

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6390. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of actions taken by the President of the United States under Presidential Determination 2004-08 relating to the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6391. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, four quarterly Selected Acquisition Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6392. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003, along with the classified Annex to the Semiannual Report on intelligence-related or classified and sensitive subjects; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6393. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993 with respect to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6394. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Trade Act of 2002; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6395. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to United States assistance for the interdiction of aircraft engaged in illicit drug trafficking; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6396. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of February 12, 2004, the following reports of committees were submitted on February 18, 2004:

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

S. 741. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal drugs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-226).

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. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 2103. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit the deduction for charitable contributions of patents and similar property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2104. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 West Main Street in Batavia, New York, as the "Barber Conable Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 2105. A bill to improve the Federal shore protection program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2106. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide capital gains treatment for certain self-created musical works; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2107. A bill to authorize an annual appropriations of \$10,000,000 for mental health costs through fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2108. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure that consumers receive information about the nutritional content of restaurant food and vending machine food; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. REED, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 2109. A bill to provide for a 10-year extension of the assault weapons ban; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2110. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Highway Trust Fund provisions through March 31, 2004, and to add the volumetric ethanol excise tax credit (VEETC), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and the Revised Statutes of the United States, to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 469

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 469, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to require ballistics testing of all firearms manufactured and all firearms in custody of Federal agencies.

S. 557

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 595

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Wyoming

(Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor 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. 664

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 664, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) 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. 1010

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities.

S. 1034

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1034, a bill to repeal the sunset date on the assault weapons ban, to ban the importation of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, and for other purposes.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to modify the provisions relating to citations and penalties.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide standards and procedures to guide both State and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings, to ensure accountability of law enforcement officers, to guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement discipline, accountability, and due process laws.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1298, a bill to amend the

Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure the humane slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs.

S. 1374

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1374, a bill to provide health care professionals with immediate relief from increased medical malpractice insurance costs and to deal with the root causes of the current medical malpractice insurance crisis.

S. 1380

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America, and for other purposes.

S. 1392

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1392, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the nutrition of students served under child nutrition programs.

S. 1393

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1393, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to reauthorize and expand the fruit and vegetable pilot program.

S. 1466

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1466, a bill to facilitate the transfer of land in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

S. 1597

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1597, a bill to provide mortgage payment assistance for employees who are separated from employment.

S. 1704

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1704, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a State family support grant program to end the practice of parents giving legal custody of their seriously emotionally disturbed children to State agencies for the pur-

pose of obtaining mental health services for those children.

S. 1726

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1726, a bill to reduce the preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 1840

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1840, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operations of privately-held farm and ranch land to voluntarily make their land available for access by the public under programs administered by States.

S. 1873

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1873, a bill to require employees at a call center who either initiate or receive telephone calls to disclose the physical location of such employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1902, a bill to establish a National Commission on Digestive Diseases.

S. 1916

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1916, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1949

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1949, a bill to establish The Return of Talent Program to allow aliens who

are legally present in the United States to return temporarily to the country of citizenship of the alien if that country is engaged in post-conflict reconstruction, and for other purposes.

S. 2011

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2011, a bill to convert certain temporary Federal district judgeships to permanent judgeships, and for other purposes.

S. 2020

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2020, a bill to prohibit, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, the interference by the government with a woman's right to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes.

S. 2056

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2056, a bill to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language.

S. 2061

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2061, a bill to improve women's health access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services.

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2061, *supra*.

S. 2065

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2065, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 2090

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 2090, a bill to amend the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to provide protections for employees relating to the offshoring of jobs.

S. 2092

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2092, a bill to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

S. 2093

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2093, a bill to maintain full marriage tax penalty relief for 2005.

S. 2096

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2096, a bill to promote a free press and open media through the National Endowment for Democracy and for other purposes.

S. 2099

At the request of Mr. MILLER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2099, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill for members of the Selected Reserve who aggregate more than 2 years of active duty service in any five year period, and for other purposes.

S. 2100

At the request of Mr. MILLER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2100, a bill to amend title 10 United States Code, to increase the amounts of educational assistance for members of the Selected Reserve, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution designating the second week in May each year as "National Visiting Nurse Association Week".

S. CON. RES. 81

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 81, a concurrent resolution expressing the deep concern of Congress regarding the failure of the Islamic Republic of Iran to adhere to its obligations under a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency and the engagement by Iran in activities that appear to be designed to develop nuclear weapons.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 2105. A bill to improve the Federal shore protection program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the Coastal Restoration Act of 2004 for myself and Senator CORZINE. Since 1995, the Federal beach nourishment program has been a regular target of the White House Office of Management and Budget, OMB. Under two separate administrations there have been at least five efforts to radically change or terminate the program.

The 1996, Congress passed the Shore Protection Act as Section 227 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. That legislation was the first statement by Congress since 1946 of its intent that the Nation needed an ongoing Federal beach nourishment program. Unfortunately, that has not stopped OMB from trying to change Federal policies by making budget proposals that would cripple the program.

The Coastal Restoration Act, CRA, restates the congressional intent regarding the importance of the Federal beach nourishment program. The CRA makes it clear that changes in administration policy will not prevent feasibility and other types of studies from being processed through the Corps of Engineers and sent to Congress. The legislation emphasizes the role of Congress in determining which beach nourishment projects should be authorized for construction. It also re-states and strengthens existing law that periodic renourishment is an integral part of the ongoing construction of a beach nourishment project.

This bill states the intent of Congress that preference shall be given to areas 1, where there has been a previous investment of federal funds; 2, where regional sediment management plans have been adopted to integrate coastal beach nourishment, navigation, and environmental projects; 3, where there is a need to prevent or mitigate damage to shores, beaches, and other coastal infrastructure where that damage is caused at least in part by Federal activities; or 4, where the project promotes human health and safety as well as the quality of life for individuals and families. This recognizes that a primary purpose for establishing the Federal beach nourishment program in 1946 was the promotion of public recreation.

My bill will also raise the low priority now accorded by the U.S. Army Corps to the recreational benefits of beach nourishment, giving equal consideration to all national projects. It also establishes the cost share for beach nourishment projects whose primary net benefit is recreational at the same level of Federal cost share participation as it applies to storm damage and environmental restoration beach nourishment projects. Congress retains the prerogative to authorize the project and appropriate funds based on the Corps' report findings.

These changes are needed to protect and restore our beaches as the national treasure they are. According to a recent study, travel and tourism is the world's largest industry, contributing

\$3.5 trillion to the world's economy in 2001. In the United States, nearly 17 million people are employed in the tourism industry.

Beaches are the leading tourist destination in the Nation. Each year about 180 million Americans make 2 billion visits to the ocean, the Gulf, and our inland beaches. That is almost twice as many visits as those made to State and national parks and wilderness areas combined. In its "State of the Beach 2003" report the Surfrider Foundation states that tourist expenditures in 16 of our coastal States topped \$104 billion.

My home State, New Jersey, has 127 miles of shoreline and we are proud of every mile. A significant portion of our tourism industry, which generates \$10 billion a year, is due to our beaches. I know many of my colleagues in the Senate have similar situations in their States.

Our beaches also provide vital habitat for numerous species of plants, and for animals such as claims, snails, and crabs. Every time a wave hits the shore it brings nutrients and oxygen to support the tiny but necessary life forms that live there.

Not to be overlooked are the peace and relaxation that a day, or week, at the beach can provide. The poet Lord Byron put it so exquisitely nearly two hundred years ago when he wrote:

There is a rapture on the lonely shore,
There is a society, where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar:
I love not man the less, but Nature more.

The shore's economic, environmental, and aesthetic benefits are truly limitless. That is why I am introducing the Coastal Restoration Act of 2004. My legislation will revitalize the Federal beach nourishment program by placing beach nourishment projects on a par with other Army Corps projects, and assigning recreational benefits the same priority as storm damage protection and environmental restoration, correcting the inequities in our current practices.

Since the 1980s, when medical waste, sewage, and garbage began washing up on the Jersey shore I have been working hard to protect and nurture our beaches. I wrote the Ocean Dumping Act of 1988, which ended ocean dumping of sewage sludge and industry waste. And I have led the fight to ban oil and gas drilling off the Jersey shore. We have made a lot of progress since the 1980s, but our work is far from over.

I ask unanimous consent the text of my bill be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2105

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 "Coastal Restoration Act of 2004".