

to the following John Ehret High School students who represent the future leaders of Louisiana and our nation: Crystal Baum, Jeremy Beasley, Keshawn Chopin, Hong Dao, Cara Davis, Heather Deese, Sherryl Escondo, Anita George, True Ho, Courtney Joseph, Maher Judeh, Bridgette Lai, Scott Le, Marquis O'sirio, Matthew Potter, Jason Pryor, Clark Regas, Ray Rivarde, Katie Roberts, Ronald Singleton, Danielle Smith, Torea Torry, Lisa Tran, Stacy Wing, and Byron Young.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S. 1372) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. LAFALCE, and Mr. SANDERS.

From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of section 7 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HORN, and Mr. WAXMAN.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2604. An act to authorize the United States to participate in and contribute to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund and the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and to set forth additional policies of the United States towards the African Development Bank, the African Development Fund, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European

Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment to the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2646) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2604. An act to authorize the United States to participate in and contribute to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund and the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and to set forth additional policies of the United States towards the African Development Bank, the African Development Fund, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 255: A resolution to designate the week beginning May 5, 2002, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week."

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1644: A bill to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 2431: A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that chaplains killed in the line of duty receive public safety officer death benefits.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Julia Smith Gibbons, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Leonard E. Davis, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Andrew S. Hanen, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Samuel H. Mays, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Thomas M. Rose, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Paul G. Cassell, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Steven M. Biskupic, of Wisconsin, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

James E. McMahon, of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Jan Paul Miller, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Walter Robert Bradley, of Kansas, to be United States Marshal for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Randy Paul Ely, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas for the term of four years.

William P. Kruziki, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

Stephen Robert Monier, of New Hampshire, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

Gary Edward Shovlin, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

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

*Elias Adam Zerhouni, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health.

*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. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2440. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical and regional office center in Wichita, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2441. A bill to provide all prisoners with an opportunity to present exculpatory DNA evidence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2442. A bill to ensure that indigent death penalty defendants in State courts receive adequate legal representation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2443. A bill to ensure that death penalty defendants have a true opportunity to have their cases considered by the courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS,

Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2444. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the administration and enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance the security of the United States, and to establish the Office of Children's Services within the Department of Justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2445. A bill to establish a program to promote child literacy by making books

available through early learning, child care, literacy, and nutrition programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2446. A bill to ensure that death penalty defendants have a true opportunity to have their cases considered by the courts, to provide all prisoners with an opportunity to present exculpatory DNA evidence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DAYTON, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2447. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2448. A bill to improve nationwide access to broadband services; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 2449. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow Federal payments to be made to States under the medicaid program for providing pregnancy-related services or services for the testing or treatment for communicable diseases to aliens who are not lawfully admitted for permanent residence or otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color of law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2450. A bill to withdraw Federal land in Finger Lakes National Forest, New York, from entry, location, appropriation, disposal patent, or leasing under certain Federal laws; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 2451. A bill to provide for the liquidation or reliquidation of certain entries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2452. A bill to establish the Department of National Homeland Security and the National Office for Combating Terrorism; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 2453. A bill to provide for the disposition of weapons-usable plutonium at the Savannah River Site, South Carolina; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2454. A bill to eliminate the deadlines for spectrum auctions of spectrum previously allocated to television broadcasting; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 2455. 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; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. CARNAHAN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. Res. 260. A resolution designating May 1, 2002, as "National Child Care Worthy Wage Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. Con. Res. 104. A concurrent resolution recognizing the American Society of Civil Engineers on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its founding and for the many vital contributions of civil engineers to the quality of life of the people of the United States, including the research and development projects that have led to the physical infrastructure of modern America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Con. Res. 105. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Nation should take additional steps to ensure the prevention of teen pregnancy by engaging in measures to educate teenagers as to why they should stop and think about the negative consequences before engaging in premature sexual activity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 913

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors 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. 960

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand coverage of medical nutrition therapy services under the medicare program for beneficiaries with cardiovascular diseases.

S. 1269

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1269, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to revise and simplify the transitional medical assistance (TMA) program.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to support business incubation in academic settings.

S. 1394

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1394, a bill to amend

title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 1408

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1408, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to standardize the income threshold for copayment for outpatient medications with the income threshold for inability to defray necessary expense of care, and for other purposes.

S. 1607

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1607, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of remote monitoring services under the medicare program.

S. 1626

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1626, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 1644

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1644, a bill to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

S. 1986

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1986, a bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to identify a route that passes through the States of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas as a high priority corridor on the National Highway System.

S. 1991

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1991, to establish a national rail passenger transportation system, reauthorize Amtrak, improve security and service on Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 2045

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2045, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to take steps to control the growing international problem of tuberculosis.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND), and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2051, a bill to remove a condition preventing authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation from taking affect, and for other purposes.