

year 2013–2014; however, the specific requirements are unreasonable for students with limited English proficiency and students with disabilities, making it impossible for all schools to comply with the law; and

Whereas, The NCLB requires highly qualified teachers in core academic areas, which conflicts with the process for certifying special education teachers and overlooks the fact that many categories of teachers, including special education teachers and middle school teachers in small rural schools, often teach several subjects; and

Whereas, The NCLB coerces participation by placing punitive financial consequences on states refusing to participate; and

Whereas, The NCLB is an under-funded mandate, with actual funding falling over \$70 billion short of the authorized levels, placing the burden on states and school districts to spend their own limited resources to implement the NCLB; and

Whereas, States should be allowed to use multiple measures of student achievement and school effectiveness in their state accountability plan, and to use a student-growth approach in their state accountability plan; and

Whereas, States should have the flexibility to allow school districts to design appropriate instructional interventions and incorporate differentiated interventions for any school not making adequate yearly progress so that a school that falls short in only a small number of federal criteria is not treated in the same manner as a school that falls short on all such measures, and to allow a district not making adequate yearly progress to be the supplemental educational services provider; and

Whereas, States should be given sufficient time for improvement plans to take effect before applying sanctions, and sanctions should not be applied if they undermine existing effective reform efforts, or states should be permitted to replace sanctions that do not have a consistent record of success with interventions that enable schools to make changes that result in improved student achievement; and

Whereas, States and school districts should have the flexibility to determine the appropriate standards upon which to base assessments for students with disabilities and to utilize the results from assessments based on such standards in calculating adequate yearly progress without arbitrary federal limitation on the use of such assessments; and

Whereas, States and school districts should have the flexibility to exclude assessment results of newly arrived limited-English proficient students in adequate yearly progress calculations for an appropriate number of years to ensure that such tests are measuring students' academic content knowledge and not just their English-proficiency levels; and

Whereas, Funding for supplemental educational services and school choice transportation should be funded by the federal government, and not come from diverting up to 20% of school districts Title I funds for such purposes; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we memorialize the President and the United States Congress to make a serious commitment to improving the quality of the nation's public schools by substantially increasing funding for the preauthorized version of the No Child Left Behind Act; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Congress of the United States to amend the No Child Left Behind Act so that states will be allowed to continue working toward the goal of closing the achievement gap without overly prescriptive federal rules, under-funded mandates and the coercion of losing federal funds; and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1046. A bill to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110–328).

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

Report to accompany S. 1551, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110–329).

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

S. 1853. A bill to promote competition, to preserve the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110–330).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 307. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Members' Congressional papers should be properly maintained and encouraging Members to take all necessary measures to manage and preserve these papers.

S. Res. 497. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 5 through 11, 2008.

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

S. 431. A bill to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

*Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Coordinator for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum.

*Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

*Samuel W. Speck, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

*Scot A. Marciel, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Affairs.

*Yousif Boutrous Ghafari, of Michigan, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

Nominee: Yousif B. Ghafari.

Post: Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: 2007–2,300.00, Team Sununu; 6,800.00, Robert A. Ficano Committee; 300.00, John B. O'Reilly Jr. Committee; 200.00, Committee to Elect Notte; 150.00, Committee to Elect Alan Lambert; 4,600.00, Mitt Romney for President; 80.00, Friends of Nancy A. Hubbard; 125.00, Diamond PAC/Jewel Ware; 250.00, Committee to Elect Mark Steenbergh; 65.00, Gary Woronchak for County Commissioner; 125.00, Laura Cox for Wayne County Commissioner; 100.00, Friends of Suzanne Sareini; 250.00, Health PAC; 2,500.00, Friends of Wayne State PAC; 150.00, Friends of Maureen Brosnan; 6,900.00, Mitt Romney for President; 1,000.00, McConnell Senate Committee; 4,600.00, Friends of Carl Levin; 150.00, Friends of Kevin McNamara; 250.00, Committee to Re-elect Donald Fracassi; 1,000.00, Friends of Michael Bouchard.

2006—1,000.00, Mike DeWine for US Senate; 100.00, Gary Woronchak for County Comm.; 200.00, Citizens for Jewel Ware; 125.00, Laura Cox for Wayne County Comm.; 1,000.00, Dave Camp for Congress; 250.00, Candice Miller for Congress; 500.00, Health PAC; 1,000.00, IMP-PAC; 200.00, Citizens for Sam Salamey; 150.00, The Committee to Re-elect Edward A. Boike, Jr.; 2,500.00, Friends of Wayne State PAC; 500.00, Kilpatrick for US Congress; 6,800.00, DeVos for Governor; 5,000.00, Robert A. Ficano PAC; 750.00, Michael A. Guido Committee; 2,100.00, C. Wakim for Congress; 100.00, Gary Woronchak for County Comm.; 1,000.00, Team Sununu; 250.00, Friends of Kevin McNamara; 1,000.00, Knollenberg for Congress; 5,000.00, Michigan Republican Party; 100.00, Charles Chambers for OCC Board of Trustees; 2,000.00, Santorum 2006; 2,100.00, Jeff Lamberti for Congress.

2005—6,800.00, DeVos for Governor; 1,000.00, Friends of Michael Bouchard; 150.00, Committee to Elect Alan Lambert; 200.00, Friends of Mark Steenbergh; 1,040.00, Michael A. Guido Committee; 750.00, Fremantle Hendrix for Mayor Committee; 100.00, The Committee to Elect Arthur F. Wright; 150.00, Committee to Elect Gregory Pitoniak; 7,300.00, Robert A. Ficano Committee; 70.00, Friends of Nancy A. Hubbard; 70.00, Friends of Suzanne Sareini; 250.00, Friends of Brenda Lawrence; 100.00, Sue Hall for Mayor; 300.00, Committee to Elect Joyce Hayes Giles; 150.00, Committee to re-Elect Edward A. Boike, Jr.; 100.00, Laura Cox for Wayne County Comm.; 50,250.00, Republican National Committee; 25,000.00, Joint Candidate Committee; 1,000.00, Michigan Republican Party; 200.00, Committee to re-Elect Donald F. Fracassi; 100.00, Committee to Elect Notte; 8,400.00, Bouchard for US Senate.

2004—25,000.00, Michigan Republican Party; 1,000.00, Marc Barron for District Judge; 1,500.00, Robert A. Ficano Committee; 2,500.00, Friends of L. Brooks Patterson; 1,500.00, Knollenberg for Congress Committee; 75.00, Committee to Re-elect Edward A. Boike, Jr.; 150.00, Spring event 2004; 1,000.00, Committee to Elect Myrah Kirkwood; 140.00, Friends of Nancy A. Hubbard; 250.00, Citizens to Elect Cheryl Matthews; 150.00, Gorceya for Justice Fund; 40,000.00, Republican National Committee; 10,000.00, Republican National Committee; (8,000.00),

Republican National Committee; 250.00, Friends for Bill Vollenweider; 140.00, Committee to Elect Alan Lambert; 1,000.00, Committee to Elect David Farhat; 1,000.00, Nancy Danhof for State Board; 500.00, Stephen Markman for Justice; 26,000.00, Joint Candidate Committee; 27,000.00, Joint State Victory Committee; 1,000.00, Terri Lynn Land for Secretary of State; 250.00, McCotter Congressional Committee; 200.00, Committee to Elect Notte; 500.00, Committee to re-elect Judge Wm. Whitbeck; 250.00, Melanie Foster for MSU Trustee; 500.00, Senate Republican Campaign Com; 5,000.00, IRL PAC; 125.00, Fall Event 2004; 2,500.00, Cox 5200 Club; 250.00, Rogers for Congress.

2003—200.00, Committee to Elect Notte; 150.00, Gorcyca for Prosecutor; 150.00, Spring Event 2003; 475.00, Michael A. Gudio Committee; 125.00, Sue Hall for Mayor Committee; 100.00, Committee to Elect Gil Hill; 140.00, Friends of Nancy A. Hubbard; 1,500.00, John D. Dingell for Congress; 100.00, Friends of Suzanne Sareini; 2,000.00, Bush-Cheney '04, Inc.; 1,000.00, Rogers for Congress; 2,000.00, Ros-Lehtinen for Congress; 500.00, Robert A. Ficano Committee; 200.00, Bankes for Livonia Mayor; 250.00, McCotter Congressional Committee; 25,000.00, Republican National Committee; 250.00, Committee to Keep Michael Duggan; 2,000.00, Engel for Congress.

Ghafari Family Members Political Contributions: Aida Ghafari, 2,300.00, 9/25/07, Mitt Romney; 1,000.00, 3/30/06, Michael J. Bouchard; Almaza Ghafari, 1,000.00, 9/11/07, Mitt Romney; 2,000.00, 6/30/03, George Bush; Georges Ghafari, 2,000.00, 3/31/06, Michael J. Bouchard; Louis Ghafari, 500.00, 6/27/06, Eliot Engel; 1,000.00, 3/21/06, Michael J. Bouchard; Sejaan Ghafari, 500.00, 6/27/06, Eliot Engel; 1,000.00, 4/7/06, Michael J. Bouchard; Vera Kalnins, 2,000.00, 12/4/03, George W. Bush.

*Kurt Douglas Volker, of Pennsylvania, a Career Foreign Service Officer of Class One, to be United States Permanent Representative to the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Nominee: Kurt D. Volker.
Post: US-NATO.

Nominated: Ambassador.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse: Karen Volker, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Sonja Volker, none; Katja Volker, none.
4. Parents: Thelma Jane, \$25, 8/01/2004, RNC; Volker, \$16, 9/18/2004, RNC.
5. Grandparents.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Mark and Volker, \$250, 9/29/2006, RNC; \$250, 8/02/2004, Bush/Cheney; \$250, 9/10/2004, RNC; and Craig and Volker, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

*D. Kathleen Stephens, of Montana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Korea.

Nominee: Doris Kathleen Stephens.
Post: Seoul, Korea.

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1. Self, none.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: James Whong, none.
4. Parents: Doris R. Stephens, none; Kenneth L. Stephens (deceased).
5. Grandparents: Henry and Mabel Richburg; Harvey and Annie Pearl Stephens, all deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Kenneth Stephens, none; Jeffrey W. Stephens, none; Margaret Stephens, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

*Robert J. Callahan, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Nominee: Robert J. Callahan.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Andrew M. Callahan, none; Emmett B. Callahan, none.
4. Parents, deceased.
5. Grandparents, deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Thomas D. Callahan (spouse deceased), none; James M. Callahan, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: John and Patricia Schultz, none; Robert and Kathleen Martin, none; John and Maureen Moore, none; James and Nancy Lamb, none.

*Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador.

Nominee: Heather M. Hodges.
Post: Ambassador to Ecuador.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: Aiden & Frances Hodges—Deceased.
5. Grandparents: Joseph & Effy Hodges—Deceased; Herman & Susana Ruppelt—Deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Allan J. Hodges, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

*Barbara J. Stephenson, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Panama.

Nominee: Barbara Stephenson.
Post: Ambassador to Panama.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self: Barbara Stephenson, none.
2. Spouse: Matthew Furbush, none.
3. Children: Claire Furbush, none; Matthew Brewster Furbush, none.
4. Parents: Father, Robert Vernon Stephenson—deceased; Mother, Jacqueline Jean Stephenson, none.
5. Grandparents: All deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Gary Lamar Stephenson, divorced, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

*William Edward Todd, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam.

Nominee: William Todd.
Post: Chief of Mission Brunei.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Wife: Patricia Buckingham, none.
3. Children: William Todd II, none; Christopher Todd, none, John Todd, none, Caitlyn Todd, none.
4. Parents: John Todd, none; Marie Todd, none.
5. Grandparents: Deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: John and Margaret Todd, \$1000, 2004, Republican Party; Douglas and Leigh Anne Todd, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Jean Todd, none.

*Hugo Llorens, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Honduras.

Nominee: Hugo Llorens.
Post: Honduras.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.
2. Spouse, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Son, Andrew Lee Llorens, none; Son, Dirk Alan Llorens, none.
4. Parents: Father, Fulvio Llorens, none; Mother, Hildelisa Llorens, none.
5. Grandparents: Efebo Llorens, (deceased); Francisca Garcia Llorens, (deceased); Amelio Acosta, (deceased); Obdulia Rodriguez Acosta, (deceased).
6. Brothers and Spouses: Jorge Llorens, none; Kim Llorens (spouse), none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Elda Llorens (unmarried), none.

*Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Nominee: Nancy Eileen McEldowney.
Post: Sofia, Bulgaria.

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Contributions, Amount, Date, and Donee:

1. Self, none.

2. Spouse, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Jessica Kim Hayes, none; Alyssa Mai Hayes, none.
4. Parents: Patricia Schamber, none; Clarence McEldowney, deceased.
5. Grandparents: Anita Salyer, deceased; Clarence Salyer, deceased; Ruth McEldowney, deceased; Alva McEldowney, deceased.
6. Brothers and Spouses: Michael McEldowney, none; Charlotte Phillips, none; John McEldowney, none; Catherine Miller, none.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Ann McEldowney, none; Richard Hertle, none; Jane McEldowney, none; William Cannon, none.

*Stephen George McFarland, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guatemala.

Nominee: Stephen George McFarland.
Post: COM Guatemala.

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1. Self, none.
2. Spouse, none.
3. Children and Spouses: Christopher E. McFarland, none; Alexander G. McFarland, none; Andrew S. McFarland, none; Kevin S. McFarland, none.
4. Parents: George A. McFarland, \$100, fall 2003, Cong. Sam Johnson; \$100, fall 2004, Sen. John Kerry; Peggy N. Nash, \$150, fall 2006, Van Johnson.
5. Grandparents: deceased.
6. Brothers and spouses: John F. McFarland, none; Yvonne McFarland, none.
7. Sisters and spouses: Anne M. Meyer, none; John Meyer, none; Maria McFarland, none; Christopher A. Smith, none.

*Peter E. Cianchette, of Maine, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Nominee: Peter E. Cianchette.

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1. Self, 500.00, 6/11/2007, Collins for Senator; 250.00, 11/6/2006, Snowe for Senate; 250.00, 7/18/2006, Maine Republican Party; 250.00, 6/30/2006, Curley for Congress; 75.00, 4/10/2006, Maine Republican Party; 25.00, 5/5/2006, Maine Republican Party; 500.00, 8/6/2004, Bush-Cheney '04; 100.00, 4/1/2004, Summers for Congress; 100.00, 4/6/2004, Brian Hamel for Congress; 80.00, 5/19/2004, Maine Republican Party; 100.00, 7/3/2003, Maine Republican Party.
2. Spouse: 250.00, 8/26/2006, Craig for Congress.
3. Children and spouses: Evan Cianchette, none; Maria Cianchette, none.
4. Parents: Ival Cianchette, 1000.00, 3/31/2007, Associated General Co Contractors of America PAC (AGC PAC); 1000.00, 05/31/2007, Collins for Senator; 1000.00, 2/28/2006, AGC PAC; 1000.00, 5/26/2005, Snowe for Senate; 1000.00, 9/1/2005, Snowe for Senate; 1000.00, 3/29/2005, AGC PAC; 1000.00, 3/15/2004, AGC PAC;

- 200.00, 8/10/2004, Summers for Congress; 800.00, 9/28/2004, Summers for Congress; 200.00, 10/23/2004, Summers for Congress; 250.00, 8/24/2004, Maine Republican Party; 500.00, 2/18/2004, Summers for Congress; 500.00, 6/29/2004, Summers for Congress; 1500.00, 11/17/2003, Bush-Cheney '04; 1000.00, 9/22/2003, AGC PAC; Priscilla Cianchette, 1500.00, 11/17/2003, Bush-Cheney '04.
5. Grandparents: Ralph Cianchette, deceased; Edna Cianchette, deceased, Earle Winslow, deceased, Mary Winslow, deceased.
6. Brothers and spouses: Thomas Cianchette, none; Bonita Cianchette, none; Earle Cianchette, 250.00, 8/3/2007, Maine Republican Party; Mary Ellen Cianchette, none; Mark Cianchette, none.
7. Sisters and spouses: Susan Koch, 250.00, 8/1/2007, Maine Republican Party; Joseph Koch, deceased, none.

*Frank Charles Urbancic, Jr., of Indiana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus.

Nominee: Frank C. Urbancic Jr.
Post: Cyprus

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1. Frank C. Urbancic, Jr., none.
2. Michelle M. Urbancic, none.
3. Frank C. Urbancic III, none; Arlette Nadine Urbancic, none.
4. Norma Jean Urbancic, none; Frank C. Urbancic Sr., none.
5. Grandparents: deceased.
6. Brothers and spouses: none; John Vincent Urbancic, none; Louis H. Urbancic, Marjorie Urbancic, none.
7. Sisters and spouses: Sherryl Cromer, none.

*Barbara McConnell Barrett, of Arizona, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland.

Nominee: Barbara McConnell Barrett.
Post: Ambassador to Finland.

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Contributions, Donee, Date, Amount:

1. Self: John Shadegg's Friends, 12/18/2007, \$4600; 8/24/2006, \$4200; Huffman for Congress, 7/27/2006, \$2100; Jon Kyl for U.S. Senate, 6/2/2006, \$1350; 6/2/2006, \$2100; 4/22/2005, \$750; Ros-Lehtinen for Congress, 11/5/2007, \$1000; 5/4/2006, \$1000; Kolbe for Congress, 7/18/2005, \$2000; 4/23/2006, \$575; Jeff Flake for Congress, 3/16/2007, \$2300; 3/16/2007, \$2300; 3/15/2005, \$4200; Heather Wilson for Congress, 8/15/2007, \$200; 8/15/2007, \$2300; 3/14/2007, \$2100, 2/1/2005, \$4000; 2004 Joint Candidate Committee, 10/8/2004, \$20,000; Pete Coors for U.S. Senate, 10/7/2004, \$2000; The Wish List, 5/12/2006, \$1000; 8/1/2005, \$1000; 7/26/2004, \$1000; John Shadegg for Congress, 5/19/2004, \$500; Hatch Election Committee, 5/15/2006, \$2100; Bush, George W. (Bush-Cheney '04 Compliance Committee), 10/20/2004, \$2000; Romney for President, 7/30/2007, \$2300, 1/10/2008, \$2300; Mitch McConnell Senate Committee '08, 9/05/2007, \$2300; J.D. Hayworth for Congress, 10/17/2006, \$2100; Jill Vogel for Senate, 8/7/2007, \$25.

2. Spouse: Craig Radford Barrett, John Shadegg's Friends, 12/18/2007, \$4600, 8/24/2006, \$3200, 12/7/2005, \$1000, 4/26/2004, \$500; Huffman for Congress, 7/27/2006, \$2100; Ros-Lehtinen for Congress, 5/4/2006, \$1000; Jeff Flake for Congress, 3/16/2007, \$4600, 3/15/2005, \$4200, 3/3/2004, \$2000; Heather Wilson for Congress, 8/15/2007, \$200, 8/15/2007, \$2300, 3/14/2007, \$2100, 2/14/2005, \$2000, 2/14/2005, \$2000; 2004 Joint Candidate Committee, 10/8/2004, \$4,000; Maria Cantwell, 3/3/2004, \$1000; People for Pete Domenici, 5/25/2007, \$1000, 6/3/2005, \$1000; Hatch Election Committee, 5/15/2006, \$4200, 5/15/2006, \$2100; Mitch McConnell Senate Committee '08, 9/05/2007, \$2300; Jon Kyl for US Senate, 9/26/2006, \$1700; 6/5/2006, \$350; 6/5/2006, \$400; 1/9/2006, \$1000; 4/28/2005, \$750; David Dreier for Congress Committee, 8/8/2005, \$1000; 2/6/2004, \$2000; Friends of George Allen, 7/12/2006, \$1000; 7/21/2005, \$1000; Bush-Cheney '04 Compliance Committee, 10/20/2004, \$2000; Friends of Gordon Smith, 11/9/2005, \$1000; Nethercutt for Congress, 10/15/2004, \$2000; Santorum 2006, 8/31/2004, \$2000; Lisa Murkowski for Senate, 9/27/2004, \$2000; Citizens for Hope, Responsibility, Independence and Service (ChrisPac), 4/20/2005, \$2500; Romney for President, 1/10/2008, \$2300; Intel Corporation Political Action Committee, 1/15/2004, \$208.00; 1/30/2004, \$208.00; 2/13/2004, \$208.00; 2/27/2004, \$208.00; 3/15/2004, \$208.00; 3/31/2004, \$208.00; 4/15/2004, \$208.00; 4/30/2004, \$208.00; 5/14/2004, \$208.00; 5/28/2004, \$208.00; 6/15/2004, \$208.00; 6/30/2004, \$208.00; 7/15/2004, \$208.00; 7/30/2004, \$208.00; 8/13/2004, \$208.00; 8/27/2004, \$208.00; 9/15/2004, \$208.00; 9/30/2004, \$208.00; 10/15/2004, \$208.00; 10/29/2004, \$208.00; 11/15/2004, \$208.00; 11/30/2004, \$208.00; 12/15/2004, \$208.00; 12/31/2004, \$208.00; 1/14/2005, \$208.00; 1/31/2005, \$208.00; 2/15/2005, \$208.00; 2/28/2005, \$208.00; 3/15/2005, \$208.00; 3/31/2005, \$208.00; 4/15/2005, \$208.00; 4/29/2005, \$208.00; 5/13/2005, \$208.00; 5/31/2005, \$208.00; 6/15/2005, \$208.00; 6/30/2005, \$208.00; 7/15/2005, \$208.00; 7/29/2005, \$208.00; 8/15/2005, \$208.00; 8/31/2005, \$208.00; 9/15/2005, \$208.00; 9/30/2005, \$208.00; 10/14/2005, \$208.00; 10/31/2005, \$208.00; 11/15/2005, \$208.00; 11/30/2005, \$208.00; 12/15/2005, \$208.00; 12/30/2005, \$208.00; 1/13/2006, \$208.00; 1/31/2006, \$208.00; 2/15/2006, \$208.00; 2/28/2006, \$208.00; 3/15/2006, \$208.00; 3/31/2006, \$208.00; 4/14/2006, \$208.00; 4/28/2006, \$208.00; 5/15/2006, \$208.00; 5/31/2006, \$208.00; 6/15/2006, \$208.00; 6/30/2006, \$208.00; 7/14/2006, \$208.00; 7/31/2006, \$208.00; 8/15/2006, \$208.00; 8/31/2006, \$208.00; 9/15/2006, \$208.00; 9/29/2006, \$208.00; 10/13/2006, \$208.00; 10/31/2006, \$208.00, 11/15/2006, \$208.00, 11/30/2006, \$208.00, 12/15/2006, \$208.00, 12/29/2006, \$208.00, 1/15/2007, \$208.00, 1/31/2007, \$208.00, 2/15/2007, \$208.00, 2/28/2007, \$208.00, 3/15/2007, \$208.00, 3/30/2007, \$208.00, 4/13/2007, \$208.00, 4/30/2007, \$208.00, 5/15/2007, \$208.00, 5/31/2007, \$208.00, 6/15/2007, \$208.00, 6/29/2007, \$208.00, 7/13/2007, \$208.00, 7/31/2007, \$208.00, 8/15/2007, \$208.00, 8/31/2007, \$208.00, 9/14/2007, \$208.00, 9/28/2007, \$208.00, 10/15/2007, \$208.00, 10/31/2007, \$208.00, 11/15/2007, \$208.00, 11/30/2007, \$208.00, 12/14/2007, \$208.00, 12/28/2007, \$208.00.

3. Children and spouses: No children.

4. Parents: Robert Harvey McConnell, (deceased); Betty Lou Dornheim McConnell, Heather Wilson for Congress, 10/28/2007, \$25, 9/8/2007, \$25, 7/9/2007, \$20, 2/11/2007, \$25, 3/24/2006, \$25; Republican National Committee 12/10/2007, \$25, 5/22/2007, \$30, 4/11/2007, \$25; National Republican Women 3/8/2007, \$30, Pennsylvania GOP, 8/15/2007, \$25; Republican Women, 10/31/2006, \$25.

5. Grandparents: William Dornheim, deceased; Solamea Ambil Dornheim, deceased; William Day McConnell, deceased; Della McFeaters McConnell, deceased.

6. Brothers and spouses: Robert Harvey McConnell Jr., deceased; William Ansley McConnell and Leslie Hipp McConnell, Pat Toomey 1/13/2004, \$100; John David McConnell and Lori McConnell McConnell, Heather Wilson, 12/20/2007, \$500.

7. Sisters and spouses: Jill Kathlene Kazmierczak: none; Patricia Lynn Minter and Richard G. Minter, none.

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 Andrew Townsend Wiener and ending with Troy A. Lindquist, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 5, 2008.

*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. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 2898. A bill to provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2899. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on suicides among veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 2900. A bill to provide States with the incentives, flexibility and resources to develop child welfare services that focus on improving circumstances for children, whether in foster care or in their own homes; 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. KERRY (for himself, Mr. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. DOLE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. THUNE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 524. A resolution honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of the owners of small business concerns in the United States during National Small Business Week, beginning April 21, 2008; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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

S. Res. 525. A resolution recognizing the progress made by States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention on the occa-

sion of the Second Review Conference; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Res. 526. A resolution designating April 20 through 26, 2008, as "National Community Health Aide, Community Health Practitioner, and Dental Health Aide Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 527. A resolution designating April 23, 2008, as "National Adopt a Library Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. Res. 528. A resolution designating April 25, 2008, as "Global Youth Service Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 335

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 335, a bill to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from using private debt collection companies, and for other purposes.

S. 358

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 358, a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, 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. 819

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Sen-

ator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of increased payments for ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

S. 1315

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1315, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance life insurance benefits for disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1437

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1437, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1576, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health and healthcare of racial and ethnic minority groups.

S. 1715

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the Medicare program.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1738, a bill to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators.