

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1385. An act to extend the provision of title 39, United States Code, under which the United States Postal Service is authorized to issue a special postage stamp to benefit breast cancer research.

H.R. 3493. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments made by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 610. An act to amend the provision of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, and the order of the House of December 8, 2003, the Speaker reappoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Ms. June Teufel Dreyer of Coral Gables, Florida, for a term to expire December 31, 2005.

## MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1385. An act to extend the provision of title 39, United States Code, under which the United States Postal Service is authorized to issue a special postage stamp to benefit breast cancer research; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3493. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments made by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nominations beginning Brigadier General Roger P. Lempke and ending Colonel James P. Toscano, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 20, 2003.

Air Force nomination of Col. James E. Hearon.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Baptiste.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam.

Navy nomination of Capt. Ann D. Gilbride.

Navy nominations beginning Capt. Jon W. Byless, Jr. and ending Capt. William H.

Payne, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on February 27, 2003.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Fenton F. Priest III.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Paul E. Sullivan.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning Paul V. Bennett and ending Victoria G. Zamarripa, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on March 26, 2003.

Air Force nominations beginning Nelson \* Arroyo and ending Paul D. \* Sutter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 4, 2003.

Air Force nominations beginning James J. \* Baldock IV and ending Brian K. \* Wyrick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 4, 2003.

Air Force nominations beginning Kimberly L. \* Arnao and ending James M. Winner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 4, 2003.

Air Force nominations beginning David H. \* Adams, Jr. and ending James A. \* Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 4, 2003.

Air Force nominations beginning Laurie A. Abney and ending Deedra L. \* Zabokrtsky, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 4, 2003.

Air Force nominations beginning John T. Aalborg, Jr. and ending William A. Zutt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 4, 2003.

Army nominations beginning Stephen G. Beardsley III and ending Patrick O. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 17, 2003.

Army nominations beginning John R. Angelloz, Jr. and ending Michael C. McDaniel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 20, 2003.

Army nomination of James R. Ward.

Army nomination of Michael K. Vaughan.

Army nominations beginning David S. Feigin and ending John E. Hartmann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 25, 2003.

Army nominations beginning Joseph L. Craver and ending William Hann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 25, 2003.

Army nomination of Carol Ann Mitchell.

Army nominations beginning Carol A. Bossone and ending Curtis M. Klages, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 25, 2003.

Army nominations beginning Daniel G. Rendeiro and ending Diane K. Patterson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 25, 2003.

Army nominations beginning Michael T. Endres and ending James A. Chervoni, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 25, 2003.

Navy nominations beginning Tab E Austin and ending Sabrina M Stedman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 20, 2003.

Navy nominations beginning Albert A. Alarcon and ending Jeffrey W. Winters, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 21, 2003.

Navy nominations beginning Craig L. Abraham and ending Sarah L. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 25, 2003.

(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 Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 2034. To establish 3 memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina

(for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SMITH, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REID, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KERRY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 2035. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service; to expand certain authorities to provide health care benefits for Reserves and their families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 2036. A bill for the relief of Jose Buendia Balderas, Alicia Aranda De Buendia, and Ana Laura Buendia Aranda; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2037. A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction of a parcel of real property comprising a portion of the Defense Supply Center in Columbus, Ohio, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DURBIN):

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; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2039. A bill to waive time limitations specified by law in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded posthumously to Rex T. Barber of Terrebonne, Oregon, for acts of

valor during World War II in attacking and shooting down the enemy aircraft transporting Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 293. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President and United States Trade Representative should ensure that any future free trade agreements do not harm the dairy industry of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. DODD, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 294. A resolution designating January 2004 as "National Mentoring Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. Con. Res. 87. A concurrent resolution welcoming the Prime Minister of Turkey to the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 68

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence.

S. 1092

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1092, a bill to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America's veterans.

S. 1108

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1108, a bill to establish within the National Park Service the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemorative Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1143, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection.

S. 1189

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1189, a bill to ensure an appropriate balance between resources and accountability under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1345

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1345, a bill to extend the authorization for the ferry boat discretionary program, and for other purposes.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1431, a bill to reauthorize the assault weapons ban, and for other purposes.

S. 1484

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1484, a bill to require a report on Federal Government use of commercial and other databases for national security, intelligence, and law enforcement purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 1588

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1588, a bill to authorize the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to develop multidisciplinary research centers regarding women's health and disease prevention and conduct and coordinate a research program on hormone disruption, and for other purposes.

S. 1700

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1700, a bill to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local

crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes.

S. 1813

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1813, a bill to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and for other purposes.

S. 2006

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2006, a bill to extend and expand the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2034. To establish 3 memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, today in honor of the memory and sacrifice of seven astronauts whose lives were tragically cut short one year ago in the destruction of the Space Shuttle Columbia, I bring to the floor a bill to authorize the construction of several memorials in communities that were severely effected by the event.

This bill authorizes \$5 million to be used in communities along the Space Shuttle Columbia Recovery Corridor: specifically, Lufkin, Hemphill, and Nacogdoches, TX. Each of these communities have started work with NASA to memorialize the disaster and the indomitable spirit of adventure and courage, the spirit that defies complacency and accepts challenge, the spirit that each of these astronauts, and each of these communities showed.

This spirit of adventure turned space travel from dreams to a reality. It is this spirit of challenge which fueled the courage and ambition of seven men and women into the sky on January 6, 2003. It is also this same spirit that drives these communities to permanently commemorate the high price we sometimes pay for reaching new horizons.

Hemphill, TX, where the nose cone of the Shuttle was found, is also where the remains of the crew were recovered. The VFW post in Hemphill fed thousands of volunteers for weeks without so much as a complaint or a dime. The men and women of Hemphill did not take their task lightly, but rather with a solemn grace and dignity.