

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 Christina M. Schultz and ending Kurt M. Van Hauter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2003.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Daniel B. Abel and ending Paul E. Wiedenhoft, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2003.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Michael A. Alfultis and ending Kurt A. Sebastian, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2003.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Delano G. Adams and ending Russell H. Zullick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2003.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Dale S. Fischer, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Gary L. Sharpe, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

\*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. CAMPBELL:

S. 1776. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to responsibility for intermodal equipment compliance with commercial motor vehicle safety requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1777. A bill for the relief of Marcela Silva do Nascimento; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 1778. A bill to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 1779. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in the provision of medicare services for Indians; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1780. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to clarify the definition of anabolic steroids and to provide for research and education activities relating to steroids and steroid precursors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 1781. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations for the reimportation of prescription drugs, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. KERRY):

S. 1782. A bill to provide duty-free treatment for certain tuna; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 1783. A bill to provide that transit pass transportation fringe benefits be made available to all qualified Federal employees in the National Capital Region; to allow passenger carriers which are owned or leased by the Government to be used to transport Government employees between their place of employment and mass transit facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KYL, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1784. A bill to eliminate the safe-harbor exception for certain packaged pseudoephedrine products used in the manufacture of methamphetamine; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KYL:

S.J. Res. 20. A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the number of years during which the death tax under subtitle B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is repealed should be extended, pending the permanent repeal of the death tax; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 250. A resolution commending the people and Government of Romania, on the occasion of the visit of Romanian President Ion Iliescu to the United States, for the important progress they have made with respect to economic reform and democratic development, as well as for the strong relationship between Romania and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KOHL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 251. A resolution designating October 27, 2003, as "International Religious Freedom Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. Res. 252. A resolution designating the month of February 2004 as "National Cancer Prevention Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. INOUE):

S. Con. Res. 75. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued to promote public awareness of Down syndrome; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 533

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 533, a bill to provide for a medal of appropriate design to be awarded by the President to the next of kin or other representative of those individuals killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 595, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the required use of certain principal repayments on mortgage subsidy bond financings to redeem bonds, to modify the purchase price limitation under mortgage subsidy bond rules based on median family income, and for other purposes.

S. 664

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 664, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor 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. 756

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the qualified small issue bond provisions.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, 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. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to provide for

the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 1156

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1156, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance the provision of long-term health care for veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1200

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1304

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1304, a bill to improve the health of women through the establishment of Offices of Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1548

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) 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. 1567

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1567, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

S. 1664

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1664, a bill to amend the Fed-

eral Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to provide for the enhanced review of covered pesticide products, to authorize fees for certain pesticide products, and to extend and improve the collection of maintenance fees.

S. 1666

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1666, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish comprehensive State diabetes control and prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1757

At the request of Mr. FRIST, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1757, a bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

S. RES. 239

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 239, a resolution designating November 7, 2003, as "National Native American Veterans Day" to honor the service of Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces and the contribution of Native Americans to the defense of the United States.

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 239, supra.

S. RES. 240

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 240, a resolution designating November 2003 as "National American Indian Heritage Month".

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1776. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to responsibility for intermodal equipment compliance with commercial motor vehicle safety requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Intermodal Equipment Safety and Responsibility Act of 2003. This bill is a companion bill to language originally brought to the floor of the House of Representatives by my good friend from South Carolina, Representative HENRY BROWN.

Every day, literally hundreds of unsafe intermodal chassis carrying containers leave U.S. ports and travel on our public roads and highways, endangering not only the drivers of these vehicles but also the general public which shares the road with them. This bill will go a long way to ensure that only safe, roadworthy chassis are released for use and remove this often deadly threat to highway safety.

This legislation places responsibility for equipment safety and compliance

with Federal and State regulations squarely where it belongs—with those who own or control the equipment. Under current law, the brunt of responsibility for equipment safety and compliance is placed on port drivers. The trucking companies and commercial drivers that service the ports do not own chassis, but are obligated by terminal operators to use the chassis provided to transport intermodal containers to and from the ports. This bill would require equipment controllers to inspect and repair intermodal equipment to meet all safety regulations prior to offering it for interchange, and to certify and document that such inspections have been performed. In addition, it gives the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration the authority to enter a port facility to review the inspection process and assure compliance.

This Act also requires that citations issued for violations related to the defective condition of an intermodal chassis that is not owned by that motor carrier or driver, will not affect the motor carrier's overall safety rating or the motor carrier's driving record.

The objective of this legislation is simple: to ensure that equipment controllers perform regular maintenance on intermodal equipment and give truckers safe and roadworthy equipment in compliance with current USDOT safety regulations. Professional truck drivers are not professional mechanics, nor should they be. Unfortunately, too many equipment controllers do not perform the required systematic inspection and maintenance, and truck drivers are expected to find not only visible defects, but also safety defects that are not visible.

I am joined by the Colorado Motor Carriers Association, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, International Longshoreman's Association, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, the American Trucking Association and the Truckload Carriers Association who all worked together diligently to reach a consensus of support for this legislation.

The traveling American public deserves to be confident that the roads they share with truckers are safe. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and ask unanimous consent that the text of this bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 1776

*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 "Intermodal Equipment Safety and Responsibility Act of 2003".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Promoting safety on United States highways is a national priority. The Secretary of Transportation has promulgated