

Air Force nominations beginning Brigadier General Richard C. Collins and ending Colonel Bradley C. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2002.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte.

Army nomination of Colonel Terry W. Saltsman.

Army nomination of Col. Michael H. Sumrall.

Army nominations beginning Brigadier General Daniel D. Densford and ending Colonel Merrel W. Yocum, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2002.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Stanley R. Szemborski.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, 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:

Air Force nominations beginning Branford J. Mcallister and ending Alice Smart, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2002.

Navy nominations beginning Rowland E. McCoy and ending Alan K. Wilmot, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2002.

Air Force nomination of David G. Smith.

Navy nominations beginning Rodney D. Abbott and ending Bernerd C. Zwahlen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 17, 2002.

Army nominations beginning Tom R. Mackenzie and ending Terrence D. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2002.

Army nominations beginning Stephen M. Ackman and ending Joseph M. Zima, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 12, 2002.

Navy nomination of Phillip K. Pall.

Navy nomination of Stephanie L. O'Neal.

Navy nomination of Thomas P. Rosdahl.

Army nominations beginning William C. Cannon and ending Charles F. Maguire III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2002.

Navy nominations beginning Robert D. Beal and ending Steven J. Zaccari, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2002.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged of the following nominations on November 19, 2002:

Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2006.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Mark G. Yudof, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of two years.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD

Carmel Borders, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of three years.

William T. Hiller, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of one year.

Robin Morris, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of one year.

Jean Osborn, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of two years.

NATIONAL MUSEUM SERVICES BOARD

Margaret Scarlett, of Wyoming, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2007.

David Donath, of Vermont, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2004.

The Committee on Governmental Affairs was discharged of the following nominations on November 19, 2002:

FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Alejandro Modesto Sanchez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2006.

Andrew Saul, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2004.

Gordon Whiting, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2006.

The Committee on Veterans Affairs was discharged of the following nomination on November 19, 2002:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

William H. Campbell, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Management).

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. KYL:

S. 3. A bill to repeal the sunset of the provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMM:

S. 4. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat earnings on contributions to tax-deferred savings accounts as gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 5. A bill to strengthen and permanently preserve social security through the power of investment and compound interest without benefit reductions or tax increases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3173. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to establish a national health program administered by the Office of Personnel Management to offer Federal employee health benefits plans to individuals who are not Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 3174. A bill to permanently reenact chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 3175. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 3176. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers in renewal communities to qualify for the renewal community employment credit by employing residents of certain other renewal communities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 3177. A bill to authorize appropriations for the programs of the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology, to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3178. A bill to amend the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act and the Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act of 1986 to require warning labels for tobacco products; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3179. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide health care coverage for qualified caregivers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. Res. 359. A resolution recognizing the importance and accomplishments of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. REID, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. Res. 360. A resolution congratulating former President Jimmy Carter for being awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize, and commending him for his lifetime of dedication to peace; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. Con. Res. 159. A concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 1843; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 145

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 145, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase to parity with other surviving spouses the basic annuity that is provided under the uniformed services Survivor Benefit Plan for surviving spouses who are at least 62 years of age, and for other purposes.

S. 776

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XIX of

the Social Security Act to increase the floor for treatment as an extremely low DSH State to 3 percent in fiscal year 2002.

S. 917

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 917, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1203

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1203, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide housing loan benefits for the purchase of residential cooperative apartment units.

S. 1221

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1221, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an additional basis for establishing the inability of veterans to defray expenses of necessary medical care, and for other purposes.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes.

S. 1506

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1506, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of SBP survivor annuities by dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 1860

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1860, a bill to reward the hard work and risk of individuals who choose to live in and help preserve America's small, rural towns, and for other purposes.

S. 2562

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2562, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 2933

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2933, a bill to promote elder justice, and for other purposes.

S. 3004

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from South Caro-

lina (Mr. THURMOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3004, a bill to eliminate the Federal quota and price support programs for certain tobacco, to compensate quota owners and holders for the loss of tobacco quota asset value, to establish a tobacco community reinvestment program, and for other purposes.

S. 3074

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3074, a bill to provide bankruptcy judgeships.

S. 3094

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3094, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to clarify the rates applicable to marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments for other oilseeds, dry peas, lentils, and small chickpeas.

S. 3114

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3114, a bill to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty shall be presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits.

S. 3125

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3125, a bill to designate "God Bless America" as the national song of the United States.

S. 3125

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3125, *supra*.

S. RES. 339

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 339, a resolution designating November 2002, as "National Runaway Prevention Month."

S. CON. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. *Wisconsin* and all those who served aboard her.

S. CON. RES. 157

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 157, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that United States Diplomatic missions should provide the full and complete protection of the United States to certain citizens of the United States living abroad.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KYL:

S. 3. A bill to repeal the sunset of the provisions of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, Investors are the backbone of the U.S. economic system. They provide the capital that entrepreneurs use to start and grow businesses. Investors invest in everything from corporations like General Electric to the local Mom and Pop convenience store. These are the businesses that employ our American workers and compete against other businesses throughout the United States and the world. It is investor capital that fuels the most dynamic workings of our economy.

Too often, our Federal Government has taken the American investor for granted. Even worse, our Federal Government has singled him out for adverse treatment by placing significant impediments in his path.

Congress needs to refocus our government's attention on helping our investors as well as making our U.S. businesses more attractive entities in which to invest.

Today, I am introducing legislation, the "Contract with Investors," which incorporates a number of proposals to foster a better investment environment.

In order to satisfy an arcane Senate budget rule, the 2001 tax-relief law's provisions will expire in 2011. Making this bipartisan tax relief permanent will eliminate a large source of investor uncertainty that currently exists in the marketplace. Businesses are having a hard time planning with the Tax Code potentially reverting back to old tax laws. Businesses, and the investors who own them, need certainty and a stable environment in which to prosper. Making last year's tax provisions permanent will go a long way towards providing that certainty.

The second thing my bill does is accelerate last year's marginal income tax rate reductions. Instead of reducing the tax brackets in 2004 and 2006, as currently scheduled, my bill will move the 2004 rate reductions up to 2003 and the 2006 rate reductions up to 2004. Marginal tax-rate reductions benefit all income tax-paying Americans. Many investors invest in businesses that are sole proprietorships, i.e. non-incorporated business entities. Owners of these businesses pay the highest individual marginal income tax rate; under my bill the highest rate they would pay in 2004 and beyond would be 35 percent, the same rate as corporations.

The third provision would accelerate the repeal of the estate, or more accurately "death", tax. A December 1998 report by the Joint Economic Committee concluded that the existence of the death tax during the last century has reduced the stock of investors' capital in the economy by nearly half a