

codes 70121 and 70123, including the businesses located in Elmwood Industrial Park which employ more than thirty-five thousand people, have caused numerous mailing and taxation problems for these companies; and

Whereas, many insurance companies impose higher premium rates attributable to properties in New Orleans on residents of Jefferson Parish in the ZIP code areas 70121 and 70123; and

Whereas, mail addressed to homes and businesses having ZIP code 70121 or 70123 was held up for more than a month in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina because of the effect that the storm had on the operations of the United States Postal Service in New Orleans; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary, due to the many problems that have occurred in Jefferson Parish with the ZIP codes 70121 and 70123, to enact legislation to change the ZIP code in Jefferson Parish in the area currently covered by the United States Postal Service ZIP code 70121 to 70021 and to change the ZIP code in Jefferson Parish in the area currently covered by the United States Postal Service ZIP code 70123 to 70023 and also to assign the new ZIP codes to the main post office in Metairie; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-284. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to taking such actions as are necessary to reduce by twenty-five percent the amount of outstanding federal student loan debt of any college graduate who resides in certain areas of Louisiana most affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita for at least five consecutive years immediately following graduation and to memorialize congress to provide for the establishment of conditions and requirements for such debt reduction; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 48

Whereas, certain areas of Louisiana that were impacted by Hurricane Katrina or Rita or both have suffered a great loss in population due to the ravages of these catastrophic storms; and

Whereas, it is imperative that people from Louisiana and beyond are provided with incentives to reside in the great state of Louisiana, and one such incentive could be the reduction of certain student loan debt; and

Whereas, drawing college graduates to the hurricane-affected areas of Louisiana would be one step toward restoring the areas' populations, and populating these areas with college-educated citizens could bring positive impacts to the areas due to their ability to use the skills and knowledge acquired through their educations to help the areas to rebuild; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to ask congress to establish such a loan forgiveness program as part of a collective effort to restore the population of certain areas of Louisiana following the historic hurricanes of 2005; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to reduce by twenty-five percent the amount of outstanding federal student loan debt of any college graduate who resides for

at least five consecutive years immediately following graduation in any parish in Louisiana which has been designated pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act as eligible for individual assistance or individual assistance and public assistance as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita and to memorialize congress to provide for the establishment of conditions and requirements for such debt reduction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-285. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to revising the requirement that applicants for hunting and fishing licenses provide their Social Security numbers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 461

Whereas, Section 5536 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, (Public Law 105-33, 111 Stat. 251) amended Federal law to require each state to have in place laws requiring applicants for recreational licenses (hunting and fishing) to provide their Social Security numbers; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has implemented this Federal mandate through the amendatory act of December 16, 1997 (P.L. 549, No.58), to 23 Pa.C.S.; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strongly supports all effective mechanisms to encourage payment of child support obligations; and

Whereas, requiring applicants for hunting and fishing licenses to provide their Social Security numbers does not appear to enhance effective enforcement of child support obligations inasmuch as hunting and fishing license records are not retrievable by reference to the Social Security numbers; and

Whereas, the vast majority of hunting and fishing licenses are not sold by government agencies but are sold by private businesses ranging in size from large department stores to small bait and outdoor shops; and

Whereas, Imposing the requirement to collect Social Security number information on the businesses that sell hunting and fishing licenses unduly complicates the license issuance transaction; and

Whereas, many purchasers of hunting and fishing licenses object to disclosure of their Social Security numbers to the private businesses that sell these licenses; and

Whereas, the legitimate privacy concerns expressed by many purchasers of hunting and fishing licenses from private businesses need to be addressed; and

Whereas, collection of Social Security numbers from applicants for hunting and fishing licenses does not aid in effective enforcement of child support obligations but does unduly inconvenience both the sellers and purchasers of these licenses and raises legitimate concerns about protection of personal information; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to eliminate the requirement that states must require applicants for hunting and fishing licenses to provide their Social Security numbers.

POM-286. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to taking such actions as are necessary to amend the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

to recognize state law authorizing legal continuances for members of the legislature during legislative sessions and to adopt a substantially similar rule in federal court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 29

Whereas, Louisiana R.S. 13:4163 provides that during sessions of the legislature, if the presence of a member of the legislature is required in any criminal case, civil case, or administrative proceeding, his service shall constitute peremptory cause for the continuance of any type of proceeding upon the timely filing of a motion for continuance; and

Whereas, this statute dates back over one hundred years and was devised as a way to satisfy the compelling demands and responsibilities incumbent upon a part-time legislator, who usually must have a career outside of public service in order to make a living; and

Whereas, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not have such a provision for a continuance, but many state legislatures have business before federal courts which may significantly interfere with their responsibilities as representatives of the people during legislative sessions; and

Whereas, during this time of statewide emergency due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the duties and responsibilities on legislators have been especially demanding; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to amend the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to recognize state law authorizing legal continuances for members of the legislature during legislative sessions and to enact substantially similar rules for federal court; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 598. A bill to reauthorize provisions in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 relating to Native Hawaiian low-income housing and Federal loan guarantees for Native Hawaiian housing (Rept. No. 109-221).

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1057. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act (Rept. No. 109-222).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Charles J. Dunlap, Jr. to be Major General and to be the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the United States Air Force.

Air Force nomination of Col. William H. Walker IV to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. James L. Snyder to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Joseph C. Carter to be Brigadier General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Robert R. Blackman, Jr. to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brigadier General Ronald S. Coleman and ending with Brigadier General Edward G. Usher III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 27, 2006.

Marine Corps nomination of Col. James C. Walker to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Capt. James W. Houck to be Rear Admiral.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD 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 Billy P. Cecil II and ending with Brian K. Witt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 27, 2006.

Air Force nomination of Thomas L. McKnight to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Bartlett H. Hayes and ending with Zaiga K. Sears, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 17, 2006.

Air Force nomination of William M. Rogers to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Kevin D. Brooks to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Thomas L. Rempfer to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Stephen R. Geringer to be Major.

Air Force nomination of James D. Bone to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Clinton E. Abell and ending with Anne K. Whitis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2006.

Army nomination of Jack L. Kaplan, Jr. to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Marianne E. Watson to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Sterling W. Heymen and ending with Timothy J. Wojtecki, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 17, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with David Abdalla and ending with Robert C. Yale, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 17, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Andre B. Abadie and ending with X144, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 17, 2006.

Army nomination of Eichel C. Joseph to be Colonel.

Army nomination of James E. Barker to be Major.

Army nomination of Chantel Newsome to be Major.

Army nomination of Clayton D. Chilcoat to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Mazen Abbas and ending with Lance C. Varney, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Lee R. Yoakam and ending with Tyson J. Wood,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2006.

Army nomination of Christopher D. Carrier to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with John A. Aho and ending with Daniel D. Yoo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 27, 2006.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with John D. Adams and ending with Brandon W. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 31, 2006.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Stephen J. McNulty and ending with Donald C. Wayman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 1, 2006.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Carnell Luckett and ending with Carlos D. Sanabria, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 1, 2006.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Dean L. Jones and ending with Christopher A. Sutherland, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 1, 2006.

Marine Corps nomination of Christopher Ramsey to be Major.

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

*Roger Shane Karr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Tyler D. Duvall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

*Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

*Robert C. Cresanti, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

*Robert M. McDowell, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2004.

*Coast Guard nomination of Vice Adm. Thad W. Allen to be Admiral.

*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) John C. Acton to be Rear Admiral.

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Jody A. Breckenridge and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Timothy S. Sullivan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 25, 2005.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD 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 nominations beginning with Stephanie M. Adams and ending with Alexander T. Yuille, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2006.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination of Stephen S. Meador to be Lieutenant.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

David F. Kustoff, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

*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.)

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. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2426. A bill to facilitate the protection of minors using the Internet from material that is harmful to minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 2427. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for progressive indexing and longevity indexing of social security old-age insurance benefits for newly retired and aged surviving spouses to ensure the future solvency of the social security program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2428. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Automated Defibrillation in Adam's Memory Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) (by request):

S. 2429. A bill to authorize the President to waive the application of certain requirements under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 with respect to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. 2430. A bill to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2431. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage all Americans to save for retirement by increasing their access to pension plans and other retirement savings vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2432. A bill to designate certain public land as wilderness and certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in the State of California, to designate Salmon Restoration Areas, to establish the Sacramento River National Recreation Area and Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. BURR):

S. 2433. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Assistant Secretary for Rural Veterans in the Department