

awarded this enormous punitive judgment despite findings by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) that CSXT did not cause the accident and that no serious injuries resulted from the accident.

In light of these egregious examples, it is time for Congress to pass legislation to reign in these exploding legal costs which have hurt American businesses, stifled ingenuity, and punished consumers through higher prices and decreased competition. S. 648 would mark an important first step in reforming a tort system which all too often better resembles a lottery than a forum of justice. I urge our leadership to make S. 648 a priority in the first session of the 105th Congress.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Senate on September 22, 1997, received a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The nomination received on September 22, 1997, is shown in today's RECORD at the end of the Senate proceedings.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2996. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-117 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2997. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-119 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2998. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-125 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2999. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-128 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3000. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-129 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3001. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-130 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3002. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-131 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3003. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-132 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3004. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-139 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3005. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-140 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3006. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-143 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3007. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-144 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3008. A communication from the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, copies of D.C. Act 12-126 adopted by the Council on July 1, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3009. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the reports and testimony for July 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3010. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a financial audit relative to the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3011. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to General Accounting Office employees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3012. A communication from the Deputy Director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Removal of Superseded References to the Former Honorarium Ban" (RIN3209-AA00, AA04) received on September 11, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3013. A communication from the Director of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Administration and Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "The Privacy Program" received on September 8, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3014. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to additions to the procurement list, received on September 5, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3015. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Acquisition Regulation" (RIN3206-AH45) received on September 8, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3016. A communication from the Acting Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Pay Administration (General)" (RIN3206-AF89) received on September 18, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3017. A communication from the Acting Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Acquisition Regulation" (RIN3206-AF32, AG79, AG68); to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3018. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation to amend title 5, U.S.C., to extend the

Federal physicians comparability allowance authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3019. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on accountability for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3020. A communication from the Director of the National Archives and Records Administration, Information Security Oversight Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3021. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of cases decided during fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3022. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Achieving a Representative Federal Workforce: Addressing the Barriers to Hispanic Participation"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3023. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy, U.S. General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation" (RIN9000-AH21) received on September 23, 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3024. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to paperwork; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-3025. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports and testimony for August 1997; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Robert L. Mallett, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce.

W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, vice Thomas R. Bloom.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably four nominations lists in the Coast Guard, which were printed in full in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 3, 15, and 18, 1997, 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.

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in

the RECORDS of September 3, 15, and 18, 1997, at the end of the Senate proceedings)

The following cadets of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy for appointment to the grade indicated in the U.S. Coast Guard under title 14, United States Code, section 211:

*To be ensign*

Steven C. Acosta, 0000  
 Sterling V. Adlakha, 0000  
 Marcie L. Albright, 0000  
 Katie R. Alexander, 0000  
 Jeremy J. Anderson, 0000  
 William L. Arritt, 0000  
 Leanne M. Bacon, 0000  
 Matthew J. Baer, 0000  
 Abraham C. Banks, 0000  
 Gregory R. Barbiaux, 0000  
 Jonathan Bates, 0000  
 Paul R. Beavis, 0000  
 Sean C. Bennett, 0000  
 Chandler Benson, 0000  
 Cheryl A. Berezny, 0000  
 Brent R. Bergan, 0000  
 Alex W. Bergman, 0000  
 James B. Bernstein, 0000  
 Jason M. Biggar, 0000  
 Bryan R. Blackmore, 0000  
 Anne M. Blandford, 0000  
 Robert R. Borowczak, 0000  
 John B. Brady, 0000  
 Marc Brandt, 0000  
 Thomas K. Brasted, 0000  
 Mark A. Braxton, 0000  
 Veronica A. Brecht, 0000  
 Jason A. Brennell, 0000  
 Joseph D. Brown, 0000  
 Randall E. Brown, 0000  
 David L. Burger, 0000  
 Katrina D. Burritt, 0000  
 Erin E. Calvert, 0000  
 Gregg W. Casad, 0000  
 George W. Cathey, 0000  
 Kimberly B. Chapman, 0000  
 Scott A. Clementz, 0000  
 Jennifer J. Cook, 0000  
 Thomas D. Crane, 0000  
 Charles C. Culotta, 0000  
 Kenneth C. Cutler, 0000  
 Thomas C. D'Arcy, 0000  
 Thomas W. Denucci, 0000  
 Frederick D. Detar, 0000  
 Alexander D. Dodd, 0000  
 Roger S. Doyle, 0000  
 John M. Dunlap, 0000  
 Reginald C. Eisenhauer, 0000  
 Meredith M. Engelke, 0000  
 Brian C. Erickson, 0000  
 Anthony S. Erickson, 0000  
 Joshua W. Fant, 0000  
 Louis B. Faulkner, 0000  
 Gregory J. Ferry, 0000  
 Benjamin E. Fleming, 0000  
 Aurora I. Fleming, 0000  
 Anthony T. Fratianne, 0000  
 Matthew J. Funderburk, 0000  
 Lawrence D. Gaillard, 0000  
 Brent Garriepy, 0000  
 Benjamin A. Gates, 0000  
 Edward P. Geraghty, 0000  
 Jennifer L. Girton, 0000  
 Benjamin M. Golightly, 0000  
 Jason M. Goodman, 0000  
 Jennifer A. Green, 0000  
 Robert M. Green, 0000  
 Patrick A. Groves, 0000  
 Andrew L. Guedry, 0000  
 Thomas J. Hall, 0000  
 Matthew W. Hammond, 0000  
 Sean P. Hannigan, 0000  
 Alan D. Hansen, 0000  
 Justin H. Harper, 0000  
 Rebecca J. Heatherington, 0000  
 Casey J. Hehr, 0000  
 Eric A. Helgen, 0000  
 Brian J. Henry, 0000

Edward J. Hernaez, 0000  
 Wesley H. Hester, 0000  
 Curtis G. Huntington, 0000  
 Kristin A. Jagmin, 0000  
 Cassie Q. Janssen, 0000  
 Graig T. Jeanquart, 0000  
 Raymond M. Jebsen, 0000  
 Andrew S. Joca, 0000  
 Scott B. Jones, 0000  
 Michael A. Keane, 0000  
 Corinna M. Kellicut, 0000  
 Paul W. Kemp, 0000  
 Ibrahim M. Khalil, 0000  
 Michael E. Kicklighter, 0000  
 Justin A. Kimura, 0000  
 Elizabeth A. Kirner, 0000  
 Michael K. Klinge, 0000  
 Lisa E. Knopf, 0000  
 Dirk L. Krause, 0000  
 Brian C. Krautler, 0000  
 Jon M. Kreischer, 0000  
 Jeffrey W. Kuck, 0000  
 Matthew F. Lammer, 0000  
 John J. Larkin, 0000  
 Jeremy P. Law, 0000  
 Nina C. Leonard, 0000  
 Marcus A. Lines, 0000  
 Monica B. Lomascolo, 0000  
 Natalie J. Magnino, 0000  
 Dana C. Mancinelli, 0000  
 Heather R. Mattern, 0000  
 Benjamin J. Maule, 0000  
 Bryan L. May, 0000  
 Benjamin E. Maynard, 0000  
 James E. McCollum, 0000  
 Iain L. McConnell, 0000  
 Matthew V. McGuan, 0000  
 Joseph E. Mause, 0000  
 Joshua P. Miller, 0000  
 John Miller, 0000  
 Dean J. Milne, 0000  
 Chris S. Moland, 0000  
 Robert W. Moore, 0000  
 Matthew P. Moore, 0000  
 Stephanie A. Morrison, 0000  
 Christian A. Munoz, 0000  
 Sean D. Murphy, 0000  
 David R. Ojeda, 0000  
 Jeffrey P. Pace, 0000  
 Timothy D. Payton, 0000  
 Eric D. Peace, 0000  
 Kristian B. Pickrell, 0000  
 Jeffrey J. Pile, 0000  
 Christopher M. Pisares, 0000  
 Michael J. Plumley, 0000  
 Jessica L. Plummer, 0000  
 Eric C. Popiel, 0000  
 Jody T. Popp, 0000  
 Juan M. Posada, 0000  
 Gabrielle E. Potter, 0000  
 Clinton J. Prindle, 0000  
 David A. Quattro, 0000  
 Christopher G. Raia, 0000  
 Arthur L. Ray, 0000  
 Katie B. Richardson, 0000  
 Roger G. Robitaille, 0000  
 Brust B. Roethler, 0000  
 Pedro J. Rubio, 0000  
 Paul F. Rudick, 0000  
 Shaun R. Ruffell, 0000  
 Robert G. Salembier, 0000  
 Stanton C. Sanchez, 0000  
 Deanna L. Sand, 0000  
 Michael R. Sarnowski, 0000  
 Jamie L. Scholzen, 0000  
 Richard M. Scott, 0000  
 Kelly C. Seals, 0000  
 James T. Sears, 0000  
 Stephanie M. Sheridan, 0000  
 Kenneth E. Shovlin, 0000  
 Michael R. Sinclair, 0000  
 Kelly K. Skiles, 0000  
 Jason M. Stamper, 0000  
 Joshua T. Steffen, 0000  
 Erich V. Stein, 0000  
 Blake D. Stockwell, 0000  
 Jill A. Swaynos, 0000  
 Scott G. Syring, 0000

Evelyn L. Taylor, 0000  
 Shad A. Thomas, 0000  
 Patrick M. Thompson, 0000  
 Allen L. Thompson, 0000  
 Gregory M. Tozzi, 0000  
 Jason P. Travis, 0000  
 Neil P. Travis, 0000  
 Melissa M. Tulio, 0000  
 Michael E. Vance, 0000  
 Dianna L. Vanvalkenburg, 0000  
 Joseph J. Vealencis, 0000  
 Kristi L. Walker, 0000  
 Daniel R. Warren, 0000  
 Zachary A. Weiss, 0000  
 Timothy P. Wieland, 0000  
 Jerred C. Williams, 0000  
 Darlene D. Wilson, 0000  
 Amy E. Wirts, 0000  
 Christopher G. Wolfe, 0000  
 Marc A. Zlomek, 0000

The following-named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the U.S. Coast Guard under title 14, United States Code, section 271:

*To be commander*

Frank M. Paskewich, 0000  
 Anthony S. Reynolds, 0000  
 Theodore A. Bull, 0000  
 Timothy F. Mann, 0000  
 Gary M. Alexander, 0000  
 Gregory R. Haack, 0000  
 Mark P. O'Mally, 0000  
 Robert M. Palatka, 0000  
 John J. Cook, 0000  
 Mark A. Rose, 0000  
 John F. Kaplan, 0000  
 Timothy M. Close, 0000  
 Pamela A. Russell, 0000  
 William T. Devereaux, 0000  
 Matthew J. Glomb, 0000  
 David C. Eky, 0000  
 Stephan A. Billian, 0000  
 Mark E. Butt, 0000  
 Peter S. Simons, 0000  
 Thaddeus G. Sliwinski, 0000  
 Steven R. Corporon, 0000  
 James Y. Poyer, 0000  
 Vince S. Sedwick, 0000  
 Eugene F. Cunningham, 0000  
 Joseph E. Mihelic, 0000  
 Steven E. Carlson, 0000  
 Michael C. Cosenza, 0000  
 Raymond J. Petow, 0000  
 Daniel J. McClellan, 0000  
 Arthur C. Walsh, 0000  
 Michael R. Kelley, 0000  
 John A. Watson, 0000  
 David A. Durham, 0000  
 Leonard R. Radziwanowicz, 0000  
 Michael N. Parks, 0000  
 Craig A. Bennett, 0000  
 Douglas G. Russell, 0000  
 Thomas R. Hale, 0000  
 George P. Hannifin, 0000  
 James L. McDonald, 0000  
 Kevin M. O'Day, 0000  
 William J. Diehl, 0000  
 Terry A. Bickham, 0000  
 Morris B. Stewart, 0000  
 Brian D. Kelley, 0000  
 Thomas F. Atkin, 0000  
 Joseph A. Servidio, 0000  
 Joseph P. Seebald, 0000  
 Edward W. Greiner, 0000  
 Jeffrey S. Hammond, 0000  
 John M. Weber, 0000  
 Charley L. Diaz, 0000  
 Fred M. Midgette, 0000  
 Mark J. Dandrea, 0000  
 Jeffrey S. Griffin, 0000  
 William M. Randall, 0000  
 Charles A. Mathieu, 0000  
 Evan Q. Kahler, 0000  
 Sandra L. Stosz, 0000  
 George P. Cummings, 0000  
 Fred T. White, 0000  
 Andrew J. Berghorn, 0000

Stephen P. Metruck, 0000  
 Vincent B. Atkins, 0000  
 Thomas S. Morrison, 0000  
 Thomas A. Abbate, 0000  
 Roger E. Dubuc, 0000  
 Michael E. Lehocky, 0000  
 Edward Sinclair, 0000  
 Mark A. Torres, 0000  
 David R. Callahan, 0000  
 Michael E. Sullivan, 0000  
 Lance O. Benton, 0000  
 Robert G. Mueller, 0000  
 Hal R. Savage, 0000  
 Rudy T. Holm, 0000  
 David D. Simms, 0000  
 Ronald E. Kaetzel, 0000  
 Steven R. Baum, 0000  
 Lyle A. Rice, 0000  
 Joseph M. Hanson, 0000  
 James B. McPherson, 0000  
 Stephen M. Wheeler, 0000  
 Richard G. Brunke, 0000  
 Leonard L. Ritter, 0000  
 Mark M. Campbell, 0000  
 Fred R. Call, 0000  
 Christopher W. Doane, 0000  
 Michael A. Hamel, 0000  
 Peyton A. Coleman, 0000  
 Steven C. Taylor, 0000  
 Michael D. Dawe, 0000  
 Frank M. Reed, 0000  
 Thomas M. Heitstuman, 0000  
 Thomas E. Atwood, 0000  
 Michael E. Kendall, 0000  
 Robert L. Desh, 0000  
 Daniel B. Abel, 0000  
 Richard T. Gromlich, 0000  
 Lincoln D. Stroh, 0000  
 Keith A. Taylor, 0000  
 Mark R. Higgins, 0000  
 Frederick W. Tucher, 0000  
 Kristy L. Flourde, 0000  
 Richard D. Belisle, 0000  
 Maura S. Albano, 0000  
 David H. Gardner, 0000  
 Paul E. Wiedenhoef, 0000  
 John C. Odell, 0000  
 Karl L. Schultz, 0000  
 Bruce L. Toney, 0000  
 Terry A. Boyd, 0000  
 Edwin B. Thiedeman, 0000  
 Kenneth K. Moore, 0000  
 Mathew D. Bliven, 0000  
 Todd Gentile, 0000  
 Richard K. Murphy, 0000  
 Eugene Gray, 0000  
 John J. Jennings, 0000  
 Robert M. Pyle, 0000

The following-named officers of the U.S. Coast Guard Permanent Commissioned Teaching Staff at the Coast Academy for appointment to the grade indicated in the U.S. Coast Guard under title 14, United States Code, Section 189:

*To be commander*

Stephen E. Flynn, 0000  
 Jonathan C. Russell, 0000  
 Michael A. Alfultis, 0000  
 Vincent Wilczynski, 0000

The following-named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the U.S. Coast Guard under title 14, United States Code, section 271:

*To be captain*

Michael F. Holmes, 0000  
 Herbert H. Sharpe, 0000  
 Erik N. Funk, 0000  
 Marvin J. Pontiff, 0000  
 John J. Davin, 0000  
 Richard R. Houck, 0000  
 David M. Mogan, 0000  
 Richard R. Kowalewski, 0000  
 James D. Spitzer, 0000  
 Sally Brice-Ohara, 0000  
 Kenneth W. Keane, 0000  
 Peter A. Richardson, 0000

Christopher J. Snyder, 0000  
 Paul D. Luppert, 0000  
 Lawrence T. Yarborough, 0000  
 Ronald J. Morris, 0000  
 Randolph Meade, 0000  
 Ronald L. Rutledge, 0000  
 Eric N. Fagerholm, 0000  
 George R. Matthews, 0000  
 Geoffrey D. Powers, 0000  
 Alan H. Moore, 0000  
 Theodore C. Lefeuvre, 0000  
 Richard R. Kelly, 0000  
 Lawrence J. Bowling, 0000  
 Glenn W. Anderson, 0000  
 Loren P. Tschohl, 0000  
 John A. Gentile, 0000  
 Surran D. Dilks, 0000  
 Terrence C. Julich, 0000  
 John M. Krupa, 0000  
 John C. Miller, 0000  
 Geoffrey L. Abbott, 0000  
 James S. Thomas, 0000  
 Joseph A. Halsch, 0000  
 Wayne R. Buchanan, 0000  
 Glenn A. Wiltshire, 0000  
 Mark S. Kern, 0000  
 James E. Evans, 0000  
 Stephen J. Krupa, 0000  
 Richard D. Poore, 0000  
 James W. Decker, 0000  
 Glenn R. Gunn, 0000  
 William W. Peterson, 0000  
 Scott E. Davis, 0000  
 Mark H. Johnson, 0000  
 Glenn E. Gately, 0000  
 James F. Murray, 0000  
 Ivan T. Luke, 0000  
 Arthur H. Hanson, 0000  
 Michael K. Grimes, 0000  
 James R. Mongold, 0000  
 David J. Visneski, 0000  
 Gregory J. Macgarva, 0000  
 Arn M. Hegggers, 0000  
 James W. Stark, 0000  
 John Astley, 0000  
 Gilbert J. Kanazawa, 0000  
 Scott J. Glover, 0000  
 Kevin L. Marshall, 0000  
 Paul A. Langlois, 0000  
 Daniel B. Lloyd, 0000  
 John P. Currier, 0000  
 Wayne E. Justice, 0000  
 William R. Webster, 0000  
 Eric A. Nicolaus, 0000  
 Charles J. Dickens, 0000  
 Howard P. Rhoades, 0000  
 Robert D. Allen, 0000  
 Jody A. Breckenridge, 0000  
 Russell N. Terrell, 0000  
 Gregory F. Adams, 0000  
 William L. Ross, 0000  
 Beverly G. Kelley, 0000

(The above nominations 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 time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 1201. A bill to improve teacher preparation at institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1202. A bill providing relief for Sergio Lozana, Faucicio Lozana, and Ana Lozana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. D'AMATO (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. DODD, and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 1203. A bill to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit consumer liabil-

ity for the unauthorized use of a debit card, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MACK, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KYL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. REID):

S. 1204. A bill to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law; to prevent Federal courts from abstaining from exercising Federal jurisdiction in actions where no State law claim is alleged; to permit certification of unsettled State law questions that are essential to resolving Federal claims arising under the Constitution; and to clarify when government action is sufficiently final to ripen certain Federal claims arising under the Constitution; to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1205. A bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify that records of arrival or departure are not required to be collected for purposes of the automated entry-exit control system developed under section 110 of such Act, for Canadians who are not otherwise required to possess a visa, passport, or border crossing identification card; to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1206. A bill to provide for an enumeration of family caregivers as part of the 2000 decennial census of population; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. REED, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1207. A bill to authorize the President to award a congressional gold medal to the family of the late Raul Julia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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

S. 1208. A bill to protect women's reproductive health and constitutional right to choice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

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

S. 1209. A bill improving teacher preparation and recruitment; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 1202. A bill providing relief for Sergio Lozana, Faucicio Lozana, and Ana Lozana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PRIVATE RELIEF LEGISLATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to offer legislation that provides permanent resident status to three children, Sergio, 17 years old; Faucicio 15 years old; and Ana Lozana, 14 years old; who were granted immigrant visas to come to the United States with their mother earlier this year. Now they have lost their mother