

S. 2483. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2004, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (Rept. No. 108-351).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2486. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance education, housing, employment, medical, and other benefits for veterans and to improve and extend certain authorities relating to the administration or benefits for veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-352).

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to an order of the Senate:

Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

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

Stuart W. Holliday, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Patrick J. Leahy, of Vermont, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

John E. Sununu, of New Hampshire, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Foreign Service nomination beginning with Jacqueline Bell and ending with Jim Zix.

The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to an order of the Senate:

Neil McPhie, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2009.

#### 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. SCHUMER:

S. 2813. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19504 Linden Boulevard in St. Albans, New York, as the "Archie Spigner Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 2814. A bill to impose a 1-year cooling off period before a senior Federal financial institutions examiner may be employed by the fi-

nancial institution examined by that person; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2815. A bill to give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student's asthma or anaphylaxis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2816. A bill to provide for adjustment of immigration status for certain aliens granted temporary protected status in the United States because of conditions in Montserrat; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. REID):

S. Con. Res. 138. A concurrent resolution commending John W. Kluge for his dedication and commitment to the United States on the occasion of his 90th birthday; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 157

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 157, a bill to help protect the public against the threat of chemical attacks.

S. 333

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

S. 453

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) 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. 493

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes.

S. 540

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 540, a bill to authorize the presentation of gold medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served

as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th Century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1200

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1200, a bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) were added as cosponsors 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. 1381

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) 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. 1549

At the request of Mrs. DOLE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1549, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to phase out reduced price lunches and breakfasts by phasing in an increase in the income eligibility guidelines for free lunches and breakfasts.

S. 1963

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1963, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to protect the privacy right of subscribers to wireless communication services.

S. 2275

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2275, a bill to amend the

Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) to provide for homeland security assistance for high-risk non-profit organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 2283

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2283, a bill to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools.

S. 2425

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2425, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to allow for improved administration of new shipper administrative reviews.

S. 2602

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2602, a bill to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

S. 2603

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2603, a bill to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227) relating to the prohibition on junk fax transmissions.

S. 2609

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2609, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend and improve national dairy market loss payments.

S. 2623

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2623, a bill to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide a 2-year extension of supplemental security income in fiscal years 2005 through 2007 for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants.

S. 2647

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2647, a bill to establish a national ocean policy, to set forth the missions of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to ensure effective interagency coordination, and for other purposes.

S. 2706

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2706, a bill to

establish kinship navigator programs, to establish kinship guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 2718

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2718, a bill to provide for programs and activities with respect to the prevention of underage drinking.

S. 2759

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2759, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to modify the rules relating to the availability and method of redistribution of unexpended SCHIP allotments, and for other purposes.

S. 2764

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2764, a bill to extend the applicability of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

S. 2781

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) were added as cosponsors of S. 2781, a bill to express the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Darfur, Sudan, to provide assistance for the crisis in Darfur and for comprehensive peace in Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 2807

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2807, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt containers used primarily in potato farming from the excise tax on heavy trucks and trailers.

S. CON. RES. 134

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 134, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Parthenon Marbles should be returned to Greece.

S. CON. RES. 136

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 136, a concurrent resolution honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

S. RES. 345

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 345, a resolution expressing the Sense of the Senate that Congress should expand the supports and services available to grandparents and other relatives who are raising children when their biological parents have died or can no longer take care of them.

S. RES. 387

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 387, a resolution commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

S. RES. 420

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 420, a resolution recommending expenditures for an appropriate visitors center at Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site to commemorate the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School.

S. RES. 424

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 424, a resolution designating October 2004 as "Protecting Older Americans From Fraud Month".

S. RES. 427

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 427, a resolution congratulating the citizens of Greece, the members of the Athens 2004 Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the 2004 United States Olympic Team, athletes from around the world, and all the personnel who participated in the 2004 Olympic Summer Games in Athens, Greece.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2815. A bill to give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student's asthma