

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 366. An act to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 748. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the transportation of minors in circumvention of certain laws relating to abortion, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 864. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify provisions relating to nuclear safety and security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-98).

S. 865. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions (Rept. No. 109-99).

S. 858. A bill to reauthorize Nuclear Regulatory Commission user fees, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-100).

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. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1368. A bill to extend the existence of the Parole Commission, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. McCONNELL):

S. 1369. A bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. BYRD):

S. 1370. A bill to provide for the protection of the flag of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1371. A bill to extend the termination date of Office of the Special Inspector General of Iraq Reconstruction and provide additional funds for the Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. 1372. A bill to provide for the accuracy of television ratings services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. Res. 186. A resolution affirming the importance of a national weekend of prayer for the victims of genocide and crimes against humanity in Darfur, Sudan, and expressing the sense of the Senate that July 15 through July 17, 2005, should be designated as a national weekend of prayer and reflection for the people of Darfur; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 187. A resolution authorizing the taking of video images in the Chamber of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 188. A resolution to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of LaFreniere v. Congress of the United States; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 189. A resolution congratulating Michael Campbell for his victory in the U.S. Open golf tournament and celebrating the relationship between the United States and New Zealand; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. Res. 190. A bill recognizing the 100th anniversary of Mesa Verde National Park; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. KYL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. McCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WANNER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 191. A resolution honoring Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sandra Day O'Connor; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 27

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 27, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes.

S. 39

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 39, a bill to establish a coordinated national ocean exploration program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

S. 78

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 78, a bill to make permanent marriage penalty relief.

S. 183

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 183, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to improve authorities to address urgent nonproliferation crises and United States nonproliferation operations.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 558, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain additional retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period under current law with respect to such concurrent receipt.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 642

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 642, a bill to support certain national youth organizations, including

the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

S. 853

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 853, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to establish a program to bolster the mutual security and safety of the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and for other purposes.

S. 1010

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1010, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program.

S. 1014

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to provide additional relief for small business owners ordered to active duty as members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1153

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1153, a bill to provide Federal financial incentives for deployment of advanced coal-based generation technologies.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to impose a 6-month moratorium on terminations of certain plans instituted under section 4042 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 in cases in which reorganization of contributing sponsors is sought in bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings.

S. 1265

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1265, a bill to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines.

S. 1287

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1287, a bill to amend the definition of independent student for purposes of the need analysis in the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include older adopted students.

S. 1313

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator

from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1313, a bill to protect homes, small businesses, and other private property rights, by limiting the power of eminent domain.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to provide for the collection and maintenance of cord blood units for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Cell Transplantation Program to increase the number of transplants for recipients suitable matched to donors of bone marrow and cord blood.

S. 1321

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1321, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications.

S.J. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 19, a joint resolution calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. TALENT (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. McCONNELL):

S. 1369. A bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I join the Senators from Missouri and Connecticut in introducing the Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act. I do so because I believe that this legislation takes the right approach when dealing with the wrongs of our past. It takes action. It takes positive steps forward to correct injustices. It recommits us to one of our highest ideals as Americans—that justice will not be denied.

Specifically, the bill creates a new office within the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division specifically tasked to investigate “cold case” murders from the civil rights era. It will commit the resources of the Department of Justice to work in conjunction with State and local law enforcement to aggressively prosecute criminals in those cases.

The Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act might well be named in honor of James

Chaney, Michael Schwerner, and Andrew Goodman—the three civil rights workers who were shot to death by former Ku Klux Klansman Edgar Ray Killen. Forty-one years later, thanks to the efforts of the victims’ families, Mississippi State officials, and many others who would not let this crime go unpunished, Killen sits in solitary confinement in a State prison outside Jackson, Mississippi, right where he belongs.

Justice will not be denied. And the Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act will see to it that others like Edgar Ray Killen are punished for their crimes. It will pour new resources into the investigations of other unsolved cases—like that of 14-year old Emmett Till, who was kidnapped and murdered in 1955.

Recently, the Senate apologized for the failure of earlier Senators to enact federal antilynching legislation in the 1930s and 1940s. In discussing that resolution, I reminded my colleagues of how often we as a Nation have failed to live up to our great ideals. But usually when we have failed, we have recognized that failure and recommitted ourselves to those ideals and reached for them again. We did not simply acknowledge our failure and give up—we took action to correct our shortcomings. We abolished slavery. We granted women the right to vote. We desegregated our schools. Here, with this bill, we take action once more.

Actions speak louder than words. If the Edgar Ray Killen conviction is any indication, then the action we would take by passing this bill would speak very loudly indeed. When Killen was convicted, the Nashville City Paper ran an editorial, which I will include in full following my remarks, that summed up just why taking action is so important. The editorial concluded, “As long as Civil Rights era killers are still alive and free, justice has not yet been fully served. Hunting them down and bringing them to account for their actions is far and away the best apology any of us can make for their crimes.”

Today, we do not merely rest on words of apology—we take action. When it comes to questions of civil rights that has always been what I have tried to do. In 1962 when I was the student newspaper editor, Vanderbilt University’s undergraduate school was segregated. I could have apologized for the actions of the board of trust; instead, I helped integrate the school. As Governor and President of the University of Tennessee, instead of apologizing for my predecessors, I appointed the first African American Supreme Court Justice and university vice-presidents. Instead of apologizing for Tennessee legislatures that had refused to enact the Martin Luther King Holiday, I helped make it law. I did not think it was effective merely to apologize for what others had failed to do. America is a work in progress. If we were to apologize for every failure to reach our lofty goals, there would be no end to it.