

(10/01/98 through 12/31/01)"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8269. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, a report entitled "Audit of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A for the Period July 1, 1998 through September 30, 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8270. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Financial Markets, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the public debt outstanding would exceed the statutory limit of \$5.95 trillion no later than May 16 and, as a result, a "debt issuance suspension period" would begin no later than May 16 and end on June 28, 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8271. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-438, "Lead-Based Paint Abatement and Control Temporary Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8272. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-439, "Department of Human Services Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration Funding Authorization Temporary Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8273. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-437, "Abandoned and Vacant Properties Community Development Disposition, and Disapproval of Disposition of Certain Scattered Vacant and Abandoned Properties Temporary Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8274. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-431, "Business Improvement Districts Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8275. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-432, "Civil Commitment of Citizens with Mental Retardation Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8276. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-436, "Disability Compensation Program Transfer Temporary Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8277. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-435, "Square 456 Payment in Lieu of Taxes Extension Temporary Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8278. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-434, "Contract No. DCFRA 00-C-030B (Capital Improvements and Renovations to Various Metropolitan Police Department Facilities) Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8279. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-428, "Government Reports Electronic Publication Requirement Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8280. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 14-429, "Free Clinic Assistance Program Extension Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8281. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-430, "Education and Examination Exemption for Respiratory Care Practitioners Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8282. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and the designation of acting officer for the position of Chairman, received on July 18, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8283. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "PBGC Benefit Payments" (RIN1212-AA82) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8284. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities: Community Economic Development Program (CEDP) Projects Funded During Fiscal Year 1997; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8285. A communication from the Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Sector Equal Employment Opportunity" (RIN3046-AA57) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8286. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8287. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Certification of Mammography Facilities" (RIN0910-AB98) received on July 23, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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. 1961: A bill to improve financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States. (Rept. No. 107-228).

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. HARKIN:

S. 2812. A bill to fully enforce guidance on single sum distributions from cash balance plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. INHOFE):
S. 2813. A bill to improve the financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2814. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to clarify the rates applicable to marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments for other oilseeds; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (by request):

S. 2815. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. TORRIGELLI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2816. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve tax equity for military personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BOND, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 2817. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 2818. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure that there is competition in the pharmaceutical industry and increased access to affordable drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 486

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 486, a bill to reduce the risk that innocent persons may be executed, and for other purposes.

S. 674

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 674, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide new tax incentives to make health insurance more affordable for small businesses, and for other purposes.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates.

S. 1226

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1226, a bill to require the display of the POW/MIA flag at the World War II memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 1394

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 1523

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1523, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payment under the Medicare Program for four hemodialysis treatments per week for certain patients, to provide for an increased update in the composite payment rate for dialysis treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1679

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1679, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to accelerate the reduction on the amount of beneficiary copayment liability for medicare outpatient services.

S. 1785

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1785, a bill to urge the President to establish the White House Commission on National Military Appreciation Month, and for other purposes.

S. 2027

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2027, a bill to implement effective measures to stop trade in conflict diamonds, and for other purposes.

S. 2268

At the request of Mr. MILLER, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) 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. 2505

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2505, a bill to promote the national security of the United States through international educational and cultural exchange programs between the United States and the Islamic world, and for other purposes.

S. 2634

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

(Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2634, a bill to establish within the National Park Service the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemorative Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2712

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2712, a bill to authorize economic and democratic development assistance for Afghanistan and to authorize military assistance for Afghanistan and certain other foreign countries.

S. 2762

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 2762, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide involuntary conversion tax relief for producers forced to sell livestock due to weather-related conditions or Federal land management agency policy or action, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 242

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 242, a resolution designating August 16, 2002, as "National Airborne Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 4326

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4326 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. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 2813. A bill to improve the financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I am pleased to be joining my colleagues on the Environment and Public Works Committee to introduce the Water Quality Investment Act of 2002. When I became Chairman of the Committee in 1999, one of my top priorities was a renewed commitment to our Nation's water systems and the Americans served by them. Senator CRAPO, as Chairman of the Fisheries, Wildlife and Water Subcommittee shared my commitment and made this issue a focus of his subcommittee.

Earlier this year, I joined with Chairmen JEFFORDS and GRAHAM, as well as Senator CRAPO, to introduce S. 1961, the Water Investment Act. This was a

strong bipartisan bill that took compromise by all four members to achieve. Unfortunately, the bill that was reported out of Committee was a partisan proposal that added several provisions that will prevent the bill from moving forward. Our majority colleagues insisted on changing the principled funding formula included in S. 1961 for a politically driven one that has no hope of surviving the lengthy legislative process while also compromising the needs of the country's small States. Further, they added Davis Bacon, an onerous labor provision that continues to divide the Senate and only serves to cloud the future of an otherwise strong bill.

While I can no longer support S. 1961, clean water remains one of my top priorities as the Ranking Republican on the EPW Committee. Therefore, I join Senators INHOFE and CRAPO today in introducing a streamlined bill that is free of the controversies that now plague S. 1961.

I am a strong advocate of limited government and when it comes to water infrastructure, I do not believe the primary responsibility of financing local water needs lies with the Federal Government. I am equally adamant, however, that the Federal Government should not place unfunded mandates on our local communities. This bill strikes a responsible balance between meeting Federal obligations and maintaining local responsibility and state flexibility.

So much of our Nation's water infrastructure is aging and in desperate need of replacement. Coupled with the aging problem is the cost burden that local communities face in order to comply with ever increasing State and Federal clean water mandates. This bill addresses these problems and makes structural changes to ensure that we avoid a national crisis now and in the future.

The legislation authorizes \$35 billion over the next 5 years in Federal contribution to the total water infrastructure need to help defray the cost of the mandates placed on communities. This is a substantial increase in Federal commitment, but not nearly as high as some would have preferred.

This commitment does not come without additional responsibilities. When the Clean Water Act was amended by Congress in 1987, a debate I remember well, we set up a revolving fund so more Federal money would not be required. The fund would continually revolve providing a continual pool of money for water needs. Unfortunately, appropriations have not kept pace with the Federal share and the funds have not been able to revolve at levels necessary to meet the increasing need. Further, as more Federal mandates have been imposed on local communities, facilities have exhausted their useful life while local officials have found raising water rates unpalatable. Thus, what was not to be