

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4200. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, for other purposes.

H.R. 4359. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the child tax credit.

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

S. 2092. An act to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4279. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, and to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees.

S. 2451. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to restore the application date for country of origin labeling.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4200. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker, were signed on today, May 21, 2004, by the acting President pro tempore (Mr. CHAFEE).

H.R. 408. An act to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

H.R. 708. An act to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 856. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1598. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 2273. A bill to provide increased rail transportation security (Rept. No. 108-278).

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. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. REED):

S. 2473. A bill to require payment of appropriated funds that are illegally disbursed for political purposes by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2474. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans during the period that a military reservist or national guardsman is called to active duty for an extended period, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2475. A bill to require enhanced disclosure to consumers regarding the consequences of making only minimum required payments in the repayment of credit card debt; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2476. A bill to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to repeal the sunsets; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2477. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand college access and increase college persistence, to simplify the process of applying for student assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2478. A bill for the relief of Mohamad Derani, Maha Felo Derani, and Tarek Derani; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2479. A bill to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for Federal employees to make elections to make, modify, and terminate contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund at any time, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2480. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to research and prevent drug impaired driving; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Con. Res. 112. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

S. Con. Res. 113. A concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of early diagnosis, proper treatment, and enhanced public awareness of Tourette Syndrome and supporting the goals and ideals of National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 13

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 13, a bill to provide financial security to family farm and small business owners by ending the unfair practice of taxing someone at death.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. BREAU, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to promote elder justice, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 989

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) 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. 1142

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1142, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 1381

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1381, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to the treatment of forestry activities.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1411, a bill to establish a

National Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the development of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families, and for other purposes.

S. 1491

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1491, *supra*.

S. 1703

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1703, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax for expenditures for the maintenance of railroad tracks of Class II and Class III railroads.

S. 1762

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1762, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period in the disability insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 2104

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of 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".

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2154, a bill to establish a National sex offender registration database, and for other purposes.

S. 2260

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2260, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fairness in the calculation of medicare disproportionate share hospital payments for hospitals in Puerto Rico.

S. 2265

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2265, a bill to require group and individual health plans to provide coverage for colorectal cancer screenings.

S. 2336

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2336, a bill to expand access to preventive health care services and education programs that help reduce unintended pregnancy, reduce infection with sexually transmitted disease, and reduce the number of abortions.

S. 2353

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2353, a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

S. 2363

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2363, a bill to revise and extend the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

S. 2373

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 2413

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2413, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the automatic enrollment of medicaid beneficiaries for prescription drug benefits under part D of such title, and for other purposes.

S. 2426

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2426, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 2451

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2451, a bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to restore the application date for country of origin labeling.

S. 2463

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2463, a bill to terminate the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 2471

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2471, a bill to regulate the transmission of personally identifiable information to foreign affiliates and subcontractors.

S. CON. RES. 74

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 74, a concur-

rent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that a postage stamp should be issued as a testimonial to the Nation's tireless commitment to reuniting America's missing children with their families, and to honor the memories of those children who were victims of abduction and murder.

AMENDMENT NO. 3171

At the request of Mr. WARNER, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3171 proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3234

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3234 intended to be proposed to S. 2400, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. REED):

S. 2473. A bill to require payment of appropriated funds that are illegally disbursed for political purposes by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. president, yesterday, the Comptroller General of the United States ruled that the Bush administration illegally spent taxpayer dollars for political propaganda in violation of two laws.

To make matters worse, these funds were taken from the Medicare Trust Fund.

In other words, money reserved for our seniors' healthcare was illegally used for political activity. It is outrageous.

The President has raised plenty of money for his campaign. Over 200 million dollars. Why does he need to use Medicare funds?

With taxpayer money, the Bush administration produced so-called "video news released"—fake news stories that hailed the new Medicare law—and distributed them to TV stations across the country.

This covert propaganda was never identified as being produced by the administration. As a result many news stations ran this story as real news and