

Revolutionary War to capture the British forts at Kaskaskia and Cahokia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 32. A joint resolution congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on its bicentennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the Nation.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 275. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that hunting seasons for migratory mourning doves should be modified so that individuals have a fair and equitable opportunity to hunt such birds.

#### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 2:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 32. A joint resolution congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on its bicentennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the Nation.

The enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 3:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3090) to provide tax incentives for economic recovery, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Speaker has appointed the following members as additional conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2646) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2011:

As additional conferees from the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of section 197 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. SPRATT.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 453-5, 457-9, 460-1, and 464 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. CASTLE, Mr. OSBORNE, and Mr. KILDEE.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 213, 605, 627, 648, 652, 902, 1041, and 1079E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. BARTON of Texas, and Mr. DINGELL.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sections 335, and 601 of the Senate amendment,

and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. LAFALCE.

From the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of title III of the House bill and title III of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. HYDE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. LANTOS.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 940-1 of the House bill and sections 602, 1028-9, 1033-5, 1046, 1049, 1052-3, 1058, 1068-9, 1070-1, 1098, and 1098A of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, and Ms. BALDWIN.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 201, 203, 211, 213, 215-7, 262, 721, 786, 806, 810, 817-8, 1069, 1070, and 1076 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. HANSEN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. KIND.

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 808, 811, 902-3, and 1079 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BALLENGER, and Mr. HALL of Texas.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sections 127 and 146 of the House bill and sections 144, 1024, 1038, and 1070 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HERGER, and Mr. RANGEL.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed today, March 7, 2002, by the president pro tempore (Mr. BYRD):

S. 1857. An act to encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1870. An act to provide for the sale of certain real property within the Newlands Project in Nevada, to the city of Fallon, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1963. An act to amend the National trails System Act to designate the route taken by American soldier and frontiersman George Rogers Clark and his men during the Revolutionary War to capture the British forts at Kaskaskia and Cahokia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 275. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that hunting seasons for migratory mourning doves should be modified so that individuals have a fair and equitable opportunity to hunt such birds; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1883. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon.

#### ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 7, 2002, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

S. 1857. An act to encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims.

S.J. Res. 32. A joint resolution congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on its bicentennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the Nation.

#### 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-5615. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Operations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Class Exemption for Cross-Trades of Securities by Index and Model-Driven Funds" (RIN1210-ZA01) received on February 12, 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5616. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Presidential Determination Number 2002-07, relative to major drug transit or major illicit drug producing countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5617. A communication from the Senior Regulations Analyst, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tariff of Tolls" (RIN2135-AA14) received on February 14, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5618. A communication from the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for the Buena Vista Lake shrew (*Sorex ornatus relictus*)" (RIN1018-AG04) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5619. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-278, "District of Columbia Emancipation Day Fund Temporary Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5620. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-277, "Residential Permit Parking Area Temporary Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5621. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-276, "John T. 'Big John' Williams Building Designation Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5622. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-274, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 236, S.O. 01-2919 Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5623. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-270, "North Capitol Expansion and Expansion of Business Improvement Districts Temporary Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5624. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-271, "Washington Convention Center Authority Oversight and Management Continuity Temporary Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5625. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-272, "Eastern Avenue Tour Bus Parking Prohibition Temporary Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5626. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-269, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 528 S.O. 01-173, Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5627. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-268, "Food Regulation Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5628. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-292, "Mental Health Commitment Temporary Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5629. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-291, "Vendor Payment Authorization Temporary Amendment Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5630. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-289, "Woolly Mammoth Theatre Tax Abatement Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5631. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-290, "Square 456 Payment in Lieu of Taxes Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5632. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-288, "Edward 'Duke' Ellington Plaza Designation Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5633. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-279, "Towing Vehicles Rule-making Authority Temporary Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5634. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 14-275, "Closing of a Public Alley

in Square 628, S.O. 00-96 Act of 2002"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5635. A communication from the Administrator of Tobacco Programs, Agriculture Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Inspection; Producer Referenda on Mandatory Grading" (Doc. No. TB-02-03) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5636. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program" (RIN0572-AB70) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5637. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of Japan Because of BSE" (Doc. No. 01-094-2) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5638. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Black Stem Rust; Identification Requirements and Addition of Rust-Resistant Varieties" (Doc. No. 97-053-3) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5639. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Indian Fruit Fly" (Doc. No. 00-110-4) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5640. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions" (Doc. No. 00-075-2) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5641. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Steam Treatment of Golden Nematode-Infested Farm Equipment, Construction Equipment, and Containers" (Doc. No. 01-050-1) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5642. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of Greece Because of BSE" (Doc. No. 01-065-2) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5643. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Citrus Canker; Quarantined Areas" (Doc. No. 01-079-2) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5644. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Addition to Quarantined Areas" (Doc. No. 01-092-2) received on March 4, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5645. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Modifications to the Rules and Regulations Under the Tart Cherry Marketing Order" (Doc. No. FV01-930-0 FIR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5646. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Establishment of Reporting Requirements for Imported Hazelnuts" (Doc. No. FV01-982-3 FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5647. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Suspension of Continuing Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV01-948-2 FIR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5648. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV02-932-1 IFR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5649. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV01-987-1 FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5650. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisin Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Extension of Redemption Date for Unsold 2001 Diversion Certificates" (Doc. No. FV02-989-3 IFR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5651. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and Umatilla County, Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV01-924-1 FIR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5652. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

“Fresh Bartlett Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Increased Assessment Rate” (Doc. No. FV01-931-1 FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5653. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Increased Assessment Rate” (Doc. No. FV01-948-3 FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5654. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Limes Grown in Florida and Imported Limes; Suspension of Regulations” (Doc. No. FV01-911-2 FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5655. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Winter Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; The Establishment of a Supplemental Rate of Assessment for the Beurre d’Anjou Variety of Pears and of a Definition for Organically Produced Pears” (Doc. No. FV01-927-1 FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5656. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, et al.; Increased Assessment Rate” (Doc. No. FV01-929-3 FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5657. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Hass Avocados Promotion, Research and Information Order; Referendum Procedures” (Doc. No. FV-01-706-FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5658. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Walnuts Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate” (Doc. No. FV01-984-1 FIR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5659. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Kiwifruit Grown in California; Relaxation of Pack Requirements” (Doc. No. FV02-920-1 IFR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5660. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Dried Prunes Produced in California; Increased Assessment Rate” (Doc. No. FV01-993-3 FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5661. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing

Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate” (Doc. No. FV01-905-3 IFR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5662. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate” (Doc. No. FV01-966-2 IFR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5663. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Nectarines Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate” (Doc. No. FV01-916-2 FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5664. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Research and Promotion Branch, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Referendum Procedures under the Watermelon Research and Promotion Plan” (Doc. No. FV01-701-FR) received on March 6, 2002; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 214: A resolution designating March 25, 2002, as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy.”

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

David C. Bury, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Randy Crane, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Ralph R. Beistline, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

Paul I. Perez, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, for the term of four years.

Eric F. Melgren, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for the term of four years.

Dennis Cluff Merrill, of Oregon, to be United States Marshal for the term of four years.

John Schickel, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

William R. Whittington, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Stephen Gilbert Fitzgerald, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

J.C. Rafferty, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

James Anthony Rose, of Wyoming, to be United States Marshal for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

James Loren Kennedy, of Indiana, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Theophile Alceste Duroncellet, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

James Thomas Plousis, of New Jersey, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years.

Charles R. Reavis, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Timothy Dewayne Welch, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Michael Robert Regan, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Jesse Seroyer, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

Gregory Allyn Forest, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

John R. Edwards, of Vermont, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendations 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. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 1996. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect citizens’ rights under the Second Amendment to obtain firearms for legal use, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CARNAHAN:

S. 1997. A bill to require a pilot program to assess the adoption of the Air Force Expeditionary Medical Support System by the Air National Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1998. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 1999. A bill to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 2000. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a special depreciation allowance for certain property acquired after December 31, 2001, and before January 1, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 2001. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress regarding the