

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2550. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States (Rept. No. 108-386).

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

S. 518. A bill to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy (Rept. No. 108-387).

S. 2526. A bill to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program (Rept. No. 108-388).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2605. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the heads of other Federal agencies to carry out an agreement resolving major issues relating to the adjudication of water rights in the Snake River Basin, Idaho, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-389).

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

S. 423. A bill to promote health care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities (Rept. No. 108-390).

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

S. 2940. An original bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to assist States in preventing, detecting, treating, intervening in, and responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-391).

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

H.R. 2391. To amend title 35, United States Code, to promote cooperative research involving universities, the public sector, and private enterprises.

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

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.

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

S. 2302. A bill to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas.

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

S. 2668. A bill for the relief of Griselda Lopez Negrete.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be Secretary of the Army.

*Richard Greco, Jr., of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Air Force nominations beginning Brig. Gen. David A. Brubaker and ending Colonel Stephen M. Sischo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 23, 2004.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno.

Army nominations beginning Colonel Rodney O. Anderson and ending Colonel James C. Yarbrough, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 23, 2004.

Navy nomination of Capt. Edward T. Reidy III.

Navy nomination of Capt. Gregory A. Timberlake.

Navy nomination of Capt. Edward H. Deets III.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Andrew M. Singer.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning Lauren F. *Aase and ending Susan E. *Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 12, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Julia A. Adams and ending Janet L. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2003.

Army nomination of Graeme J. Boyett.

Navy nominations beginning Blaine E. Mowrey and ending Victoria A. Yoder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 23, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Jerris L. Bennett and ending Jesse J. Zimbauer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 23, 2004.

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

*Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Robert Cramer Balfe III, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

*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. DURBIN:

S. 2910. A bill to establish the Food Safety Administration to protect the public health by preventing food-borne illness, ensuring the safety of food intended for human consumption, improving research on contami-

nants leading to food-borne illness, and improving security of food from intentional contamination; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRAHAM of Florida:

S. 2911. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare competitive acquisition programs for certain items and services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 2912. A bill to award grants for the support of full-service community schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2913. A bill to establish a demonstration project to train unemployed workers for employment as health care professionals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 2914. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BOND):

S. 2915. A bill to reauthorize programs under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) through September 30, 2005; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2916. A bill to combat unlawful commercial sex activities by targeting demand, to protect children from being exploited by such activities, to prohibit the operation of sex tours, to assist State and local governments to enforce laws dealing with commercial sex activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2917. A bill to amend the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 to establish a centennial challenge program and establish a National Aeronautics and Space Foundation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 2918. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that distributions from an individual retirement plan, a section 401(k) plan, or a section 403(b) contract shall not be includible in gross income to the extent used to pay long-term care insurance premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2919. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide funding for Indian tribal prison facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 2920. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the deduction for the travel expenses of a taxpayer's spouse who accompanies the taxpayer on business travel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2921. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2922. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the activities of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood

Institute with respect to research on pulmonary hypertension; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SPENCER, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2923. A bill to reauthorize the grant program of the Department of Justice for reentry of offenders into the community, to establish a task force on Federal programs and activities relating to the reentry of offenders into the community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 2924. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for clinical research support grants, clinical research infrastructure grants, and a demonstration program on partnerships in clinical research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 2925. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the tip credit to certain employers and to promote tax compliance; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2926. A bill to amend the internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers a credit against income tax for expenditures to remediate contaminated sites; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. DODD):

S. 2927. A bill to amend the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1988 to clarify the definition of manipulation with respect to currency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2928. A bill to clarify the status of certain employee benefit plans under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2929. 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 Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2930. A bill to require the establishment of a Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers to compute cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 2931. A bill to enable drivers to choose a more affordable form of auto insurance that also provides for more adequate and timely compensation for accident victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 2932. A bill to establish the Mark O. Hatfield-Elizabeth Furse Scholarship and Excellence in Tribal Governance Foundation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2933. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the clinical trials drug data bank; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2934. A bill to combat methamphetamine abuse in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2935. A bill to amend section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the health coverage tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2936. A bill to restore land to the Enterprise Rancheria to rectify an inequitable taking of the land; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 2937. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program to provide supportive services in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2938. A bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated; read the first time.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 2939. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 2940. An original bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to assist States in preventing, detecting, treating, intervening in, and responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 2941. A bill to authorize the President to negotiate the creation of a North American Investment Fund to promote economic and infrastructure integration among Canada, Mexico, and the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. REID, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2942. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that combat pay be treated as earned income for purposes of the earned income credit; 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. LAUTENBERG:

S. Res. 451. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a postage stamp should be issued honoring Oskar Schindler; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. Res. 452. A resolution designating December 13, 2004, as "National Day of the Horse" and encouraging the people of the

United States to be mindful of the contribution of horses to the economy, history, and character of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 453. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should prepare a comprehensive strategy for advancing and entering into international negotiations on a binding agreement that would swiftly reduce global mercury use and pollution to levels sufficient to protect public health and the environment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 91, a bill to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts.

S. 453

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) 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. 1349

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1349, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the eligibility of veterans for mortgage bond financing, and for other purposes.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) 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. 2038

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2038, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for influenza vaccine awareness campaign, ensure a sufficient influenza vaccine supply, and prepare for an influenza pandemic or epidemic, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage vaccine production capacity, and for other purposes.

S. 2158

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Missouri