

cotton, soybean, corn, and wheat farm which is located in Holmes and Humphreys Counties.

Bryan is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church in Yazoo City and he and his wife, Sara, have three children. He is an enthusiastic outdoorsman and a director of Delta Wildlife, which is a leading advocate for the enhancement of the Mississippi Delta's rich wildlife resources.

It is a great privilege for me to congratulate Bryan Jones for his many contributions to the Delta region of Mississippi and the Nation, and I look forward to working with Bryan and other Delta Council leaders in the future who share our common goal of improving the quality of life for the people of this great part of this Nation.●

COMMEMORATING THE 228TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

● Mr. HAGEL. Madam President, I rise today to wish the United States Army "happy birthday." It was 228 years ago tomorrow, June 14, 1775, that the Continental Army of the United States was formed. The United States Army has had a monumental impact on our country.

Millions of men and women over the past 228 years have served in the senior most branch of our military forces. The Army is woven in the culture of America.

For 228 years, the Army has protected the American values of liberty, freedom and democracy. Many people around the globe enjoy these freedoms because of the U.S. Army.

The principles of "Duty, Honor, Country" are the foundation of the U.S. Army. It is America. Every generation of Americans who have served in the U.S. Army—from the Continental Army to today's fighting men and women—have been shaped by these principles. It has molded lives in ways that are hard to explain, just as the Army has touched our national life and history and made the world more secure, prosperous, and a better place for all mankind.

On this 228th birthday of the U.S. Army, as a proud U.S. Army veteran, I say happy birthday to the Army veterans of our country. We recognize and thank those who have sacrificed and served and those whose examples inspired those of us who have had the opportunity to serve in the U.S. Army.

On this, the 228th birthday of the Army, I say "Happy Birthday" and, in the great rich tradition of the U.S. Army, I proclaim my annual Senate floor . . . "HOOAH"●

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 231. A bill to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information

clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools (Rept. No. 108-70).

S. 504. A bill to establish academics for teachers and students of American history and civics and a national alliance of teachers of American history and civics, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-71).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 1. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the medicare program, and for other purposes.

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. DURBIN:

S. 1259. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the minimum medicare deadlines for filing claims to take into account delay in processing adjustments from secondary payor status to primary payor status; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1260. A bill to promote the development of the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. 1261. A bill to reauthorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1262. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 1263. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income interest received on loans secured by agricultural real property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1264. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 1265. A bill to limit the applicability of the annual updates to the allowance for State and other taxes in the tables used in the Federal Needs Analysis Methodology for the award year 2004-2005, published in the Federal Register on May 30, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. REID, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1266. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height, in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 189

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 189, a bill to authorize appropriations for nanoscience, nanoengineering, and nanotechnology research, and for other purposes.

S. 255

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require phased increases in the fuel efficiency standards applicable to light trucks; to require fuel economy standards for automobiles up to 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; to increase the fuel economy of the Federal fleet of vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) 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. 794

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 794, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 1095

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1095, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve outpatient vision services under part B of the medicare program.

S. 1227

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1227, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of substitute adult day services under the medicare program.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.

INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2004 and 2005.

S. 1255

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1255, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 54

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 54, a concurrent resolution commending Medgar Wiley Evers and his widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams for their lives and accomplishments, designating a Medgar Evers National Week of Remembrance, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 109

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 109, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to polio.

S. RES. 151

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 151, a resolution eliminating secret Senate holds.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FITZGERALD):

S. 1261. A bill to reauthorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today I am joined by the Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee's Consumer Affairs and Product Safety Subcommittee, Senator FITZGERALD, in introducing the Consumer Product Safety Commission Reauthorization Act of 2003. This legislation is designed to reauthorize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, CPSC or Commission, in furtherance of its mission to protect consumers by reducing the risk of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products. This vital consumer protection agency has not been reauthorized since 1990.

This bill would authorize funding for the Commission for fiscal years 2004 through 2007. The bill also would clarify CPSC employee position titles that have evolved informally over time.

The CPSC is essential to ensuring the safety of the approximately 15,000 consumer and household products marketed and sold to American consumers. However, because the agency has not

been reauthorized for more than a decade, the Commission has fallen behind in its ability to upgrade its technology, meet its overhead expenses, and retain needed staff. Funding for the Commission has not kept pace with the cost of regulating the ever-increasing number of products covered by its jurisdiction.

I look forward to working on this important consumer protection legislation and I hope that my colleagues will join us in expeditiously moving this reauthorization through the legislative process. Reauthorizing the CPSC is crucial to the Commission's successful efforts to protect American consumers.

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. 1261

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 "Consumer Product Safety Commission Reauthorization Act of 2003".

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 32(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2081(a)) is amended by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

- "(1) \$60,000,000 for fiscal Year 2004;
- "(2) \$66,800,000 for fiscal year 2005;
- "(3) \$70,100,000 for fiscal year 2006; and
- "(4) \$73,600,000 for fiscal year 2007."

SEC. 3. FTE STAFFING LEVELS.

Section 4(g) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2053(g)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(5) The Commission is authorized to hire and maintain a full time equivalent staff of 471 persons in each of fiscal years 2004 through 2007."

SEC. 4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OFFICERS.

So much of section 4(g) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2053(g)) as precedes paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

"(g) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.—(1)(A) The Chairman, subject to the approval of the Commission, shall appoint as officers of the Commission an Executive Director, a General Counsel, an Associate Executive Director for Engineering Sciences, an Associate Executive Director for Laboratory Sciences, an Associate Executive Director for Epidemiology, an Associate Executive Director for Health Sciences, an Assistant Executive Director for Compliance, an Associate Executive Director for Economic Analysis, an Associate Executive Director for Administration, an Associate Executive Director for Field Operations, an Assistant Executive Director for Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction, an Assistant Executive Director for Information Services, and a Director for Office of Information and Public Affairs. Any other individual appointed to a position designated as an Assistant or Associate Executive Director shall be appointed by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Commission. The Chairman may only appoint an attorney to the position of Assistant Executive Director for Compliance, but this restriction does not apply to the position of Acting Assistant Executive Director for Compliance."

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1262. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to reauthorize the Maritime Administration, MARAD, for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006. The bill was developed in consultation with Administration officials and would provide for needed reforms in a number of maritime programs.

The bill would authorize appropriations for MARAD operations and training, administrative costs associated with the shipbuilding loan guarantee program authorized by Title XI of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, and the disposal of vessels in the National Defense Reserve Fleet that have been identified by the Secretary of Transportation as obsolete.

The bill is designed to reform how MARAD manages the Title XI maritime loan guarantee program. Both the Department of Transportation Inspector General and the General Accounting Office have found that MARAD has failed to provide effective oversight in receiving and approving loan guarantees; has failed to closely monitor the financial condition of borrowers during the term of the loan; and has failed to adequately monitor the condition of projects subject to guarantees. They also found that MARAD was flagrant in its use of authority in granting waivers to its own regulations governing the program without taking steps to better secure the taxpayer against defaults. The bill includes reform provisions to address these findings.

Furthermore, the bill would amend the Merchant Marine Act to give the Secretary of Transportation the authority to convey obsolete National Defense Reserve Fleet vessels to non-profit organizations, a State, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States or any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof or the District of Columbia for their use and to U.S. territories and foreign governments for use as artificial reefs. The bill also would amend the Merchant Marine Act to allow, under certain circumstances, otherwise unqualified U.S.-flag vessels to carry reference cargo reserved for qualified U.S. vessels.

Finally, the bill would amend requirements for enforcement of the commitment agreements for students at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, USMMA, and students at the state maritime academies who receive student incentive payments, SIP; allow MARAD to use funds received from a settlement for legally authorized purposes, including completion of repairs to the Merchant Marine Academy, Fitch Building; provide the Secretary with the authority to also exclude vessels from the carriage of Government