

court vacancies doubled. When Democrats regained the Senate majority halfway into President Bush's first year in office, we turned away from these bad practices. As a result, overall judicial vacancies were reduced during the Bush years from more than 10 percent to less than 4 percent. During the Bush years, the Federal court vacancies were reduced from 110 to 34 and Federal circuit court vacancies were reduced from a high of 32 down to single digits.

This progress has not continued with a Democratic President back in office. Instead, Senate Republicans have returned to the strategy they used during the Clinton administration of blocking the nominations of a Democratic President, again leading to skyrocketing vacancies. Last year the Senate confirmed only 12 Federal circuit and district court judges, the lowest total in 50 years. This year we have yet to confirm 30 Federal circuit and district judges. We are not even keeping up with retirements and attrition. As a result, judicial vacancies are now at 111, again more than 10 percent.

Regrettably, the Senate is not being allowed to consider the consensus, mainstream judicial nominees favorably reported from the Judiciary Committee. It has taken nearly five times as long to consider President Obama's judicial nominations as it did to consider President Bush's during his first 2 years in office. During the first 2 years of the Bush administration, the 100 judges confirmed were considered by the Senate an average of 25 days from being reported by the Judiciary Committee. The average time for confirmed circuit court nominees was 26 days. By contrast, if the Senate were allowed to consider the 34 judicial nominees being stalled by Republican objection and they were all confirmed this week, the average time Federal circuit and district and circuit court judges have been forced to wait after being considered and favorably recommended by the Judiciary Committee since President Obama took office would be five times that of those confirmed during the first 2 years of the Bush administration.

Time is running out in this Congress for Republicans to turn away from the disastrous strategy of blocking nominations across the board. The Senate's longstanding traditions demand that we reject this practice of obstruction. The Federal courts are suffering from rising vacancies and crushing case-loads. The victims are the American people who depend on the courts for justice.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING JUDGE VINCENT MICELI

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to recognize the extraordinary legacy of the late retired Riverside Superior Court Judge Victor

Miceli, who passed away on September 16, 2010. He was a champion of justice, leader of city restoration projects, and preserver of the history of the city of Riverside, CA—his adopted hometown for which he worked diligently for nearly half a century.

After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh Law School in 1952 and serving as the judge advocate general in the U.S. Army, Vincent Miceli relocated to Riverside in 1961. He opened a private civil practice, which he maintained until he was appointed by Governor George Deukmejian to the Superior Court in 1986. Throughout his tenure, during which he served as a presiding judge, he rendered decisions in many high-profile cases, including those involving local politics, city growth, and environmental issues.

Judge Miceli's civic involvement included establishing Federal and State appellate courthouses in downtown Riverside, shaping this area as a justice center enhanced by \$100 million in new construction. He also spearheaded restoration of the historic 1903 Beaux Arts courthouse on the city's Main Street and contributed to the restoration and preservation of the city's historic Evergreen Cemetery. In the words of retired appellate Judge John Gabbert: "His contributions to the City and County of Riverside have just been beyond measure."

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Judge Miceli's family, friends, and colleagues. He will be truly missed.●

REMEMBERING CHARLES RAY CARR

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Charles Carr, who passed away on December 2, 2010, following a life dedicated to service, family, and his community. He was a personal friend and, along with his family, I mourn his passing.

A native of Blount County, AL, Charles was a graduate of Oneonta High School and Snead State Junior College. After earning his bachelor's and master's degree in education from Auburn University, Charles began his distinguished career as an educator in the Blount County public schools. Later, he taught at Snead State Junior College and Wallace State Community College. Charles was a well-liked and admired educator by his former colleagues and students.

After serving 13 years in the classroom, his love of teaching and public service led him to Alabama's State capitol where he served on the staff and in the cabinet for Governors George Wallace and Guy Hunt as the director of postsecondary education. There, he also served as a mentor to many of those who would cross his path and give a helping hand to those who felt they did not have a voice. In doing so, he built a wide network of friends across the State.

After leaving the government to work as a private consultant, Charles

joined Community Bank. Later, in 2002, he became the executive director of the Blount County-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce, a position that brought him joy and satisfaction. He was deeply committed to his community and I know that he enjoyed promoting it through his position with the chamber.

While Charles had great success in his career, he was first and foremost a family man. He was devoted to his cherished wife and son and enjoyed spending time with his extended family. He is survived by his wife Brenda Maynor Carr of Union Grove; son Jonathan Elliott Carr of Washington, DC; and two brothers, Jim Carr of Oneonta and Ken Carr of Houston, TX.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring the life of my friend, Charles Carr. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3998. An act to extend the Child Safety Pilot Program.

H.R. 4994. An act to extend certain expiring provisions of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4023. A bill to provide for the repeal of the Department of Defense policy concerning homosexuality in the Armed Forces known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell".

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 10, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3998. An act to extend the Child Safety Pilot Program.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8407. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Tolerance Crop Grouping Program II; Revisions to General Tolerance Regulations" (FRL No. 8853-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8408. A communication from the Director of the Policy Issuances Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permission to Use Air Inflation of Meat Carcasses and Parts" (RIN0583-AD33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8409. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8410. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations; Terrorism Sanctions Regulations; Foreign Terrorist Organizations Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 594, 595, and 597) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8411. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z (Truth in Lending)—Interim Final Rule; Request for Public Comment" (Docket No. R-1394) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8412. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "System Personnel Training Reliability Standards" (Docket No. RM09-25-000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8413. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increased Safety Measures for Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)" (RIN1010-AD68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8414. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conduct of Employees and Former Employees; Exemption From Post-Employment Restrictions for Communications Furnishing Scientific or Technological Information" (RIN1990-AA31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8415. A communication from the Director of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Regarding Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts to Medicare Beneficiaries' Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums" (RIN0960-AH22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8416. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "With-

drawal of Regulatory Guide 1.39" (NRC-2010-0354) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8417. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Administrative Changes" ((RIN3150-AH49)(NRC-2009-0085)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8418. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Availability of Model Application and Safety Evaluation for Plant-Specific Adoption of TSTF-431, 'Change in Technical Specifications End States (BAW-2441)'" (NUREG-1430) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8419. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Action to Ensure Authority to Issue Permits under the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program to Sources of Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Finding of Substantial Inadequacy and SIP Call" (FRL No. 9236-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8420. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methods for Measurement of Filterable PM10 and PM2.5 and Measurement of Condensable PM Emissions from Stationary Sources" (FRL No. 9236-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8421. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2010 Annual Actuarial Report Required by Section 22 of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 and Section 502 of the Railroad Retirement Solvency Act of 1983; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8422. A communication from the Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Form T-1, Trust Annual Report; Requiring Subsidiary Organization Reporting on the Form LM-2, Labor Organization Annual Report; Modifying Subsidiary Organization Reporting on the Form LM-3, Labor Organization Annual Report; LMRDA Coverage of Intermediate Labor Organizations; Final Rule" (RIN1215-AB75; RIN1245-AA02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8423. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Fiscal Year 2007 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8424. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices;

General and Plastic Surgery Devices; Classification of Non-Powered Suction Apparatus Device Intended for Negative Pressure Wound Therapy" (Docket No. FDA-2010-N-0513) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8425. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report on the continued compliance of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan with the 1974 Trade Act's freedom of emigration provisions, as required under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8426. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the requirements of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8427. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Comparative Analysis of Actual Cash Collections to the Revised Revenue Estimate Through the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8428. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8429. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-annual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8430. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8431. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8432. A communication from the Chair of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 and the Semi-Annual Management Report for the period ending September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8433. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 and the Management Response for the period ending September 30, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8434. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the appointment of members to the

Kentucky Advisory Committee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-8435. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA051) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8436. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Big Skate in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA066) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8437. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Longnose Skate in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XA067) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 7, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8438. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; Sabine Bank Channel, Sabine Pass Channel and Sabine-Neches Waterway, TX" (RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2009-0316) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8439. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone, in the vicinity of the Michoud Slip Position...." (RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0846) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8440. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; Captain of the Port Buffalo Zone; Technical Amendment" (RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0821) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8441. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Navigation and Navigable Waters; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments, Sector Puget Sound, WA; Correction" (RIN1625-ZA25) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0351) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8442. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ledge Removal Project, Bass Harbor, Maine" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0806) received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8443. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Blue Angels at Kaneohe Bay Air Show, Oahu, HI" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0705) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8444. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Monte Foundation Firework Display, Monterey, CA" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0620) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8445. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Interstate 5 Bridge Repairs, Columbia River, Portland, OR" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0895) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8446. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; IJSBA World Finals, Lower Colorado River, Lake Havasu, AZ" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0509) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8447. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; New York Air Show at Jones Beach State Park, Atlantic Ocean Off of Jones Beach, Wantagh, NY" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0138) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8448. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Natchez Fireworks Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Mile Marker 365.5 to Mile Marker 363, Natchez, MS" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0872) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8449. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping; Technical, Organizational, and Conforming Amendments" (RIN1625-ZA27) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0759) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8450. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Reserved Channel, Boston Harbor, Boston, MA" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2010-0886) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8451. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Beaufort, SC" (RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2009-1075) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8452. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notification of Arrival in U.S. Ports; Certain Dangerous Cargoes" (RIN1625-AA93) (Docket No. USCG-2004-19963) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

Special Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs" (Rept. No. 111-360).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 787. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States (Rept. No. 111-361).

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

S. 1748. A bill to establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter (Rept. No. 111-362).

S. 3605. A bill to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-363).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3806. A bill to protect Federal employees and visitors, improve the security of Federal facilities and authorize and modernize the Federal Protective Service.

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. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr.

UDALL of Colorado, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REID, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COONS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. 4023. A bill to provide for the repeal of the Department of Defense policy concerning homosexuality in the Armed Forces known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"; read the first time.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):