

for Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-293. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging Congress to reject legislation that would preempt the authority of the Great Lake states to curb the release of ballast water; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 86**

Whereas, Ballast water discharges from ships entering the Great Lakes are the leading pathway for the introduction of aquatic invasive species. Since the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1959, ocean-going ships have introduced more than 30 new species to the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, once introduced and established, aquatic invasive species are nearly impossible to eliminate and costly to control. Zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species introduced from ballast water have irrevocably changed the Great Lakes and directly cost cities and industries—and indirectly cost Great Lakes residents—tens of millions of dollars per year to control; and

Whereas, current federal ballast water regulations designed to protect the Great Lakes are ineffective. At least eleven new aquatic invasive species have been introduced from ballast water since current requirements for ballast water exchange with open ocean water went into effect, including the recent introduction of viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) that directly threatens the \$4.5-billion Great Lakes fishery; and

Whereas, the ocean-going shipping industry has shown little urgency over the last two decades to develop and install ballast water treatment technology, even as it introduced more and more aquatic invasive species to new regions. Rather, the industry has continuously fought efforts in the United States Congress, state legislatures, and the courts to require expeditious treatment of their ballast water. For every year treatment is not required for ballast water, an additional one to two new species, with unknown but potentially devastating impacts, make the Great Lakes their permanent home; and

Whereas, the state of Michigan has succeeded in identifying and requiring treatment technologies that would provide additional protection to the Great Lakes; and

Whereas, Michigan and other states bear primary responsibility for protecting the health and safety of their citizens and the integrity of natural resources for their citizens. The Congress of the United States acknowledged the authority for the Great Lakes states to act unilaterally to protect and preserve the waters of the Great Lakes Basin in the federal Clean Water Act and the National Invasive Species Act, as affirmed this past summer by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan; and

Whereas, Federal ballast water legislation, such as the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007 (H.R. 2830) and the Ballast Water Management Act of 2007 (S. 1578), would preempt Michigan's efforts to protect its waters from further degradation. Preempting state actions before strong federal treatment standards are in place would leave the Great Lakes vulnerable to future invasions and would trample on fundamental states' rights to protect their natural resources. This shortsighted approach undermines the millions of dollars and thousands of hours spent each year working to restore the Great Lakes to a healthy, self-sustaining system; and

Whereas, The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007 and the Ballast Water Management Act of 2007 would also set a precedent

for future federal actions that restrict state authority to protect essential natural resources. Clearly, Michigan and other states are best suited to make decisions that keep waters safe, clean, and healthy for its residents with regulations, when needed, above and beyond minimum federal requirements; now, therefore, be it further

*Resolved by the Senate,* That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to reject legislation that would preempt the authority of the Great Lakes states to curb the release of ballast water; and be it further.

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-294. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Maine urging Congress to ensure funding for veterans' health care; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**JOINT RESOLUTION**

Whereas, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs provides medical care for all veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas, the funding for this health care is passed each year by the United States Congress as part of the discretionary budget; and

Whereas, this health care is seriously underfunded; and

Whereas, this serious and now chronic shortfall affects the veterans' access to quality medical care services; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and our Nation have a duty to serve our veterans and have entered into a contract, absolute and irrevocable, to provide them with proper health care: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that full funding for health care for veterans of the United States Armed Forces be passed and that all parties involved do their utmost to see that those who served their Nation are given the health care they deserve; and be it further

*Resolved,* That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Honorable James B. Peake, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUYE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 694. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside or outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-275).

By Mr. INOUYE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1580. A bill to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-276).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments:

S. 352. A bill to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings.

**EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Vern M. Findley II, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz, to be General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Allen G. Peck, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. John T. Sheridan, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, to be General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Kathleen M. Gainer, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. James F. Amos, to be General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Derwood C. Curtis, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (Ih) William R. Burke and ending with Rear Adm. (Ih) James P. Wisecup, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 14, 2008.

Mr. LEVIN. 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 nomination of Andre G. Sarmiento, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Rickey J. Reynolds, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Daniel E. Bates, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jeffrey D. Lewis and ending with Robert J. Love, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Austin B. Dosh and ending with Joshua M. Sill, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Gerald B. Whisler III and ending with Samuel R. Wetherill, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Frank W. Allara, Jr. and ending with John M. Yaccino, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 3, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with John R. Andrus and ending with Randall C. Zernzach, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 3, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kathryn L. Aasen and ending with Richard D. Townsend, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 3, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Zenen T. Alpuerto and ending with Dustin Zierold, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 3, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Lenny W. Arias and ending with Michael K. Townsend, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 3, 2008.

Air Force nominations beginning with Wesley M. Abadie and ending with Scott A. Zakaluzny, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 3, 2008.

Army nomination of Samuel H. Williams, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael R. Brooks, to be Major.

Army nomination of James E. Davis, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael G. Ryder, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Nicolas Aguilar and ending with D060541, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 5, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Doreene R. Aguayo and ending with George J. Zeckler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 5, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Roy W. Alabran and ending with John T. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 5, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Kristin E. Agresta and ending with Michelle Thompson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 5, 2008.

Army nomination of Richard E. Michael, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael E. McCowan, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael F. Szymaniak, to be Major.

Army nomination of Barbara T. Embry, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Jose A. Acostahernandez and ending with Mary E. Capoccioni, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2008.

Army nomination of Llena C. Caldwell, to be Major.

Army nomination of Deanna L. Reiber, to be Major.

Army nomination of Christopher D. Yao, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael L. Mansi, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Marc Ferraro, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Wendell L. King, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Paul C. Perlik and ending with Keith Moore, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Marc C. Hender and ending with James D. Townsend, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with James H. Kelly and ending with Kristine R. Saunders, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Allyson A. Peterson and ending with Brian E. Prehn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Larry W. Ake and ending with Patrick S. Carson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Gary L. Gross and ending with Peter M. Tan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Harold L. Campbell, Jr. and ending with Kenneth P. Storz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Army nominations beginning with Magdalena A. Acevedo and ending with Cory J. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Army Corps nominations beginning with Julian D. Alford and ending with Philip J. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Bamidele J. Abogunrin and ending with Jay K. Zollmann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 5, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Berch H. Abbott and ending with Mark D. Zimmer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 5, 2008.

Marine Corps nomination of Phillip J. Woodward, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Jeffrey S. Clemons and ending with Anthony J. Giovenco, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brian J. Corris and ending with Larry Miyamoto, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Donald F. Carter, Jr. and ending with James R. Towney, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Christopher J. Cox and ending with Douglas M. Taylor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Robert A. Dill and ending with Edward T. Seifert, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Billy A. Dubose and ending with Mark A. Mitchell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Stephen M. Breen and ending with Raymond J. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Robert S. Adams and ending with John G. Zuppan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 26, 2008.

Marine Corps nomination of Patrick T. Grosso, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of James D. McCoy, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Walter C.

Murphy, Jr., to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Donald L. Bonham, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Charles B. Spencer, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with John G. Oliver and ending with Roger W. Scambler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Mark F. Birk and ending with Kenneth L. Kelsay, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Christopher J. Ambs and ending with Todd

E. Kunst, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Tim J. Schroeder and ending with Joseph G. Sinese, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Richard D. Hardin and ending with George M. Sexton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Roy E. Lawrence and ending with Daniel R. Westphal, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Peter D. Charboneau and ending with Steven R. Fredeen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Sal L. Leblanc and ending with Kevin R. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Robert F. Emminger and ending with Michael G. Marchand, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Christopher F. Bergeron and ending with Mark B. Windham, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Navy nomination of Roderick A. Bacho, to be Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Jeffrey H. Nard and ending with Daniel J. Trueba, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Andrew S. Lomax and ending with Rupert L. Hussey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with David R. Coughlin and ending with Timothy S. Styles, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Navy nominations beginning with Michael D. T. Edwards and ending with Chad D. West, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

Navy nomination of Keith L. Ferguson, to be Lieutenant Commander.

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

\*John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

\*Simon Charles Gros, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. Clifford I. Pearson, to be Vice Admiral.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Vice Adm. Robert J. Papp, to be Vice Admiral.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. David P. Pekoske, to be Vice Admiral.

\*Coast Guard nomination of RDML (select) Daniel R. May, to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half).

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 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.

Coast Guard nomination of Kimberly J. Avsec, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Anthony K. Palmer and ending with Patrick J. St. John, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2008.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations beginning with Bennie N. Johnson and ending with Faith C. Opatrny, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 5, 2008.

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

\*William Raymond Steiger, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mozambique.

Nominee: William Raymond Steiger.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, \$500.00, 04/22/2004, Friends of Brett Davis, (Candidate for State Assembly in Wisconsin); \$1500.00, 10/22/2004, Republican National Committee; \$1500.00, 04/20/2006, Republican National Committee.

2. Spouse: N/A.

3. Children and Spouses: William Alexander Curwen, None.

4. Parents: William Albert Steiger, (Deceased in 1978); Janet Dempsey Steiger, (Deceased in 2004), \$250.00, 01/24/2003, Republican National Committee; \$275.00, 12/15/2003, Republican National Committee; \$1000.00, 02/12/2004, Bush-Cheney '04.

5. Grandparents: Carl Albert Steiger, (Deceased in 1985); Ruth Storms Steiger, (Deceased in 1990); Kathleen Wright Dempsey, (Deceased in 1989); Ray C. Dempsey, (Deceased in 1962).

6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.

7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Allan P. Mustard and ending with Kevin N. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2008.

By Mr. KENNEDY for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*Neil Romano, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

\*Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2012.

\*Robert F. Cohen, Jr., of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2012.

\*Javaid Anwar, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2007.

\*Jamsheed K. Choksy, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

\*Dawn Ho Delbanco, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

\*Gary D. Glenn, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

\*David Hertz, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

\*Marvin Bailey Scott, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2010.

\*Carol M. Swain, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

\*Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to the qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

\*Jan Cellucci, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

\*William J. Hagenah, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

\*Mark Y. Herring, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

\*Julia W. Bland, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2012.

\*Sally Epstein Shaywitz, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

\*Frank Philip Handy, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

\*Jonathan Baron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2011.

\*Javaid Anwar, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2013.

\*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. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 2754. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of refined coal; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 2755. A bill to provide funding for summer youth jobs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2756. A bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 2757. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain benefits applicable to the Gulf Opportunity Zone, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 2758. A bill to authorize the exploration, leasing, development, production, and economically feasible and prudent transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain in Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2759. A bill to provide for Kindergarten Plus programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 2760. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the National Guard, enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and improvement of Federal-State military coordination in domestic emergency response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2761. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a temporary windfall profit tax on crude oil and transfer the proceeds of the tax to the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 2762. A bill to prioritize the provision of assistance to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria to in-need countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2763. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a higher education opportunity credit in place of existing education tax incentives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 2764. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance protections for servicemembers relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 2765. A bill to strengthen and permanently preserve social security; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 2766. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 2767. A bill to provide for judicial discretion regarding suspensions of student eligibility under section 484(r) of the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. BOXER):