

S. 2165.: A bill to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 2166. A bill to direct the Election Assistance Commission to make grants to States to restore and replace election administration supplies, materials, records, equipment, and technology which were damaged, destroyed, or dislocated as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. REID, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DODD, Mr. REED, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. KOHL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2167. A bill to amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to extend the sunset of certain provisions of that Act and the lone wolf provision of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to July 1, 2006; considered and passed.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 2168. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide extended and additional protections to Medicare beneficiaries enrolled under part C or D or such title; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 2169. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for secure financial data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2170. A bill to provide for global pathogen surveillance and response; considered and passed.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2171. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the temporary mortgage and rental payments program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2172. A bill to provide for response to Hurricane Katrina by establishing a Louisiana Recovery Corporation, providing for housing and community rebuilding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 2173. A bill to assist pharmacies in facilitating enrollment of dual eligible populations under the Medicare prescription drug benefit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 2174. A bill to permit certain funds made available for the Wagner Service Unit of the Indian Health Service to be used to pay expenses incurred in keeping the emergency room of that Unit open 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, through September 30, 2006; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. REID):

S. 2175. A bill to require the submittal to Congress of any Presidential Daily Briefing relating to Iraq during the period beginning on January 20, 1997, and ending on March 19, 2003; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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

S. 2176. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify eligibility for income replacement payments for Reserves experiencing extended and frequent mobilization for active duty service; 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. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 342. A resolution recognizing the Republic of Croatia for its progress in strengthening democratic institutions, respect for human rights, and the rule of law and recommending the integration of Croatia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. Res. 343. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the week of December 19, 2005 should be designated "Thank Our Defenders Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 344. A resolution expressing support for the Government of Georgia's South Ossetian Peace Plan and the successful and peaceful reintegration of the region into Georgia; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. Res. 345. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of Fenton Art Glass, a beloved institution in West Virginia, that continues to contribute to the economic and cultural heritage of the State through its production of world renowned, hand-blown glass; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 346. A resolution commending the Appalachian State University football team for winning the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA Football Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER):

S. Res. 347. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that lenders holding mortgages on homes in communities of the Gulf Coast devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita should extend current voluntary mortgage payment forbearance periods and not foreclose on properties in those communities; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. Con. Res. 74. A concurrent resolution correcting the enrollment of H.R. 2863; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Con. Res. 75. A concurrent resolution encouraging all Americans to increase their charitable giving, with the goal of increasing the annual amount of charitable giving in the United States by 1 percent; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 438, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 484

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 662

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to reform the postal laws of the United States.

S. 707

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 707, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 757

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 757, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

S. 863

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 863, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centenary of the bestowal of the Nobel Peace Prize on President Theodore Roosevelt, and for other purposes.

S. 910

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in payments to hospitals under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 1405

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1405, a bill to extend the 50 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility and to establish the National Advisory Council on Medical Rehabilitation.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1568, a bill to enhance the ability of community banks to foster economic growth and serve their communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1841

At the request of Mr. CARPER, his name 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. 2076

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2076, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide to assistant United States attorneys the same retirement benefits as are afforded to Federal law enforcement officers.

S. 2083

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2083, a bill to prohibit the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) from removing any item from the current list of items prohibited from being carried aboard a passenger aircraft.

S. 2088

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2088, a bill to assist low-income families, displaced from their residences in the States of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi as a result of Hurricane Katrina, by establishing within the Department of Housing and Urban Development a homesteading initiative that offers displaced low-income families the opportunity to purchase a home owned by the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

S. 2109

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2109, a bill to provide national innovation initiative.

S. 2134

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2134, a bill to strengthen existing programs to assist manufacturing innovation and education, to expand outreach programs for small and medium-sized manufacturers, and for other purposes.

S. 2140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr.

DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2140, a bill to enhance protection of children from sexual exploitation by strengthening section 2257 of title 18, United States Code, requiring producers of sexually explicit material to keep and permit inspection of records regarding the age of performers, and for other purposes.

S. 2145

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2145, a bill to enhance security and protect against terrorist attacks at chemical facilities.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2154, a bill to provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Rosa Parks.

S. CON. RES. 71

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 71, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual.

S. RES. 253

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 253, a resolution designating October 7, 2005, as "National 'It's Academic' Television Quiz Show Day".

S. RES. 340

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 340, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that lenders holding mortgages on homes in communities of Louisiana devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita should extend current mortgage payment forbearance periods and not foreclose on properties in those communities until such time that Congress can consider legislation to provide relief to those homeowners.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2156. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 332 South Main Street in Flora, Illinois, as the "Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

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

S. 2156

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

SECTION 1. ROBERT T. FERGUSON POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 332 South Main Street in Flora, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building".

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce legislation to designate the U.S. Post Office at 332 South Main Street in Flora, Illinois as the "Robert T. Ferguson Post Office Building".

Mr. Ferguson was a distinguished public servant who began his postal career at the Harvey, Illinois Post Office, where he worked as a city carrier from 1954 to 1957. He then moved to the Flora, Illinois Post Office where he worked his way up from clerk/carrier to Assistant Postmaster to Postmaster in 1986. During the final three years of his career before he retired in 1988, Robert Ferguson served as Postmaster in Collinsville, Illinois.

In recognition of his hard work and dedication, Mr. Ferguson received five Outstanding Superior Accomplishment Awards and qualified as a Postmaster Trainer on October 1, 1976. He worked tirelessly on behalf of postal workers and traveled throughout Southern Illinois training newly appointed Postmasters. He was well liked by his colleagues who knew they had a leader they could trust.

In addition to his active professional life, Robert Ferguson found time to serve his community. As President of the Clay County Shrine Club in 1992, he organized events to raise thousands of dollars for the Shriner's Hospital for Children. In 1996, he raised money to assist a local family after a storm destroyed their mobile home. In 2002, Mr. Ferguson created a Hospital Directory for Southern Illinois, which aid local citizens by providing phone numbers and addresses of local hospitals.

In 1996, the Flora Chamber of Commerce named Robert Ferguson the "Outstanding Citizen of Flora".

Mr. President, post offices are often designated in honor of individuals who have made valuable contributions to their community, State, and country. I can think of no more fitting way to permanently and publicly recognize Robert Ferguson's work than to name the Flora, Illinois post office in his honor. It would be a most appropriate way to commemorate his exemplary service to the Flora community and to postal workers and patrons throughout Southern Illinois.

By Mrs. BOXER: