

continuing the practice of rounding down COLA to the nearest whole dollar which, when done for many years in succession, will have a compounding effect in substantially eroding the value of the already modest rates of compensation; and

(5) Continuing to place restrictions on receiving both military retirement and veterans affairs disability benefits for certain veterans; and

Whereas, this lack of support for those individuals who sacrificed so much for the freedoms the citizens of the United States all enjoy today is shameful and should be looked at as a disgrace by all citizens: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2004, the House of Representatives concurring.* That this body expresses its utmost disappointment in the lack of support the current administration has shown toward veterans of our armed forces; and be it further

*Resolved.* That Congress is urged to increase funding for the continuation and expansion of veterans benefits and services; and be it further

*Resolved.* That certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.

POM-515. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to the realignment of veterans' services; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 682

Whereas, there are ten VA medical centers and 29 community-based outpatient clinics located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, nationwide the VA patient load has risen approximately 21% since 2001 to more than 6 million; and

Whereas, The Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission is considering the closure or partial reduction of services at VA medical centers in Altoona, Butler, Erie and Pittsburgh; and

Whereas, many veterans service organizations oppose these proposed closures or reductions in service and consequent adverse effects on the quality and efficiency of health care for veterans throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: Therefore be it

*Resolved.* That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strongly urge the Department of Veterans Affairs to further evaluate the negative effects of the proposed realignment of veterans services and to consider alternative measures for the provision and enhancement of quality health care for veterans in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and be it further

*Resolved.* That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, to the Department of Veterans Affairs, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 3340. A bill to redesignate the facilities of the United States Postal Service lo-

cated at 7715 and 7748 S. Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "James E. Worsham Post Office" and the "James E. Worsham Carrier Annex Building", respectively, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4012. To amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to reauthorize for five additional years the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act.

H.R. 4222. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 550 Nebraska Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Newell George Post Office Building".

H.R. 4327. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7450 Natural Bridge Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Vitalis 'Veto' Reid Post Office Building".

H.R. 4427. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the "Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office".

S. 2501. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73 South Euclid Avenue in Montauk, New York, as the "Perry B. Duryea, Jr. Post Office".

S. 2640. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, as the "Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building" and to authorize the installation of a plaque at such site, and for other purposes.

S. 2673. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1001 Williams Street, Ignacio, Colorado, as the "Leonard C. Burch Post Office Building".

S. 2682. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 222 West 8th Street, Durango, Colorado, as the "Ben Nighthorse Campbell Post Office Building".

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Marine Corps nomination of Brig. Gen. Cornell A. Wilson, Jr.

Army nomination of Colonel Yves J. Fontaine.

Army nomination of Brigadier General Don T. Riley.

Army nomination of Col. Jerry M. Rivera.

Navy nominations beginning Rear Adm. (lh) Richard J. Mauldin and ending Rear Adm. (lh) Anthony L. Winns, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2003.

Navy nomination of Capt. Timothy J. McGee.

Army nominations beginning Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Hunt and ending Col. Jose M. Vallejo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 20, 2003.

Navy nomination of Gerald R. Manley.

Air Force nomination of Col. Douglas M. Pierce.

Air Force nominations beginning Lorena A. \*Bailey and ending Jason P. \*Zimmerer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 12, 2004.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Col. Robert D. Papak and ending Col. Eugene G. Payne, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 29, 2004.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Col. Randolph D. Alles and ending Col. Martin Post, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 6, 2004.

Air Force nominations beginning Randall M. Ashmore and ending James O. Wooten, which were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 10, 2004.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Steven L. Enewold.

Navy nominations beginning Rear Adm. (lh) Stanely D. Bozin and ending Rear Adm. (lh) Patrick M. Walsh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 13, 2004.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. James F. Amos.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. John B. Nathman.

Army nominations beginning Stephan A. \*Alkins and ending Clorinda K. Zawacki, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 16, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Douglas R. Dixon and ending Thorpe C. Whitehead, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 16, 2004.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Bantz J. Craddock.

Army nominations beginning Nancy H. Fielding and ending Tammy L. Miracle, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 17, 2004.

Army nominations beginning Brian R. Copes and ending Dennis P. Simons, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 17, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Brian S. Adams and ending John M. Zuzich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 24, 2004.

Valerie Lynn Baldwin, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. James L. Campbell.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. John M. Brown III.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Robert F. Willard.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Albert T. Church III.

Air Force nomination of Norman L. Williams.

Air Force nomination of Thomas R. Bird.

Air Force nominations beginning Rex A. Hinesley and ending Jeri K. Somers, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Air Force nominations beginning Peter W. Bickel and ending William D. Taylor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Air Force nominations beginning Donald A. Ahern and ending Michael A. Wobbema, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Myles E. Brooks, Jr. and ending James E. Watts, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Billy M. Appleton and ending Mil A. Yi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Carla M. Albritton and ending Edward L. Zawislak, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Michael T. Acromite and ending Craig M. Zelig, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Timothy A. Ackerman and ending Terry D. Webb, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Steven E. Allen and ending Sharon M. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning Kristen N. Atterbury and ending Mary A. Yonk, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning David A. Berger and ending Erin E. Stone, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Navy nominations beginning John J. Adametz and ending Barney S. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 8, 2004.

Army nomination of Col. Glenn K. Rieth.

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*David M. Stone, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

\*Benjamin H. Wu, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy.

\*Brett T. Palmer, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

\*Albert A. Frink, Jr., of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

\*Scott Kevin Walker, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

\*Enrique J. Sosa, of Florida, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Rear Adm. (lh) Dale G. Gabel and ending Rear Adm. (lh) Stephen W. Rochon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on June 16, 2004.

\*Captain Samuel P. DeBow, Jr., NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-8), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, NOAA Corps and Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 3028(d)(1).

\*Captain Richard R. Behn, NOAA for appointment to the grade of Rear Admiral (O-7), while serving in a position of importance and responsibility as Director, Marine and Aviation Operations Centers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, under the provisions of Title 33, United States Code, Section 3028(d)(1).

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 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.

Coast Guard nomination of Craig S. Toomey.

Coast Guard nomination of Laurie J. Mosier.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations beginning John C. Clary III and ending Andrew P. Seaman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 18, 2004.

\*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.)

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and the nomination was confirmed:

John Ripin Miller, of Washington, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

#### 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. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 2716. A bill to provide for the acquisition of land for administrative and visitor facilities for Death Valley National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2717. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt nonprofit small public water systems from certain drinking water standards relating to naturally occurring contaminants; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 2718. A bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 2719. A bill to provide the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2720. A bill to provide assistance for the crisis in Sudan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2721. A bill to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 2722. A bill to maintain and expand the steel import licensing and monitoring program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2723. A bill to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 2724. A bill to amend section 33(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657c(a)) to clarify that the National Veterans Business Development Corporation is a private entity; considered and passed.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 2725. A bill to amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to eliminate the coverage gap, to eliminate HMO subsidies, to repeal health savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2726. A bill to amend title 49 of the United States Code to provide flight attendant security training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 2727. A bill to amend part A of title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding international and foreign language studies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2728. A bill to create a penalty for automobile insurance fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2729. A bill to encourage students to pursue graduate education and to assist students in affording graduate education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2730. A bill to amend title V, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act to promote cessation of tobacco use under the medicare program, the medicaid program, and the maternal and child health services block grant program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2731. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain interstate conduct relating to exotic animals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2732. A bill to provide grants for use by rural local educational agencies in purchasing new school buses; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 2733. A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by establishing a National Enterprise Zone system to promote prosperity in economically depressed areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2734. A bill to implement the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of the Interior regarding Indian Tribal detention facilities; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MILLER (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2735. A bill to require a study and report regarding the designation of a new interstate route from Augusta, Georgia to Natchez,