

other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4558. An act to extend the Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4870. An act to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4903. An act to ensure the continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establishing the Coin Design Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4940. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5055. An act to authorize the placement in Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial honoring the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5138. An act to posthumously award congressional gold medals to government workers and others who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and perished and to people aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who helped resist the hijackers and caused the plane to crash, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Spirit of America, recognizing the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 5145. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3135 First Avenue North in St. Petersburg, Florida, as the "William C. Cramer Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 352. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Federal land management agencies should fully support the "Collaborative 10-year Strategy for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment" as prepared by the Western Governor's Association, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Interior, and other stakeholders, to reduce the overabundance of forest fuels that place national resources at high risk of catastrophic wildfire, and prepare a national assessment of prescribed burning practices to minimize risks of escape; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H. Con. Res. 385. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the 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; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2002" (Rept. No. 107-217).

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

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.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Steven Robert Blust, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2006.

*Kathie L. Olsen, of Oregon, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

*Richard M. Russell, of Virginia, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

*Frederick D. Gregory, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

*Jonathan Steven Adelstein, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2003.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

*Coast Guard nominations beginning George H. Teuton and ending Blake L. Novak, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 18, 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.)

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. ALLEN:

S. 2772. A bill to ensure continuity for the design of the 5-cent coin, establishing the Coin Design Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2773. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains Aquifer States in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, modeling and monitoring program for the high Plains Aquifer and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2774. A bill to transfer to the Secretary of Homeland Security the functions of the Secretary of Agriculture relative to agricultural import and entry inspection activities; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2775. A bill to amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to provide that annuities paid by States to blind veterans shall be disregarded in determining supplemental security income benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2776. A bill to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. MILLER:

S. Con. Res. 130. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service should exert its best efforts to cause the Major League Baseball Players Association and the owners of the teams of Major League Baseball to enter into a contract to continue to play professional baseball games without engaging in a strike, a lockout, or any coercive conduct that interferes with the playing of scheduled professional baseball games; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a medicare voluntary prescription drug delivery program under the medicare program, to modernize the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend chapter 3 of title 28, United States Code, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into two circuits, and for other purposes.

S. 446

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 446, a bill to preserve the authority of States over water within their boundaries, to delegate to States the authority of Congress to regulate water, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals.

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of items and services provided to medicare beneficiaries residing in rural areas.

S. 1339

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1339, a bill to amend the Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000 to provide an asylum program with regard to American Persian Gulf War POW/MIAs, and for other purposes.

S. 1867

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1867, a bill to establish the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2047

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2047, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow distilled spirits wholesalers a credit against income tax for their cost of carrying Federal excise taxes prior to the sale of the product bearing the tax.

S. 2250

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 to 55.

S. 2394

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2394, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling containing information applicable to pediatric patients.

S. 2480

At the request of Mr. KYL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2480, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2480, *supra*.

S. 2512

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2512, a bill to provide grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 2554

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2554, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a program for Federal flight deck officers, and for other purposes.

S. 2562

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr.

SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2562, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 2574

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2574, a bill to amend the Clear Creek County, Colorado, Public Lands Transfer Act of 1993 to provide additional time for Clear Creek County to dispose of certain lands transferred to the county under the Act.

S. 2608

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2608, a bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize the acquisition of coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from conversion or development.

S. 2615

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2615, a bill to amend title XVII of the Social Security Act to provide for improvements in access to services in rural hospitals and critical access hospitals.

S. 2663

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2663, a bill to permit the designation of Israeli-Turkish qualifying industrial zones.

S. 2674

At the request of Mr. BROWNBAC, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2674, a bill to improve access to health care medically underserved areas.

S. 2729

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2729, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a medicare voluntary prescription drug delivery program under the medicare program, to modernize the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2734

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2734, a bill to provide emergency assistance to non-farm small business concerns that have suffered economic harm from the devastating effects of drought.

S. 2736

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2736, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide medicare beneficiaries with a drug discount card that ensures access to affordable outpatient prescription drugs.

S. 2761

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2761, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that reimbursements for costs of using passenger automobiles for charitable and other organizations are excluded from gross income, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 239

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 239, a resolution recognizing the lack of historical recognition of the gallant exploits of the officers and crew of the S.S. Henry Bacon, a Liberty ship that was sunk February 23, 1945, in the waning days of World War II.

S. RES. 242

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 242, a resolution designating August 16, 2002, as "National Airborne Day".

S. RES. 293

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 293, a resolution designating the week of November 10 through November 16, 2002, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

S. CON. RES. 119

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 119, a concurrent resolution honoring the United States Marines killed in action during World War II while participating in the 1942 raid on Makin Atoll in the Gilbert Islands and expressing the sense of Congress that a site in Arlington National Cemetery, near the Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial at the corner of Memorial and Farragut Drives, should be provided for a suitable monument to the Marine Raiders.

S. CON. RES. 121

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 121, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should be established a National Health Center Week for the week beginning on August 18, 2002, to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers.

AMENDMENT NO. 4304

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4304 intended to be proposed to S. 812, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals.

AMENDMENT NO. 4309

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4309 proposed to S. 812, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals.

AMENDMENT NO. 4310

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4310 proposed to S. 812, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide greater access to affordable pharmaceuticals.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2773. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the High Plains Aquifer States in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, modeling and monitoring program for the High Plains Aquifer and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill that has significance for the entire Great Plains region of our Nation. The High Plains Aquifer, which is comprised in large part by the Ogallala Aquifer, extends under eight states: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming. It is experiencing alarming declines in its water levels. This aquifer is the source of water for farmers and communities throughout the Great Plains region. The legislation I am introducing today is intended to ensure that sound and objective science is available with respect to the hydrology and geology of the High Plains Aquifer.

This bill, the "High Plains Aquifer Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, Modeling and Monitoring Act," would direct the Secretary of the Interior to develop and carry out a comprehensive hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, modeling and monitoring program for the High Plains Aquifer. The Secretary is directed to work in conjunction with the eight High Plains Aquifer States in carrying out this program. The U.S. Geological Survey and the States will work in cooperation to further the goals of this program, with half of the available funds directed to the State component of the program.

I have appreciated the input and assistance of many in the High Plains Aquifer States in putting this legislation together. Last session, I introduced two bills relating to the High Plains Aquifer. One of these bills, S. 1537 would have established a mapping and monitoring program for the High Plains Aquifer. The bill I am introducing today revises and refines that program based on input from several of the State geologists and water management agency officials who would be in-

involved in implementing the program. Their assistance has been invaluable. As we conduct hearings on this legislation, I hope to receive further comment from them on the legislation, and I look forward to continuing to work with them as we proceed with this important legislation.

The second bill that I introduced last session, S. 1538, proposed that the Secretary of Agriculture provide incentive payments through the Farm Program to producers who were willing to conserve water by converting to less water-intensive crops or to dryland farming. In addition, the bill would have provided assistance to producers to make their irrigation systems more water efficient. I am pleased that the recently-enacted Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 establishes a ground and surface water conservation program which incorporates several of the concepts contained in S. 1538. It is to be funded in the amount of \$25 million for fiscal year 2002, \$45 million for fiscal year 2003, and \$60 million for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2007.

The Conference Report for the 2002 Farm Bill makes clear that "highest priority" is to be accorded the High Plains region in the funding and implementation of this program. I expect that the new program will yield substantial benefits to the High Plains region in addressing ground water depletion by providing cost-share payments, incentive payments, and loans to producers to improve irrigation systems, enhance irrigation efficiencies, convert to the production of less water-intensive crops or dryland farming, improve water storage through measures such as water banking and groundwater recharge, mitigate the effects of drought, and institute other measures as determined by the Secretary.

A reliable source of groundwater is essential to the well-being and livelihoods of people in the Great Plains region. Local towns and rural areas are dependent on the use of groundwater for drinking water, ranching, farming, and other commercial uses. Yet many areas overlaying the Ogallala Aquifer have experienced a dramatic depletion of this groundwater resource. The problem we are confronting is that the aquifer is not sustainable, and it is being depleted rapidly. This threatens the way of life of all who live on the High Plains. The bill I am introducing today would help ensure that the relevant science needed to address this problem is available so that we will have a better understanding of the resources of the High Plains Aquifer. I ask that my colleagues join me in supporting this legislation.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill and the section-by-section be printed in the RECORD.

I also ask unanimous consent that a letter from the State Geologist of Kansas, written on behalf of the State geological surveys of the eight High Plains Aquifer States, endorsing the legislation be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 2773

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "High Plains Aquifer Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, Modeling and Monitoring Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Act:

(1) ASSOCIATION.—The term "Association" means the Association of American State Geologists.

(2) DIRECTOR.—The term "Director" means the Director of the United States Geological Survey.

(3) FEDERAL COMPONENT.—The term "Federal component" means the Federal component of the High Plains Aquifer Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, Modeling and Monitoring Program described in section 3(c).

(4) HIGH PLAINS AQUIFER.—The term "High Plains Aquifer" is the groundwater reserve depicted as Figure 1 in the United States Geological Survey Professional Paper 1400-B, title "Geohydrology of the High Plains Aquifer in Parts of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming."

(5) HIGH PLAINS AQUIFER STATES.—The term "High Plains Aquifer States" means the States of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

(6) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(7) STATE COMPONENT.—The term "State component" means the State component of the High Plains Aquifer Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, Modeling and Monitoring Program described in section 3(d).

SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT

(a) PROGRAM.—The Secretary, working through the United States Geological Survey, and in cooperation with the State geological surveys and the water management agencies of the High Plains Aquifer States, shall establish and carry out the High Plains Aquifer Comprehensive Hydrogeologic Characterization, Mapping, Modeling and Monitoring Program, for the purposes of the characterization, mapping, modeling, and monitoring of the High Plains Aquifer. The program shall undertake on a county-by-county level or at the largest scales and most detailed levels determined to be appropriate on a state-by-state and regional basis: (1) mapping of the hydrogeological configuration of the High Plains Aquifer; and (2) with respect to the High Plains Aquifer, analyses of the current and past rates at which groundwater is being withdrawn and recharged, the net rate of decrease or increase in High Plains Aquifer storage, the factors controlling the rate of horizontal and vertical migration of water within the High Plains Aquifer, and the current and past rate of loss of saturated thickness within the High Plains Aquifer. The program shall also develop, as needed, regional data bases and groundwater flow models.

(b) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall make available fifty percent of the funds available pursuant to this Act for use in carrying out the State component of the program, as provided for by subsection (d).

(c) FEDERAL PROGRAM COMPONENT.—

(1) PRIORITIES.—The program shall include a Federal component, developed in consultation with the Federal Review Panel provided for by subsection (e), which shall have as its priorities—