

Report to accompany S. 1522, a bill to provide new human capital flexibility with respect to the GAO, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-216).

Report to accompany S. 1612, a bill to establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer within the Department of Homeland Security (Rept. No. 108-217).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 156. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions (Rept. No. 108-218).

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1401. A bill to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-219).

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1879. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards (Rept. No. 108-220).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted on November 21, 2003:

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services 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.

Air Force nomination of Mary J. Quinn.

Air Force nominations beginning Christopher C. Erickson and ending Mark A. McClain, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2003.

Army nomination of Lance A. Betros.

Army nominations beginning Thomas B. Sweeney and ending Paul L. Zanglin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 30, 2003.

Army nominations beginning John D. McGowan II and ending Kenneth E. Nettles, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2003.

Army nominations beginning Vernal G. Anderson and ending Donald J. Kerr, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2003.

Army nominations beginning Gaston P. Bathalon and ending Paula J. Rutan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2003.

Army nomination of William B. Carr, Jr.

Army nominations beginning John E. Atwood and ending William E. Zoersch, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2003.

Army nominations beginning Cheryl Kyle and ending Terry C. Washam, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2003.

Army nomination beginning Michael A. Buley and ending Gary M. Zaucha, which nominations were received by the Senate and

appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2003.

Army nomination of Gary R. McMeen.

Marine Corps nomination of Michael S. Nisley.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Leonard Halik III and ending Ernest R. Hines, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 1, 2003.

Marine Corps nomination of David B. Morey.

Navy nomination of Patrick J. Moran.

Navy nomination of Lawrence J. Chick.

Navy nomination of Robert E. Vincent II.

Navy nominations beginning Rodney A. Bolling and ending Jay S. Vignola, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 3, 2003.

By Mr. SHELBY for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Thomas J. Curry, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of six years.

*Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2004.

*Alicia R. Castaneda, of the District of Columbia, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2011.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

*Arnold I. Havens, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

*James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

*Scott J. Bloch, of Kansas, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Alan G. Lance, Sr., of Idaho, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term prescribed by law.

Lawrence B. Hagel, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term prescribed by law.

*Cynthia R. Church, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

*Robert N. McFarland, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

*Gordon H. Mansfield, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

*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.)

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were confirmed:

David C. Mulford, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to India.

James C. Oberwetter, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were confirmed:

Joseph Max Cleland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2007.

April H. Foley, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for the remainder of the term expiring January 20, 2005.

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. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 1980. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require a voter-verified permanent record or hardcopy under title III of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 1981. A bill to amend the Constitution Heritage Act of 1988 to provide for the operation of the National Constitution Center; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr.

HATCH, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1982. A bill to establish within the United States Marshalls Service a short term State witness protection program to provide assistance to State and local district attorneys to protect their witnesses in homicide and major violent crimes cases and to provide Federal grants for such protection; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr.

REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN,

and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1983. A bill to amend title 18 of the United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to enforce the compliance of gun dealers with Federal firearms laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and

Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1984. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1985. A bill for relief of Benjamin Cabrera-Gomez and Lony Patricia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 1986. A bill to amend the help America Vote Act of 2002 to require voter verification and improved security for voting systems under title III of the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1987. A bill to implement the obligations of the United States under the Protocol Additional to the Agreement between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America, known as "the Additional Protocol" signed by the United States on June 12, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 1988. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to establish

minimum requirements for nurse staffing in nursing facilities receiving payments under the Medicare or Medicaid Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 1989. A bill to provide that, for purposes of making determinations for certain trade remedies and trade adjustment assistance, imported semi-finished steel slabs and taconite pellets produced in the United States shall be considered to be articles like or directly competitive with each other; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAYTON:

S. 1990. A bill to authorize the Economic Development Administration to make grants to producers of taconite for implementation of new technologies to increase productivity, to reduce costs, and to improve overall product quality and performance; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY)):

S. 1991. A bill to require the reimbursement of members of the Armed Forces or their family members for the costs of protective body armor purchased by or on behalf of members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1992. A bill to amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to eliminate privatization of the medicare program, to improve the medicare prescription drug benefit, to repeal health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1993. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide a highway safety improvement program that includes incentives to States to enact primary safety belt laws; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1994. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strike the language that prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services from negotiating prices for prescription drugs furnished under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1995. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the MA Regional Plan Stabilization Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1996. A bill to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1997. A bill to reinstate the safeguard measures imposed on imports of certain steel products, as in effect on December 4, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1998. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve the essential air service program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KOHL, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1999. A bill to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as added by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, to provide for negotiation of fair prices for medicare prescription drugs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2000. A bill to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years; considered and passed.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2001. A bill to authorize an additional permanent judgeship for the district of Hawaii, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 2002. A bill to improve and promote compliance with international intellectual property obligations relating to the Republic of Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 2003. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote higher quality health care and better health by strengthening health information, information infrastructure, and the use of health information by providers and patients; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2004. A bill to permanently reenact chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. Res. 279. A resolution recognizing the importance and contributions of sportsmen to American society, supporting the traditions and values of sportsmen, and recognizing the many economic benefits associated with outdoor sporting activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 280. A resolution congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. Res. 281. A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Paul Simon, a former Senator from the State of Illinois; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. Res. 282. A resolution providing the funding to assist in meeting the official expenses of a preliminary meeting relative to the formation of a United States Senate-China interparliamentary group; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. INHOPE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. TALENT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KYL, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. Res. 283. A resolution affirming the need to protect children in the United States from indecent programming; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 344

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and for other purposes.

S. 480

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 480, a bill to provide competitive 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. 491

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 533

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) 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. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) 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. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) 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. 985

At the request of Mr. GREGG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.