

Army nomination of Col. Mitchell L. Brown to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. John C. Harvey, Jr. to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Capt. Frank Thorp IV to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

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 with Brian F. Abell and ending with Ray A. Zuniga, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 26, 2005.

Air Force nomination of Jon R. Stovall to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Kenneth W. Bullock to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Randall S. Lecheminant and ending with Scott H. R. Lee, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 10, 2005.

Air Force nomination of Rena A. Nicholas to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Jeffrey S. Brittig to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Albert J. Bainger to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Robinette J. Amaker and ending with Josef H. Moore, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 25, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Terry K. Besch and ending with John R. Taber, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 25, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Kimberly K. Armstrong and ending with Kelly A. Wolgast, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 25, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Randall G. Anderson and ending with John H. Trakowski, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 25, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Robert Dempster and ending with Errol Lader, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 26, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Mimms Mabee and ending with Jimmie Perez, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 26, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Michelle Beach and ending with Helen Laquay, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 26, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Gregory Brewer and ending with Terrell Morrow, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 26, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Walter J. Austin and ending with Keith C. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 4, 2005.

Army nomination of Jack N. Washburne to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Barry J. Bernstein and ending with Juan M. Vera,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 10, 2005.

Army nominations beginning with Melvin S. Hogan and ending with Joseph M. Jackson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 10, 2005.

By Mr. SHELBY for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2006.

*Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

By Mr. DOMENICI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Jeffrey D. Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).

*Edward F. Sproat III, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

*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.)

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Convention Concerning Migratory Fish Stock in the Pacific Ocean (Treaty Doc. 109-1) (Ex. Rept. 109-8).

Text of the resolution of ratification as reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, with Annexes, adopted at Honolulu on September 5, 2000, by the Multilateral High Level Conference on the Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, and signed by the United States on that date (Treaty Doc. 109-1).

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. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2016. A bill to amend chapter 3 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for 11 circuit judges on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2017. A bill to amend the provisions of titles 5 and 28, United States Code, relating to equal access to justice, award of reasonable costs and fees, and administrative set-

tlement offers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 2018. A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to provide that a quality grade label issued by the Secretary of Agriculture for beef and lamb may not be used for imported beef or imported lamb; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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

S. 2019. A bill to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2020. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 2021. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 2022. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of remote patient management services for chronic health care conditions under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. THUNE):

S. 2023. A bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to improve that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2024. A bill to raise the minimum State allocation under section 217(b)(2) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2025. A bill to promote the national security and stability of the United States economy by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2026. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require that a prescription drug plan or an MA-PD plan that has an initial coverage limit obtain a signed certification prior to enrolling beneficiaries under the plan under part D of such title; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 2027. A bill to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SMITH, Mr.

STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. CRAIG):

S. Res. 317. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding oversight of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1112

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1112, a bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

S. 1139

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1139, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to regulate the pet industry.

S. 1179

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1179, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that benefits under part D of such title have no impact on benefits under other Federal programs.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, a bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in underdeveloped coastal areas in order better to ensure their protection from development.

S. 1496

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1496, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) were added as cosponsors of S. 1504, a bill to establish a market driven telecommunications marketplace, to eliminate government managed competition of existing communication service, and to provide parity between functionally equivalent services.

S. 1791

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 1791, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for qualified timber gains.

S. 1841

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1841, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide extended and additional protection to Medicare beneficiaries who enroll for the Medicare prescription drug benefit during 2006.

S. 1930

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1930, a bill to expand the research, prevention, and awareness activities of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to inflammatory bowel disease.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to implement the Agreement on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population.

S. CON. RES. 60

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 60, a concurrent resolution designating the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as America's National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

S. CON. RES. 62

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 62, a concurrent resolution directing the Joint Committee on the Library to procure a statue of Rosa Parks for placement in the Capitol.

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 62, supra.

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 62, supra.

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 62, supra.

S. RES. 219

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 219, a resolution designating March 8, 2006, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide.

S. RES. 316

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 316, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United Nations and other international organizations should not be allowed to exercise control over the Internet.

AMENDMENT NO. 2574

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2574 proposed to S. 1042, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 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, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2016. A bill to amend chapter 3 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for 11 circuit judges on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of this bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 2016

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JUDGES ON THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The table under section 44(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to the District of Columbia and inserting the following:

"District of Columbia 11".

(b) EXISTING VACANCY NOT FILLED.—In order to comply with the amendment made under subsection (a), 1 of the vacancies of circuit judges on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit which existed on the date preceding the date of the enactment of this Act, shall not be filled.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2017. A bill to amend the provisions of titles 5 and 28, United States Code, relating to equal access to justice, award of reasonable costs and fees, and administrative settlement offers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I plan to introduce the Equal Access to Justice Reform Act of 2005.

This legislation contains adjustments to the Equal Access to Justice