Army nominations beginning with Max L. Divine and ending with Norma Torres, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Michael L. Nippert and ending with Robert C. Turner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Laurence W. Gebler and ending with Viseth Ngauy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 26, 2008.

Army nomination of Gregg A. Bliss, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Stuart A. Mellon, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Robert S. Gatewood, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Steven P. Jahner, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of William H. Smithson, to be Major.

Army nomination of James O McLinnaham, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Gregory R. Ebner, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Paul E. Webb, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Randy R. Cote and ending with Michael P. Steely, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Erol Agi and ending with Patrick C. Sean, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Richard S. Glass and ending with Victor F. Wallace, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Jerzey J. Chachaj and ending with John E. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Malissa A. Hill and ending with Soma R. Webb, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Dwight Y. Shen and ending with Jeffrey R. Long, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Michael C. Ahn and ending with Richard P. Martin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Charles K. Aris and ending with John R. Worster, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Eric C. Bush and ending with Jon A. Jensen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Edward J. Briand and ending with John C. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Melanie J. Craig and ending with Paul D. Stoneman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Cynthia J. Abbadini and ending with Justin A.

Woodhouse, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Derrick F. Arincorayan and ending with D060674, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with William J. Adams and ending with D060291, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Richard K. Addo and ending with D060598, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Kenneth P. Adgie and ending with D070487, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Army nomination of Lynn F. Abrams, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Catherine A. Oliver, to be Major.

Army nomination of Timothy S Allisonaipa, to be Major.

Army nomination of Daniel A. Strode, to be Major.

Army nomination of Joseph S. Selken, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas A. Bryant and ending with James P. Mcginnis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with James A. Griggs and ending with Paul R. Hunt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Peter H. Guevara and ending with Walter W. Shratz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Christopher M. Brannen and ending with Erich H. Wagner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Navy nomination of John E. Murrain, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Dana Stombaugh, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Paul J. Foster, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Deborah A. Hinkley, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Mark C. Holley, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Michael C. Collins, to be Commander. Navy nomination of Channing J. Thomas,

to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Evan B. Williams, to be Lieutenant.

Navy nominations beginning with Gerald C. Lowe and ending with Victor D. Oliver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Edward J. Arrison and ending with Clevis T. Parker, Sr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Gregory R. Adams and ending with Donovan B. Wortham, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2008.

(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. MARTINEZ:

S. 13. A bill to temporarily extend increases in certain home loan limits; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 16. A bill to provide for certain land to be held in trust for the Burns Paiute Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 17. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to allow workers who attain age 65 after 1981 and before 1992 to choose either lump sum payments over four years totaling \$5,000 or an improved benefit computation formula under a new 10-year rule governing the transition to the changes in benefit computation rules enacted in the Social Security Amendments of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 18. A bill to improve the authority of the Special Inspector General charged with overseeing the Troubled Asset Relief Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 19. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their income tax payment to provide assistance to homeless veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 20. A bill to prohibit the implementation or enforcement of certain regulations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. HAR-KIN):

S. 3709. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to expand the Rural Energy for America Program to include schools in rural areas; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. Brown, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Kerry, and Mr. Cardin):

S. 3710. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to Medicare benefits for individuals ages 55 to 65, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable and advanceable credit against income tax for payment of such premiums, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. McCon-NELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 3711. A bill to authorize a cost of living adjustment for the Federal judiciary; considered and passed.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 3712. A bill to make a technical correction in the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008; considered and passed.

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

S. 3713. A bill to provide for the integration of the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center and the Great Lakes Naval Health Clinic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 3714. A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to ensure that all agreements,

contracts, and transactions with respect to commodities are carried out on a regulated exchange, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. Bond, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Brown, Mr. Specter, and Mr. Casey):

S. 3715. A bill to provide for emergency bridge loan assistance to automobile manufacturers and component suppliers; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. Grassley, Ms. Collins, Mr. Lieberman, and Mr. Bunning):

S. 3716. A bill to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-343) to provide the Special Inspector General with additional personnel, audit, and investigation authorities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 3717. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow reimbursement from flexible spending accounts for certain dental products; 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. CRAPO (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. BAYH):

S. Res. 710. A resolution designating the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 711. A resolution condemning the tragic and senseless death by stoning of a 13-year-old girl from Somalia; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. Res. 712. A resolution congratulating the Philadelphia Phillies on winning the 2008 World Series; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOND, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. Res. 713. A resolution calling on all parties to the escalating violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo to implement an immediate ceasefire and work with the support of the international community toward a comprehensive and lasting solution to the crisis; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 714. A resolution honoring the firefighters and emergency workers who courageously fought fires in California in 2008; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID:

S. Res. 715. A resolution extending the authority for the Senate National Security Working Group; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. Res. 716. A resolution acknowledging the accomplishments and goals of the Youth Impact Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. Res. 717. A resolution designating December 13, 2008, as "Wreaths Across America Day": to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mrs. Lincoln, and Mr. Isakson):

S. Res. 718. A resolution designating November 30, 2008, as "Drive Safer Sunday"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Ms. Mur-KOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 719. A resolution recognizing National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of American Indians and Alaska Natives and the contributions of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the United States; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. Res. 720. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. Con. Res. 106. A concurrent resolution commending the Government of Switzerland for ongoing assistance in the case of Robert Levinson, urging the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to intensify cooperation with the Government of Switzerland and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the case of Robert Levinson, and expressing sympathy to the family of Robert Levinson; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2743

At the request of Mr. Casey, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Burr) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2743, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of financial security accounts for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2756

At the request of Mr. BAYH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2756, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system.

S. 3361

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3361, a bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to implement a drug testing program for applicants for and recipients of assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

S. 3490

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3490, a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

S. 3672

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr.

CRAPO) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S. 3672, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve economic opportunity and development in rural States through highway investment, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Thune, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.

3672, supra.

S. 3673

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S. 3673, a bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to improve highway transportation in the United States, including rural and metropolitan areas.

At the request of Mr. Thune, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3673, supra.

S. 3683

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) were added as cosponsors of S. 3683, a bill to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act to require approval by the Congress for certain expenditures for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

S. 3698

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Kerry) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. Coleman) were added as cosponsors of S. 3698, a bill to prohibit any recipient of emergency Federal economic assistance from using such funds for lobbying expenditures or political contributions, to improve transparency, enhance accountability, encourage responsible corporate governance, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 640

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 640, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that there should be an increased Federal commitment to public health and the prevention of diseases and injuries for all people in the United States.

S. RES. 709

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 709, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should pursue the adoption of bluefin tuna conservation and management measures at the 16th Special Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 16. A bill to provide for certain land to be held in trust for the Burns Paiute Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.