

Navy nomination of James P. Driscoll.

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

\*Joel David Kaplan, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

\*Joe D. Whitley, of Georgia, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

\*Penrose C. Albright, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

By Mr. GREGG for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

\*Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2008.

\*Thomasina V. Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for a term expiring April 27, 2009.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk 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 times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1489. A bill to authorize the burial of Bob Hope at Arlington National Cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. MILLER, Mr. FRIST, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1490. A bill to eliminate the Federal quota and price support programs for tobacco, to provide assistance to quota holders, tobacco producers, and tobacco-dependent communities, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. 1491. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 1492. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to provide special rules for Teamster plans relating to termination and funding; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAMBLISS:

S. 1493. A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1494. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the special 5-year carryback of certain net operating losses to

losses for 2003, 2004, and 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1495. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the consolidation of life insurance companies with other companies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1496. A bill to provide for the expansion and coordination of activities of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to research and programs on cancer survivorship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1497. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to revise and expand the lowest unit cost provision applicable to political campaign broadcasts, to establish commercial broadcasting station minimum airtime requirements for candidate-centered and issue-centered programming before primary and general elections, to establish a voucher system for the purchase of commercial broadcast airtime for political advertisements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1498. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Health Workforce Advisory Commission to review Federal health workforce policies and make recommendations on improving those policies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1499. A bill to adjust the boundaries of Green Mountain National Forest; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 1500. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the tax credit for holders of qualified zone academy bonds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (by request):

S. 1501. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for stable, productive, and efficient passenger rail service in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1502. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make a technical correction with respect to the definition of qualifying State; to the Committee on Finance.

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By Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1504. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States; read the first time.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BURNS, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1505. A bill to establish a National Passenger Rail Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. Res. 205. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued on the subject of autism awareness; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 206. A resolution honoring the memory of Dr. William R. ("Bill") Bright and commending his life as an example to succeeding generations; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 52

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 52, a bill to permanently extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes.

S. 274

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

S. 317

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 317, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and needs for work and family, and for other purposes.

S. 363

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 363, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan, and for other purposes.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to ensure the availability of spectrum to amateur radio operators.

S. 656

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 656, a bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 736, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 835

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 835, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide student loan borrowers with a choice of lender for loan consolidation, to provide notice regarding loan consolidation, and for other purposes.

S. 874

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 874, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease as medical assistance under the medicaid program, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 893

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 893, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 971

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of

S. 971, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 1092

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1092, a bill to authorize the establishment of a national database for purposes of identifying, locating, and cataloging the many memorials and permanent tributes to America's veterans.

S. 1129

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1129, a bill to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, and for other purposes.

S. 1143

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1143, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection.

S. 1190

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to expand and enhance postbaccalaureate opportunities at Hispanic-serving institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1252

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1252, a bill to provide benefits to domestic partners of Federal employees.

S. 1283

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1283, a bill to require advance notification of Congress regarding any action proposed to be taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the implementation of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1296

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1296, a bill to exempt seaplanes from certain transportation taxes.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1298, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002

to ensure the humane slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1331

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1331, a bill to clarify the treatment of tax attributes under section 108 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for taxpayers which file consolidated returns.

S. 1363

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1363, a bill to prohibit the study or implementation of any plan to privatize, divest, or transfer any part of the mission, function, or responsibility of the National Park Service.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to preserve the effectiveness of medically important antibiotics used in the treatment of human and animal diseases.

S.J. RES. 17

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 17, a joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership.

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the education curriculum in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

S. CON. RES. 25

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 25, a concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 40

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 40, a concurrent resolution designating August 7, 2003, as "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

S. RES. 30

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr.

BREAUX), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 30, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week beginning September 14, 2003, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week".

S. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 98, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week of October 12, 2003, through October 18, 2003, as "National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week".

S. RES. 170

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 170, a resolution designating the years 2004 and 2005 as "Years of Foreign Language Study".

S. RES. 201

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 201, a resolution designating the month of September 2003 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month".

S. RES. 202

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 202, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the genocidal Ukraine Famine of 1932-33.

S. RES. 204

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 204, a resolution designating the week of November 9 through November 15, 2003, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

AMENDMENT NO. 1416

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1416 proposed to S. 14,

a bill to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1416

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1416 proposed to S. 14, supra.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1489. A bill to authorize the burial of Bob Hope at Arlington National Cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the "Bob Hope Arlington Honors Act of 2003," legislation authorizing the burial of Bob Hope at Arlington National Cemetery, be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1489

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Bob Hope Arlington Honors Act of 2003".

## SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF BURIAL OF BOB HOPE AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

The Secretary of the Army shall permit the burial of Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope of California, an honorary veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States, in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, upon the request therefor by the family of Leslie Townes Hope.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. MILLER, Mr. FRIST, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1490. A bill to eliminate the Federal quota and price support programs for tobacco, to provide assistance to quota holders, tobacco producers, and tobacco-dependent communities, and for other purposes, read the first time.

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, the introduction of the Tobacco Market Transition Act is an important milestone for tens of thousands of farmers. I am proud to have been part of the bipartisan working group that crafted this bill.

For decades, thousands of farmers in my state have depended on their tobacco quotas. They made significant investments in equipment and land. They paid into the no-net cost assessment program knowing that the quota system they were locked into would provide for them. They didn't get rich—most of the farmers in my State will tell you that their tobacco profits allowed them to send their children to college or just pay the bills.

But that financial security has been eroded. The Federal quota is at an all-

time low. In fact, just in the past five years tobacco farmers have seen their quotas cut in half. That same time has been particularly difficult for my farmers, who have had to adjust to the dwindling quota while losing their crops and in some cases their entire farms to three hurricanes, a massive ice storm and a severe drought.

It is time to end the Federal quota system. It is time to give these hard working men and women a chance to transition to other crops or to retire with dignity. And for those who want to continue to grow tobacco, we must end the antiquated quota system and give them a chance to compete with foreign producers just as if they were growing any other crop like corn or sweet potatoes.

Of course, this isn't just another crop. This is tobacco and the tobacco leaf is used to make addictive, deadly products. We must address that fact. I am certain that before the year is out, the Senate Health, Education and Labor Committee, of which I am a member, will consider relevant legislation to protect public health. I welcome that committee's efforts. But in the debate surrounding the tobacco industry, we cannot lose sight of the fact that thousands of honest, hard working people depend on the leaf for their economic livelihood.

People like Blythe and Gwendolyn Casey of Kinston, NC. and Ms. Casey began farming tobacco decades ago. They made a decent living doing what they loved. As the years passed, they increased their production and made substantial investments in equipment and regulation barns. They paid into the no-net cost assessment program and played by the rules. They never got rich, but they were confident their investments would allow them to one day retire and remain on their farm.

Through no fault of their own, they've watched the value of their quota essentially disappear. When they began farming, they never thought they would reach retirement age mired in debt. The Caseys, and thousands of tobacco farming families in eastern North Carolina face a bleak financial future unless Congress acts.

The Federal quota system has reached a crisis point and we must intervene. The Tobacco Market Transition Act is our best chance to stave off economic disaster for tens of thousands of farmers.

This bill represents a compromise literally years in the making. This bill is not perfect. But this bill could be the last hope for farmers.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I am proud to cosponsor the Tobacco Market Transition Act of 2003, which is a vital piece of legislation to farmers in Tennessee and other tobacco producing States. As our citizens and government respond to the dangers of cigarettes and tobacco, farmers and farm communities that have depended on this crop are contending with challenges greater than just the decrease in