

\$5,000, 2002, Republican Party of Kentucky; \$5,000, 2001, Republican Party of Kentucky; \$25,000, 2003, RNC Republican National State Elections Committee; \$25,000, 2004, RNC Republican National State Elections Committee; \$20,000, 2002, RNSEC; \$20,000, 2002, RNSEC.

3. Children and Spouses: Chris Bailey, none.

Meredith Hernandez: \$2,000, 2003, Citizens for Bunning; \$2,000, 2004, Bush-Cheney 2004 Inc.; \$13,500, 2004, RNC Republican National State Elections Committee.

Michele Thomas, none.

John Receveur, none.

De Bailey, none.

Rafael Hernandez Sainz, none.

Charles Thomas, none.

4. Parents: Martell Todd, deceased; John Todd, deceased.

5. Grandparents: Geneva Schwarzkopf, deceased; David Schwarzkopf, deceased; Warren Todd, deceased; May Gish Todd, deceased.

6. Sisters and Spouses: Marlene Stout: \$2,000, 2004, Bush-Cheney 2004 Inc.

Pat Todd Petric, none.

Richard Stout: \$2,000, 2004, Bush-Cheney 2004 Inc.

*Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

*Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

*Lloyd O. Pierson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

*Lloyd O. Pierson, an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2009.

Department of State nominations beginning with Ryan C. Crocker and ending with Johnny Young, which nominations were received by the Seante and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2004.

*Nominee has committed to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. CARPER (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2899. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate resources along the coastal region of the State of Delaware and to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing 1 or more units of the National Park System in Delaware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2900. A bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich and Roy Peratrovich in recognition of their outstanding and enduring contributions to civil rights and dignity of the Native peoples of Alaska and the Nation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 2901. A bill for the relief of Rona Ramon, Asaf Ramon, Tal Ramon, Yiftach Ramon, and Noah Ramon; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2902. A bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2903. A bill to provide immunity for non-profit athletic organizations in lawsuits arising from claims of ordinary negligence relating to passage or adoption of rules for athletic competitions and practices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2904. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain land in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2905. A bill to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 2906. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reductions in the medicare part B premium through elimination of certain overpayments to Medicare Advantage organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2907. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the quality and efficiency of health care delivery through improvements in health care information technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2908. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2909. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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:

S. Res. 448. A resolution designating the first day of April 2005 as "National Asbestos Awareness Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. Res. 449. A resolution encouraging the protection of the rights of refugees; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 450. A resolution to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Daniel Bayly, *et. al.*; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MILLER, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. Con. Res. 141. A concurrent resolution recognizing the essential role of nuclear power in the national energy policy of the United States and supporting the increased use of nuclear power and the construction and development of new and improved nuclear power generating plants; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 453

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to authorize the Health Resources and Services Administration and the National Cancer Institute to make grants for model programs to provide to individuals of health disparity populations prevention, early detection, treatment, and appropriate follow-up care services for cancer and chronic diseases, and to make grants regarding patient navigators to assist individuals of health disparity populations in receiving such services.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 845, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs.

S. 989

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 989, a bill to provide death and disability benefits for aerial firefighters who work on a contract basis for a public agency and suffer death or disability in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1134

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. 1134, a bill to reauthorize and improve the programs authorized by the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

S. 1223

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to increase the number of well-trained mental health service professionals (including those based in schools) providing clinical mental health care to children and adolescents, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to ensure that prescription drug benefits offered to medicare eligible enrollees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program are at least equal to the actuarial value of the prescription drug benefits offered to enrollees under the plan generally.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) 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. 1419

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1419, a bill to support the establishment or expansion and operation of programs using a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring for children in foster care.

S. 1428

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1428, a bill to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for damages or injunctive relief for claims of injury resulting from a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition related to weight gain or obesity.

S. 1728

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1728, a bill to amend the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (Public Law 107-42; 49 U.S.C. 40101 note) to provide compensation for the United States Citizens who were victims of the bombings of United States embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998, the attack on the U.S.S. Cole on October 12, 2000, or the attack on the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993, on the same basis as compensation is provided to victims of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001.

S. 1784

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1784, a bill to eliminate the safe-harbor exception for certain packaged pseudoephedrine products used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

S. 2146

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 2146, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint

coins in commemoration of the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to the United States.

S. 2425

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2425, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to allow for improved administration of new shipper administrative reviews.

S. 2439

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2439, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Michael Ellis DeBakey, M.D.

S. 2602

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2602, a bill to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

S. 2623

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2623, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide a 2-year extension of supplemental security income in fiscal years 2005 through 2007 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 2647

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2647, a bill to establish a national ocean policy, to set forth the missions of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to ensure effective interagency coordination, and for other purposes.

S. 2648

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2648, a bill to strengthen programs relating to ocean science and training by providing improved advice and coordination of efforts, greater interagency cooperation, and the strengthening and expansion of related programs administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

S. 2722

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2722, a bill to maintain and expand the steel import licensing and monitoring program.

S. 2764

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2764, a bill to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

S. 2798

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2798, a bill to provide for increased planning and funding for health promotion programs of the Department of Health and Human Services.

S. 2807

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2807, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt containers used primarily in potato farming from the excise tax on heavy trucks and trailers.

S. 2828

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2828, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to define political committee and clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1968 must register as political committees, and for other purposes.

S. 2852

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2852, a bill to provide assistance to Special Olympics to support expansion of Special Olympics and development of education programs and a Healthy Athletes Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2861

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2861, a bill to prevent abuse of the special allowance subsidies under the Federal Family Education Loan Program.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution designating the second week in May each year as "National Visiting Nurse Association Week".

S. RES. 269

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 269, a resolution urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt that opened on November 15, 2003.

S. RES. 430

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr.

FITZGERALD), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 430, a resolution designating November 2004 as "National Runaway Prevention Month".

AMENDMENT NO. 3705

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3705 proposed to S. 2845, a bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3742

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3742 proposed to S. 2845, a bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3821

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3821 proposed to S. 2845, a bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3827

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3827 proposed to S. 2845, a bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3875

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3875 proposed to S. 2845, a bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3913

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3913 proposed to S. 2845, a bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3915

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3915 proposed to S. 2845, a bill to reform the intelligence

community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3916

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3916 proposed to S. 2845, a bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3945

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3945 proposed to S. 2845, a bill to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2899. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate resources along the coastal region of the State of Delaware and to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing 1 or more units of the National Park System in Delaware, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, a few minutes ago, I was recognized and I spoke about the first State. The first State is Delaware. Delaware became the first State December 7th, 1787, when we ratified the Constitution. For 1 week, Delaware was the entire United States of America. We opened things up for the rest of the country, and Pennsylvania came in, New Jersey, and others. For the most part, we are pleased the way it turned out.

It is ironic that the State that helped start this country, the State whose history is part of the fabric of this country's history, has no national park to celebrate our place in the founding of this country and the growth of this country over the last 200-some years.

A couple of years ago, my family and I were planning a vacation. We were trying to decide where to go. We were thinking about going to Alaska. We actually got on the National Park Service Web site to see about the national parks in Alaska. They have terrific national parks. We went up there and had a wonderful visit. Before we did that, we looked at that National Park Service Web site to see what other attractions there are in the other 49 States. There is a unit of the National Park Service in 49 States in this country, but we found nothing for Delaware.

For years gone by and for the immediate future when families like ours are deciding where they are going to go on their summer vacation in 2005 or 2006, they will have the same choices as they

had in 2004 and the years before this, businesses, one of the most enduring businesses, large or small, in the United States.

There are other attractions. The Underground Railroad literally runs the length and breadth of our State. Many slaves found their freedom crossing the Christina River into northern Delaware not far from where the first Swedes landed just down the river.

A second hub would be located in the southern part of New Castle County along the Delaware River. Not far from where the hub would be is Fort Delaware. During the Confederate war, tens of thousands of Confederate soldiers were held prisoner at Fort Delaware, in the middle of the Delaware River. From that hub, Port Penn, along the Delaware River, will emanate to the spokes that lead to attractions, including Fort Delaware.

A third hub is Kent County, DE. Kent County, DE, is home of the Golden Fleece Tavern. On December 7, 1787, a band of several dozen men decided, after studying and debating the Constitution that had been sent out from Philadelphia, from the Constitutional Convention, they decided to ratify at the Golden Fleece Tavern on that cold December morning.

Not far from that is a place called John Dickinson Mansion. That mansion was home of a Delawarean who participated in the Constitutional Convention. At that Constitutional Convention, he worked with folks from Connecticut to develop the compromise that makes it clear that every State gets two Senators today and that all the States have representatives in the House of Representatives right down that hall in coordination with the size of the population of that State. That is just one of the many and those choices will not include a national park in Delaware or a unit of National Park in our State.

Senator BIDEN, a couple of years ago, tried to address this problem. For a while, the idea of creating a national park gave some thought to creating a national park in the Great Cyprus Swamp in the southeast corner. Those familiar with Bethany, Rehoboth, and Lewes may or may not know there is a huge swamp where the last of the bald cyprus in North America are. We thought of designating the Great Cyprus Swamp as a national park. The idea ran into some disfavor in southern Delaware and was abandoned.

I am delighted Senator BIDEN has joined in introducing today our legislation to call on the Department of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to see if what we think is a great idea developed by our park committee in Delaware, led by Dr. Jim Soles over the last year, might find favor with the Department of the Interior, the Congress, and with the President.

The committee has envisioned four wheels, four hubs, starting in the northern part of our State in Wilmington, DE, where the first Swedes