedy justice.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, Florida's Middle and Southern District Courts desperately need additional judges. These jurisdictions are among the busiest in the Nation and they face an avalanche of new cases

which threaten to further delay the administration of justice for thousands of Floridians. Simply put, Florida's judges are overwhelmed and unable to handle this many cases.

Today, Senator GRAHAM and I are introducing legislation which will create one additional permanent judgeship for the Middle District of Florida and one additional permanent judgeship for the Southern District of Florida. Our legislation also creates a temporary judgeship for the Middle District which will expire following the first vacancy on the court which occurs no sooner than seven years after the confirmation date of the individual named to fill the temporary position.

Our intention is to ensure that Florida's Federal courts have the jurists necessary to exact timely justice. After reviewing current judges' caseloads and consulting with the districts' chief judges, we believe authorizing new judgeships is absolutely essential to ensuring that these jurisdictions are able to meet their statutory and constitutional obligations. Florida's Federal courts need these judges and Senator GRAHAM and I intend to do everything we can to get them.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Judiciary Committee to quickly pass this legislation, so that we can bring relief to Florida's Middle and Southern District Courts.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 2037. A bill to mobilize technology and science experts to respond quickly to the threats posed by terrorist attacks and other emergencies, by providing for the establishment of a national emergency technology guard, a technology reliability advisory board, and a center for evaluating antiterrorism and disaster response technology within the National Institute of Standards and Technology; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, earlier today, along with my friend and colleague, Senator ALLEN of Virginia, I introduced bipartisan legislation that would establish the technology equivalent of the National Guard. It is an effort we have been pursuing in the Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee. I am very pleased to have the Presiding Officer of the Senate on the subcommittee and pleased that he is in the chair as we discuss this legislation tonight.

This is a subject we have been working on since September 11 and the tragedy that struck our country that day.

We are all aware that the public sector, government, military, and law enforcement have begun a very significant mobilization effort to fight terrorism. It is a laudatory effort, one I fully support. This public effort is not going to be successful alone, if we don't take steps to tap the tremendous technology and science talents of America's private sector.