

shores or rocky cliffs overlooking the ocean, California's beaches are diverse and beautiful. People from all over the world come to participate in the myriad activities California's beaches offer. With over a thousand miles of coastline, California is truly a State that thrives on its beaches.

For over 10 years, the City of Pacifica has striven to renovate Pacifica State Beach, which serves as a gateway to Northern California's spectacular coastline. The city has demonstrated a great commitment to protect, enhance and restore the 4 miles of shoreline that define the community. Through the strong leadership of Pacifica Mayor Jim Vreeland and countless other local, State, and Federal representatives, many changes have been made at Pacifica State Beach.

From the restoration of sand dunes and wetlands, to the creation of bike paths, coastal trail paths and a new skate park, to habitat enhancement and new amenities for visitors, the renovation of Pacifica State Beach has been a success. The City of Pacifica has not only understood the importance of protecting and restoring California's fragile coastal areas, its restoration efforts are a model of balancing environmental needs, public access and economic necessities.

The City of Pacifica's dedication to the community is inspiring, and its vision and commitment in protecting California's coastal resources should be commended. I congratulate the City of Pacifica for its hard work, and wish all concerned the best as they dedicate Pacifica State Beach on October 16, 2004.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE F. DIXON III

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. George F. Dixon III for his exceptional service and leadership to our Nation.

Mr. Dixon is nearing the end of his term as chair of the American Public Transportation Association, the association that represents the North American public transportation industry.

During his chairmanship, Mr. Dixon has been dedicated to supporting the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, the development of a 5-year strategic plan for APTA, and the oversight of APTA's Public Transportation Partnership for Tomorrow outreach and education program. Mr. Dixon also represented APTA on a trade mission to Russia.

Mr. Dixon, a Cleveland, OH native, has a distinguished history of public service in Northeast Ohio. For example, over the past 10 years, he has brought great improvements to the public transportation system in Cleveland as the President of the Board of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transportation Authority. Mr. Dixon has also served the Cleveland community

as a member of the Cleveland School Board for 5 years and as a leader in numerous local organizations including the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, Build up Greater Cleveland, Civic Vision, MidTown Cleveland, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Cleveland.

Mr. Dixon is an accomplished leader and someone who, day in and day out, goes above and beyond the call of duty to help people in his community. On behalf of the people of Ohio, I am pleased to commend George F. Dixon, III for his extraordinary efforts to improve the quality of life in Ohio and our Nation, and I congratulate him on a successful term as Chair of the American Public Transportation Association.●

MERLE JOHNSON

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased and honored to salute my constituent Merle Johnson, who served America with bravery and distinction behind enemy lines during World War II.

Merle Johnson joined the National Guard in 1939, at age 16. He was mobilized the following year and was sent to Hawaii 2 weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In October 1942, he was sent to the Solomon Islands with the Army's 25th Infantry Division, which conducted mop-up operations after the Marines' bloody assaults on Guadalcanal and New Georgia Island.

After being wounded in action and recovering on New Caledonia, Merle volunteered to join a unit that would become known to the world as Merrill's Marauders. This elite group of Army Rangers was formed to conduct extremely dangerous top-secret missions behind Japanese enemy lines in Burma.

The Marauders' most famous and important mission was to capture the strategic airfield at Myitkyina, Burma. To accomplish this goal, they had to fight their way for 9 months through more than 600 miles of jungle, surrounded by Japanese troops. By the time they captured the airfield, more than 2,500 of the 3,000 Marauders had been killed, wounded, or struck by illness.

For his valiant service, Merle Johnson was awarded a Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars, three Battle Stars, and a Presidential Unit Citation.

After the war, Mr. Johnson worked on the production line at Rockwell Corporation and as a labor organizer for the steelworkers union. He now lives in Tustin, CA.

Earlier this year, Mr. Johnson represented Merrill's Marauders during the dedication ceremony for the World War II Memorial. This monument now stands as a tribute to Merle Johnson, Merrill's Marauders, and 16 million other brave men and women who served America in World War II.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-9534. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "17 CFR Part 143—Collection of Claims Owed the United States Arising From Activities Under the Commission's Jurisdiction" (RIN3038-AC03) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9535. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "17 CFR Part 143—Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation" (RIN3038-AC13) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9536. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "17 CFR Part 30—Foreign Futures and Foreign Options Transactions" (RIN3038-AB45) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9537. A communication from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Child and Adult Care Food Program: Improving Management and Program Integrity" (RIN0584-AC24) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9538. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Thuringiensis var. aizae strain PS811 (Cry1F Insecticidal Protein); Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7372-6) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9539. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyazofamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7367-4) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9540. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dichloromid; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL#7680-8) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9541. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forchlorfenuron; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7681-5) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9542. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mesotrione; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL#7678-8) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9543. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Octanal; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7678-7) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9544. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium Thiosulfate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL#7677-1) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9545. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9546. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9547. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9548. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9549. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9550. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9551. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to proposed test and evaluation (T&E) budgets that are not certified by the Director of the Defense Test Resource Management Center (TRMC) to be adequate; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9552. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2003 Annual Report of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9553. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retention of Excess Income in the Section 236 Program" (RIN2502-AH68) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9554. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension, Debarment, Limited Denial of Participation" (RIN2501-AC81) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9555. A communication from the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a transaction involving exports to the State of Qatar; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9556. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Mid-Range Procurement Procedures" (RIN2700-AD02) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9557. A communication from the Acting Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in the Insular Possessions Watch and Jewelry Programs" (RIN0625-AA65) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9558. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Directed Fishing for Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9559. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Directed Fishing for Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska (C-sea)" received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9560. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Non-Community Development Quota Pollock with Trawl Gear in the Chinook Salmon Savings Area of the BSAI Management Area" received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9561. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Flathead Sole in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9562. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Fishing for Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9563. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Recreational Fishery; Fishing Year 2004; New York Measures" (RIN0648-AQ82) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9564. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Action #10—Adjustments of the Recreational Fishery from the U.S.-Canada Border to Cape Falcon, Oregon" received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9565. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Action #9—Adjustment of the Commercial Salmon Fishery from Humboldt Mountain, Oregon to the Oregon-California Border" received on September 29,

2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9566. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of Directed Fishing for Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska" received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9567. A communication from the Trial Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties" (RIN2127-AJ32) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9568. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Department of Energy's intention to enter into a five-year contract with Mountain State Energy Technology Applications, Incorporated; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9569. A communication from the Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's report for Fiscal Year 2004 Commercial and Inherently Governmental Activities for the Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9570. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on Implementation of Public Law 106-107"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9571. A communication from the Chairman, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issues the Authority needs to address in order to prepare for a competitive electricity wholesale market in the Tennessee Valley; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9572. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Longmont Revised Carbon Monoxide Plan" (FRL#7822-3) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9573. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; Northern Engraving Environmental Cooperative Agreement" (FRL#7632-2) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9574. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Secondary Aluminum Production" (FRL#7812-8) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9575. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nebraska: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL#7823-8) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9576. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2004-05 Late Season" (RIN1018-AT53) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9577. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Exemption from Tax for Small Property and Casualty Insurance Companies" (Notice 2004-64) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9578. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Reinsurance Arrangements" (Notice 2004-65) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-9579. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Australia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9580. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, a report that the termination of assistance and the application of sanctions to Libya would have a serious adverse effect on vital United States interests; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9581. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Canada; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9582. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more to Germany; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9583. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9584. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the prohibition on military assistance provided for in the Act for the Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9585. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9586. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National

and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of acting officer for the position of Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9587. A communication from the Auditor of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collections to Revised Revenue Estimates Through the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9588. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to grants streamlining and standardization; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-9589. A communication from the Administrator, Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unemployment Insurance Program Letter: SUTA Dumping—Amendments to Federal Law Affecting the Federal-State Unemployment Compensation Program" (UIPL30-04) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9590. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9591. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fiduciary Responsibility Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; Automatic Rollover Safe Harbor" (RIN1210-AA92) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9592. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Names and Addresses; Technical Amendment" (Doc. No. 2004N-0287) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9593. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Names and Addresses; Technical Amendment; Correction" (Doc. No. 2004N-0287) received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9594. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemption from Import/Export Requirements for Personal Medical Use" (RIN1117-AA56) received on September 9, 2004; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9595. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Presidential Inaugural Committee Reporting and Prohibition on Accepting Donations from Foreign Nationals" received on September 29, 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2688. A bill to provide for a report of Federal entities without annually audited financial statements (Rept. No. 108-383).

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2686. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act (Rept. No. 108-384).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

H.R. 867. A bill for the relief of Durrehahwar Durrehahwar, Nida Hasan, Asna Hasan, Anum Hasan, and Iqra Hasan.

S. 115. A bill for the relief of Richi James Lesley.

S. 353. A bill for the relief of Denes and Gyorgyi Fulop.

S. 1042. A bill for the relief of Tchisou Tho.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1635. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to ensure the integrity of the L-1 visa for intracompany transferees.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

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

S. 2012. A bill for the relief of Luay Lufti Hadad.

S. 2044. A bill for the relief of Alemseghed Mussie Tesfamical.

S. 2089. A bill to allow aliens who are eligible for diversity visas to be eligible beyond the fiscal year in which they applied.

S. 2314. A bill for the relief of Nabil Raja Dandan, Ketty Dandan, Souzi Dandan, Raja Nabil Dandan, and Sandra Dandan.

S. 2331. A bill for the relief of Fereshteh Sani.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Susan Bieke Neilson, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Christopher A. Boyko, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 31, 2005.

(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 Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2885. A bill to build capacity at community colleges in order to meet increased demand for community college education while