

and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

*Coast Guard nominations beginning Christine D Balboni and ending Steven E Vanderplas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 17, 2002.

*Coast Guard nomination of David C. Clippinger.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ronald H. Clark, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

Lawrence J. Block, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Antonio Candia Amador, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years.

*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. DODD (for himself and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 2966. A bill to enable the United States to maintain its leadership in aeronautics and aviation by instituting an initiative to develop technologies that will significantly lower noise, emissions, and fuel consumption, to reinvigorate basic and applied research in aeronautics and aviation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2967. A bill to promote the production of affordable low-income housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2968. A bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 2969. A bill to provide for improvement of Federal education research, statistics, evaluation, information, and dissemination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2970. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure fair and adequate payment for high-risk Medicare bene-

ficiaries and to establish payment incentives and to evaluate clinical methods for assuring quality services to people with serious and disabling chronic conditions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2971. A bill to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to provide the Highway Trust Fund additional funding for Indian reservation roads, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 2972. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide for a cooperative research and management program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 2973. A bill to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 2974. A bill to provide that land which is owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Tribe may be mortgaged, leased, or transferred by the Tribe without further approval by the United States; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2975. A bill to authorize the project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, Morganza, Louisiana, to the Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi River and Tributaries; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2976. A bill to provide economic disaster assistance to producers of the 202 crop of rice in the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2977. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to assist in the continued development of the Indianapolis Central Waterfront project in Indianapolis, Indiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2978. A bill to modify the project for flood control, Little Calumet River, Indiana; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 2979. A bill to identify certain routes in the States of Colorado, Nebraska, and South Dakota as part of the Heartland Expressway, a high priority corridor on the National Highway System; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. FRIST, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2980. A bill to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 2981. A bill to exclude certain wire rods from the scope of any anti-dumping or countervailing duty order issued as a result of certain investigations relating to carbon and certain alloy steel rods; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2982. A bill to establish a grant program to enhance the financial and retirement lit-

eracy of mid-life and older Americans and to reduce financial abuse and fraud among such Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON):

S. 2983. A bill to authorize a project for navigation, Chickamauga Lock and Dam, Tennessee; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 328. A resolution designating the week on September 22 through September 28, 2002, as "National Parents Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. Con. Res. 142. A concurrent resolution expressing support for the goals and ideas of a day of tribute to all firefighters who have died in the line of duty and recognizing the important mission of the Fallen Firefighters Foundation in assisting family members to overcome the loss of their fallen heroes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mrs.

CARNAHAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BREAUX, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. MILLER, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. REED, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BOND, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. FRIST, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. BUNNING, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LOTT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Con. Res. 143. A concurrent resolution designating October 6, 2002, through October 12, 2002, as "National 4-H Youth Development Program Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 155

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate an inequity in the applicability of early retirement eligibility requirements to military reserve technicians.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs.

S. 677

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Delaware

(Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 677, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financing to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 917

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 969

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 969, a bill to establish a Tick-Borne Disorders Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

S. 1201

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1201, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for S corporation reform, and for other purposes.

S. 1377

At the request of Mr. SMITH of Oregon, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1377, a bill to require the Attorney General to establish an office in the Department of Justice to monitor acts of inter-national terrorism alleged to have been committed by Palestinian individuals or individuals acting on behalf of Palestinian organizations and to carry out certain other related activities.

S. 1914

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1914, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide a mandatory fuel surcharge for transportation provided by certain motor carriers, and for other purposes.

S. 2039

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

S. 2188

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2188, a bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to amend its flammability standards for children's sleepwear under the Flammable Fabrics Act.

S. 2215

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2215

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2215, *supra*.

S. 2245

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2245, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance competition between and among rail carriers, to provide for expedited alternative dispute resolution of disputes involving rail rates, rail service, or other matters of rail operations through arbitration, and for other purposes.

S. 2462

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 2480

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) 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.

S. 2490

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2490, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the quality of, and access to, skilled nursing facility services under the medicare program.

S. 2562

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2562, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 2583

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2583, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the management

of health care services for veterans to place certain low-income veterans in a higher health-care priority category.

S. 2692

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2692, a bill to provide additional funding for the second round of empowerment zones and enterprise communities.

S. 2734

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 2820

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2820, a bill to increase the priority dollar amount for unsecured claims, and for other purposes.

S. 2860

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2860, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to modify the rules for redistribution and extended availability of fiscal year 2000 and subsequent fiscal year allotments under the State children's health insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 2869

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2869, a bill to facilitate the ability of certain spectrum auction winners to pursue alternative measures required in the public interest to meet the needs of wireless telecommunications consumers.

S. 2892

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2892, a bill to provide economic security for America's workers.

S. 2903

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2903, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a guaranteed adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. 2906

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2906, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a program to make allocations to States for projects to expand 2-lane highways in rural areas to 4-lane highways.

S. 2936

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr.

WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2936, a bill to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percent relating to periods of receiving disability payments, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 94

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 94. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that public awareness and education about the importance of health care coverage is of the utmost priority and that a National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month should be established to promote that awareness and education.

S. CON. RES. 138

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 138. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 4662

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4662 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5005, a bill to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4662

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4662 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5005, *supra*.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2966. A bill to enable the United States to maintain its leadership in aeronautics and aviation by instituting an initiative to develop technologies that will significantly lower noise, emissions, and fuel consumption, to reinvigorate basic and applied research in aeronautics and aviation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. DODD. Madam President, I am pleased to rise today with Senator ALLEN to introduce the Aeronautics Research & Development Revitalization Act of 2002. This legislation is aimed at protecting the economic stability and national security of the United States by establishing a broad-based agenda to reinvigorate America's aeronautics and aviation R&D enter-

prise and maintain America's competitive leadership in aviation. Congressman LARSON and other members of Congress introduced companion legislation in the House several months ago.

The United States has dominated the aircraft industry for years. In 1985, we dominated the aerospace market controlling more than 73 percent of the commercial aircraft industry. Unfortunately, since 1985, the U.S. has fallen behind considerably. Today, we control less than 50 percent of the global market. Over the last decade, funding for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's aeronautics research and development program has fallen by approximately 50 percent.

Last year, the European Commission and aerospace industry executives unveiled a report entitled "European Aeronautics: A Vision for 2020" which outlines ambitious goals of attaining global leadership in aeronautics and creating a world class air transport system for Europe. The U.S. aeronautics industry is being left behind at the gates, and is now in a position where it must catch up in an effort not to lose its economic and technological dominance over the international aeronautics market. Europe has committed to spending more than \$93 billion within the next 20 years in order to implement "A Vision for 2020".

The Aeronautics Research and Development Revitalization Act of 2002 will provide a funding basis for NASA to plan and implement their "Aeronautics Blueprint-Toward a Bold New Era of Aviation". The "Aeronautics Blueprint" confronts the challenges that are faced by the aviation industry and puts forth a vision of what can be achieved by investments in aeronautics research and technology, and stresses the importance of combining the efforts of NASA, DOD, DoT, the FAA, academia, and industry. It does not, however, provide a program plan to actually achieve the vision, nor does it address the huge disparity between current NASA aeronautics funding and what is required to achieve the vision. The bill that Senator ALLEN and I are introducing today provides the necessary program plan needed to achieve the nation's aeronautics vision as found in the "Aeronautics Blueprint," and stresses the importance of having agencies like NASA and FAA work closely together in achieving these goals.

The Aeronautics Research and Development Revitalization Act of 2002 would reverse the trend of declining Federal investments in aeronautics and aviation R&D by doubling the authorization of funding over five years. Funding for NASA would increase to \$900 million in 2005, which is approximately the level it was in 1998, and would increase to \$1.15 billion in 2007. The legislation would also double funding for the FAA to more than \$550 million in 2007.

This bill will have a direct impact on technologies that can be easily incor-

porated into the commercial airline industry. The bill focuses on improving fuel-efficiency for commercial standard airliners, as well as noise reduction, improved emissions, wake turbulence, more stringent safety and security standards, a more efficient air-traffic control system, and supersonic transport. Universities will also be given resources to develop training methods for people who will make use of these technologies. Individual engineering graduate students studying aeronautics will be eligible for scholarships and summer employment opportunities which will be made possible through specific funding in this legislation.

These new technologies will help our Nation militarily, as well. Planes will be able to fly farther than before, communications networks will be improved, making it easier to coordinate military operations, and quieter engines will make planes less detectable to ground forces that do not have the benefit of radar. Even transport missions will be much more efficient.

The events of September 11 not only highlighted the importance of aviation to our entire economy, but they also demonstrated the need to enhance our aviation security system. This bill should, we believe, be part of our government's commitment to investment in the economic growth, security and safety of America's aviation and aeronautics sector.

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2967. A bill to promote the production of affordable low-income housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. BOND. Madam President, I rise today to introduce the Affordable Housing Expansion Act of 2002. I include a summary of the provisions of the legislation with my statement, and I urge all members to review the bill and the summary. Obviously this is a major piece of legislation that will undoubtedly be considered in the next session of Congress as well, but I want to be out in public for discussion this year so we can work on it early next year. This is an important bill that is designed to start to meet the long-term housing needs of very low- and extremely low-income families. This bill is targeted especially to provide affordable housing for extremely low-income families, those at or below 30 percent of medium income.

In particular, the Affordable Housing Expansion Act would establish a new block grant program to be administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development—HUD. HUD would allocate funds to state housing finance agencies for the development of mixed income housing with the Federal funding targeted to the development of the very low-income and extremely low-income housing component of the mixed income housing. Each state housing finance agency would have to submit an affordable housing expansion