

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT
RESOLUTION SIGNED

The Secretary of the Senate, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 2658. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3161. An act to ratify the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to establish a do-not-call registry.

H.J. Res. 69. A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.

On September 26, 2003, during the adjournment of the Senate, the enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 1:24 p.m., a message from the house of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BALLENGER) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3087. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 150. A bill to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act (Rept. No. 108-155).

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. DAYTON (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1670. A bill to expand the Rest and Recuperation Leave program for members of the Armed Forces serving in the Iraqi theater of operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to include travel and transportation to the members' permanent station or home; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MILLER (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1671. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "J.C. Lewis Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1672. A bill to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1673. A bill to authorize the award of the Iraqi Liberation Medal as a campaign medal for members of the Armed Forces who serve in Southwest Asia in connection with Operation Iraqi Freedom; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1674. A bill for the relief of Adam Paluch; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 1675. A bill to provide for the reimbursement of air fare costs incurred by members of the United States Armed Forces for domestic travel while on leave from deployment overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. REED):

S. 1676. A bill to permanently authorize the National Oilheat Research Alliance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1677. A bill to encourage partnerships between community colleges and 4-year institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S.J. Res. 18. A joint resolution commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND
SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 236. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the leadership of the Palestinian people by Yasser Arafat is a hindrance to peace in the Middle East, and that such peace depends on institutions free from the taint of terrorism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 198

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 198, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species.

S. 514

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to ensure the availability of spectrum to amateur radio operators.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, supra.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 736, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 846, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for premiums on mortgage insurance, and for other purposes.

S. 982

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, 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 hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 1167

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1167, a bill to resolve the boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri.

S. 1277

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide standards and procedures to guide both State and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings, to ensure accountability of law enforcement officers, to guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement discipline, accountability, and due process laws.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1298, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure the humane

slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1531, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

S. 1545

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1545, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents.

S. 1548

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1548, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for the production of renewable fuels and to simplify the administration of the Highway Trust Fund fuel excise taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1558

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1558, a bill to restore religious freedoms.

S. 1586

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1586, a bill to authorize appropriate action if the negotiations with the People's Republic of China regarding China's undervalued currency and currency manipulations are not successful.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative and to satisfy Department of Veterans Affairs requirements on natural disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 1622

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S.

1622, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to exempt certain members of the Armed Forces from the requirement to pay subsistence charges while hospitalized.

S. 1630

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral services, and for other purposes.

S. 1637

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1637, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1637

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1637, *supra*.

S. 1668

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1668, a bill to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Federal agencies and programs and to recommend the elimination or realignment of duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 33

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 33, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding scleroderma.

S. RES. 202

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 202, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the genocidal Ukraine Famine of 1932–33.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DAYTON (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1670. A bill to expand the Rest and Recuperation Leave program for members of the Armed Forces serving in the Iraqi theater of operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to include travel and transportation to the members' permanent station or home; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation, S. 1670, which would pay for the travel of U.S. troops stationed in Iraq, or in that theater, to and from their homes for the 2-weeks leave they are being granted.

Incredibly, while asking the Congress for an additional \$87 billion for the war in Iraq, the Department of Defense wants to drop soldiers on leave off at the Baltimore Airport and then make them pay for their transportation home and back. Those service men and women are serving with great courage in 115-degree temperatures and other truly awful conditions. They are being given 2 weeks leave—many of them—because they are in the Reserves or National Guard and they have just had their 5- or 6-month tour extended by another 6 months. This will be the only time that many of them will have a chance to see their families during an entire year.

The least we can do is get them home and back at Government expense. If all 138,000 troops who are stationed in Iraq were to take this leave to travel to their homes, the total cost would be approximately \$69 million. My legislation would not increase the \$87 billion requested by the President, it would just direct that up to \$69 million be available to be expended for this purpose.

Last week, I also cosponsored legislation introduced by Senator BOB GRAHAM, which exempted soldiers wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan from having to pay for meals while they are hospitalized. I was astonished to learn that the military would otherwise dock their pay for the cost of their meals. We are appropriating over \$400 billion for our military operations next year through the regular appropriations and supplemental bills. Surely, that provides enough money that U.S. troops who are fighting, risking their lives, being wounded, and dying can be treated compassionately and fairly, not nicked and dined with travel and meal costs while on leave, or, even worse, while being hospitalized with combat wounds and injuries.

The American people are generous enough to support our troops properly and care for the wounded compassionately. The Department of Defense should not have to be required to do the right thing. It should be obvious enough to them, but if not, they should give me a call and I will let them know.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 1670

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

SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF REST AND RECUPERATION LEAVE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION TO PERMANENT STATION OR HOME.

(a) EXPANSION.—The Secretary of Defense shall expand the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave program to provide travel and transportation allowances to each member of the Armed Forces participating in the program in order to permit such member to travel at the expense of the United