

his five brothers, our thoughts and prayers are with you. You have made a sacrifice that a grateful Nation can never repay. I hope that one day your sorrow will be salved by your pride in knowing that Duncan served the Nation with overwhelming honor, courage, and dignity. He will never be forgotten.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL JUSTIN B. "JEB" NEEL

• Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that today I commend a great American and Arkansan on his last day of duty in the Marine Corps. Cpl Justin B. "Jeb" Neel grew up in Little Rock and attended Little Rock Catholic High where he was a member of their prestigious and well-known Marine Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. He went on to graduate from the University of Arkansas, my alma mater, with his bachelor's of art in criminal justice. He was also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, of which I am a member.

Upon his graduation in 2003, Jeb enlisted in the Marine Corps and answered the call to serve his country. After completing boot camp in San Diego, Jeb was assigned to the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC. While there, Jeb served as a member of the world famous U.S. Marine Body Bearer section. This small but vital group is composed of marines within one of the ceremonial drill companies at the Marine Barracks.

As a marine in Bravo Company, Jeb was charged with the difficult duty of receiving marines who had been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Eventually, Jeb was called to serve in the global war on terror, and in February 2007, he deployed to Al Anbar Province in western Iraq. While in Al Anbar, Jeb and his fellow marines performed missions that included month-long hikes up the Euphrates River searching for weapons caches and fallen marines. They also performed foot patrols in cities across Al Anbar including Fallujah and Hit. By all accounts Jeb and his fellow marines greatly contributed to the mission of increasing peace and stability for the Iraqi people.

Jeb returned from Iraq at the end of 2007 to his strong and supportive family and finished the rest of his military service at Camp Lejeune. I am proud to have citizens like Jeb from the State of Arkansas who so valiantly and honorably serve this Nation.

I had the pleasure of having breakfast with Jeb before he deployed to Iraq, and I was truly inspired and impressed by his commitment and duty to our country. It is with great thanks that I commend Corporal Neel for his service. Today, Jeb leaves the Marine Corps and moves on to do other great things with his life. I think we should all take this opportunity to recognize

what our service men and women like Jeb Neel sacrifice for this great Nation. I thank him for his service.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 310. A bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity (Rept. No. 110-260).

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

S. 1892. A bill to reauthorize the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-261).

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. DEMINT:

S. 2592. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for permanent tax incentives for economic growth; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2593. A bill to establish a program at the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to carry out collaborative ecological restoration treatments for priority forest landscapes on public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. Res. 443. A resolution designating February 2008 as "Go Direct Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr.

ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 625

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 625, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 836

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 836, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants.

S. 911

At the request of Mr. REED, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 911, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish within the Environmental Protection Agency an office to measure and report on greenhouse gas emissions of Federal agencies.

S. 1576

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) 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. 1661

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1661, a bill to communicate United States travel policies and improve marketing and other activities designed to increase travel in the United States from abroad.

S. 1843

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1843, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1906

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1906, a bill to understand and comprehensively address the oral health problems associated with methamphetamine use.

S. 2071

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine.

S. 2173

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2173, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve standards for physical education.

S. 2314

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2314, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make geothermal heat pump systems eligible for the energy credit and the residential energy efficient property credit, and for other purposes.

S. 2368

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2368, a bill to provide immigration reform by securing America's borders, clarifying and enforcing existing laws, and enabling a practical employer verification program.

S. 2408

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2408, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require physician utilization of the Medicare electronic prescription drug program.

S. 2433

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2433, a bill to require the President to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the United States foreign policy objective of pro-

moting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide, between 1990 and 2015, who live on less than \$1 per day.

S. 2550

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2550, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain debts owed to the United States by members of the Armed Forces and veterans who die as a result of an injury incurred or aggravated on active duty in a combat zone, and for other purposes.

S. 2559

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2559, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to increase the level of earnings under which no individual who is blind is determined to have demonstrated an ability to engage in substantial gainful activity for purposes of determining disability.

S. 2561

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2561, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War.

S. 2566

At the request of Mr. ISAKSON, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) were added as cosponsors of S. 2566, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a Federal income tax credit for certain home purchases.

S. 2577

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2577, a bill to establish background check procedures for gun shows.

S. 2578

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2578, a bill to temporarily delay application of proposed changes to Medicaid payment rules for case management and targeted case management services.

S. RES. 432

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the

Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 432, a resolution urging the international community to provide the United Nations-African Union Mission in Sudan with essential tactical and utility helicopters.

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 432, *supra*.

S. RES. 434

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 434, a resolution designating the week of February 10–16, 2008, as “National Drug Prevention and Education Week”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3938

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3938 proposed to S. 2248, an original bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3941

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3941 proposed to S. 2248, an original bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 2593. A bill to establish a program at the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to carry out collaborative ecological restoration treatments for priority forest landscapes on public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, today, I am introducing the Forest Landscape Restoration Act. I developed this bill with Senators DOMENICI and FEINSTEIN, and I am pleased they have joined as cosponsors. The bill also is cosponsored by Senators ALLARD, WYDEN, SALAZAR, CANTWELL, CRAIG, AKAKA, and CRAPO. I also am pleased that Chairman GRIJALVA will be introducing a companion bill in the House of Representatives, and I look forward to working with him as his subcommittee in the Natural Resources Committee moves forward with the bill.

The bill establishes a program to select and fund projects that restore forests at a landscape scale through a