

Lands in Alaska" (RIN1018-AH85) received on May 2, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6739. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, covering calendar year 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6740. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification with respect to the CH-47F Improved Cargo Helicopter (ICH), Chemical Demilitarization Program, LPD 17 Amphibious Transport Dock Ship, Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Upgrade, Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS) High, and United States Marine Corps (USMC) H-1 Upgrades major defense acquisition programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6741. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6742. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the amount of Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities in Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6743. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—October 2001" (Rev. Rul. 2001-66) received on May 2, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6744. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice" (Notice 2001-80) received on May 2, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6745. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Deposits for Purposes of Calculating the Failure-to-Deposit Penalty of IRC 6656" (Rev. Proc. 2001-58) received on May 2, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6746. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Returns and Return Information by Other Agencies" ((RIN1545-A577)(TD8698)) received on May 2, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6747. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expansion of Safe Harbor Provisions Under Notice 88-129" (Notice 2001-82) received on May 2, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6748. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payment by Credit Card and Debit Card" (RIN1545-AW37) received on May 2, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6749. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "October-December 2001 Bond Factor Amounts" (Rev. Rul. 2001-53) received on May 2, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6750. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Optional Standard Mileage Rate for Automobiles for 2002" (Rev. Proc. 2001-54) received on May 2, 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6751. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety/Security Zone Regulations; Ports of Houston and Galveston, Texas (COTP Houston-Galveston 02-006)" ((RIN2115-AA97)(2002-0067)) received on May 2, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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 Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2462. A bill to amend section 16131 of title 10, United States Code, to increase rates of educational assistance under the program of educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve to make such rates commensurate with scheduled increases in rates for basic educational assistance under section 3015 of title 38, United States Code, the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 2463. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to restrict bundling of Department of Defense contract requirements that unreasonably disadvantages small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2464. A bill for the relief of Sammie Martine Orr; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2465. A bill to extend and strengthen procedures to maintain fiscal accountability and responsibility; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mrs. CARNAHAN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2466. A bill to modify the contract consolidation requirements in the Small Business Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2467. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to modify the computation of eligibility for certain Federal Pell Grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2468. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1996 to provide for strategic sectoral skills gap assessments, strategic skills gap action plans, and strategic training capacity enhancement seed grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2469. A bill to amend section 171(b)(1)(D) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1996 to provide for training service and delivery innovation grants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CARNAHAN:

S. 2470. A bill to encourage and facilitate the security of nuclear materials and facili-

ties worldwide; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S.J. Res. 36. A joint resolution authorizing special awards to World War I and World War II veterans of the United States Navy Armed Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. THOMPSON):

S. Res. 261. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the nation during Public Service Recognition Week; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. Res. 262. A resolution commending the University of Hawaii Warrior Men's Volleyball Team for winning the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Volleyball National Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. KYL):

S. Con. Res. 106. A concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of H.R. 3525; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Con. Res. 107. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Federal land management agencies should fully support the Western Governors Association "Collaborative 10-year Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment", as signed August 2001, to reduce the overabundance of forest fuels that place national resources at high risk of catastrophic wildfire, and prepare a National prescribed Fire Strategy that minimizes risks of escape; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Con. Res. 108. A concurrent resolution to designate May 4-12, 2002, as "National Tourism Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 550

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 550, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas.

S. 732

At the request of Mr. THOMPSON, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 732, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the depreciation recovery period for certain restaurant buildings, and for other purposes.

S. 830

At the request of Mr. CHAFFEE, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

SMITH) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) 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. 913

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) 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. 999

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors 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. 1162

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1162, a bill to repeal the requirement relating to specific statutory authorization for increases in judicial salaries, to provide for automatic annual increases for judicial salaries, to provide for a 9.6 percent increase in judicial salaries, and for other purposes.

S. 1278

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1278, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a United States independent film and television production wage credit.

S. 1572

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, a bill to endorse the vision of further enlargement of the NATO Alliance articulated by President George W. Bush on June 15, 2001, and by former President William J. Clinton on October 22, 1996, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1572, *supra*.

S. 1655

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1655, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr.

MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief, appeals process reforms, contracting flexibility, and education improvements under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1761

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1761, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of cholesterol and blood lipid screening under the medicare program.

S. 1829

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1829, a bill to provide for transitional employment eligibility for qualified lawful permanent resident alien airport security screeners until their naturalization process is completed, and to expedite that process.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) 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. 1961

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1961, a bill to improve financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States.

S. 1990

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1990, a bill to establish a public education awareness program relating to emergency contraception.

S. 2039

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2039, a bill to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago area.

S. 2051

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor 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.

S. 2055

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2055, a bill to make grants to train sexual assault nurse examiners, law enforcement personnel, and first responders in the handling of sexual assault cases, to establish minimum standards for forensic evidence collection kits, to carry out DNA analyses of

samples from crime scenes, and for other purposes.

S. 2117

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2117, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2189

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2189, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to remedy certain effects of injurious steel imports by protecting benefits of steel industry retirees and encouraging the strengthening of the American steel industry.

S. 2215

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2215, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 2227

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2227, a bill to clarify the effective date of the modification of treatment for retirement annuity purposes of part-time services before April 7, 1986, of certain Department of Veterans Affairs health-care professionals.

S. 2244

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2244, a bill to permit commercial importation of prescription drugs from Canada, and for other purposes.

S. 2268

At the request of Mr. MILLER, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) 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. 2425

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2425, a bill to prohibit United States assistance and commercial arms exports to countries and entities supporting international terrorism.

S. 2428

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor

of S. 2428, a bill to amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act.

S. 2433

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2433, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1590 East Joyce Boulevard in Fayetteville, Arkansas, as the "Clarence B. Craft Post Office Building."

S. 2444

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2452

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 2452, a bill to establish the Department of National Homeland Security and the National Office for Combating Terrorism.

S. 2454

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2454, a bill to eliminate the deadlines for spectrum auctions of spectrum previously allocated to television broadcasting.

S. RES. 244

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 244, a resolution eliminating secret Senate holds.

S. RES. 247

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 247, a resolution expressing solidarity with Israel in its fight against terrorism.

S. CON. RES. 105

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) were added as cosponsors of 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.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2462. A bill to amend section 16131 of title 10, United States Code, to increase rates of educational assistance under the program of educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve to make such rates commensurate with scheduled increases in rates for basic educational assistance under section 3015 of title 38, United States Code, the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I am pleased to be introducing the Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Act of 2002. This legislation will provide our National Guard and Reserve personnel with expanded educational opportunities at a reasonable cost. Endorsed by the 52-member Partnership for Veterans Education, the bill provides assistance and equity that is logical, fair, and worthy of a Nation that values both higher education and those who defend the freedoms that we all enjoy. Under the total force concept of our military services, a large number of Selected Reserve personnel are now on active duty to support the war on terrorism at home and abroad.

The original G.I. bill, known as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, was enacted in 1944. That bill provided a \$500 annual education stipend as well as a \$50 subsistence allowance. As a result of this initiative, 7.8 million World War II veterans were able to take advantage of post-service education and training opportunities, including more than 2.2 million veterans who went on to college. My own father was among those veterans who volunteered for the war, fought bravely, and then returned to college with assistance from the G.I. bill.

Since that time, various incarnations of the G.I. bill have continued to assist millions of veterans in taking advantage of educational opportunities they put on hold in order to serve their country. New laws were enacted to provide educational assistance to those who served in Korea and Vietnam, as well as to those who served during the period in-between. Since the adoption of the total force concept and the change to an all-volunteer service, additional adjustments to these programs were made, leading up to the enactment of the Montgomery G.I. bill in 1985. It is a two-part program, one for active duty personnel and veterans and another for members of the Selected Reserve.

The value of the educational benefit assistance provided by the Montgomery G.I. bill, however, has eroded over time due to inflation and the escalating cost of higher education, making it harder for service members and veterans to achieve their educational goals. Last year, military recruiters indicated to me that the program's benefits no longer were as strong an incentive to join the military; nor did they serve as a retention toll valuable enough to persuade men and women to stay in the military, either on active duty or in the Selected Reserve. Per-

haps most important, the program has been losing its value as an instrument to help our National Guard and Reserve personnel to maximize their productivity and contributions to their families and the communities of which they are a part by furthering their education and training.

In fact, in constant dollars, with one exception, the current G.I. bill up until January of this year provided the lowest level of assistance ever to those who served in the defense of our country. The basic benefit program of the Vietnam Era G.I. bill provided \$493 per month in 1981 to a veteran with a spouse and two children. Twenty years later, a veteran in identical circumstances received only \$43 more, a mere 8 percent increase over a time period when inflation had nearly doubled, and a dollar bought only half of what it once purchased.

During the first session of the 107th Congress, we were successful in addressing some of these problems. Public Law 107-103 greatly improved educational assistance benefits available under the part of the Montgomery GI bill for service members and veterans, Chapter 30. This part of the G.I. bill now provides nine monthly \$800 stipends per year for four years. The total benefit is \$28,800. On October 1, 2002, the monthly amount will increase to \$900, producing a new total benefit of \$32,400 for the four academic years, a considerable improvement that Senator JOHNSON and I worked hard to accomplish.

Now is the time to bring educational assistance program for members of the Selected Reserve, Chapter 1606, in line with Chapter 30. Current full-time assistance for the Selected Reserve is \$272 per month for a total benefit of \$9,792, only 34 percent of the monthly amount currently received under the Chapter 30 program. The bill that we are introducing today would raise the monthly amount of assistance for our Selected Reserve to \$428, for a new total benefit of \$15,408 and be comparable to the increases that have and will occur in the Chapter 30 program. The increase would be effective October 1, 2002.

The legislation that we are proposing would fulfill the promise made to our Nation's service members, help with recruiting and retention of men and women in our military, strengthen the State and national economies, and partially reflect the current costs of higher education. Now is the time to enact these modest improvements to the benefit program of the Montgomery G.I. bill for members of our National Guard and Reserve forces.

I urge all Members of the Senate to join me in support of the Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Act of 2002.

I ask unanimous consent that a letter in support of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows: