

steps are necessary to ensure that the 2000 decennial census is conducted fairly and legally.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable William M. Daley, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 832: A bill to extend the commercial space launch damage indemnification provisions of section 70113 of title 49, United States Code (Rept. No. 106-135).

By Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Small Business, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1568: A bill to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-136).

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 1388) to extend the Generalized System of Preferences (Rept. No. 106-137).

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

S. 800: A bill to promote and enhance public safety through the use of 9-1-1 as the universal emergency assistance number, further deployment of wireless 9-1-1 service, support of States in upgrading 9-1-1 capabilities and related functions, encouragement of construction and operation of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable networks for personal wireless services, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-138).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 632: A bill to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, for the Committee on Armed Services:

Charles A. Blanchard, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Carol DiBattiste, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

(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.)

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Larry T. Ellis, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

David M. Crocker, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

Capt. Mark A. Young, 0000

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Personnel, United States Navy, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5141:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., 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 Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1480. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to assure access of medicare beneficiaries to prescription drug coverage through the SPICE drug benefit program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1481. A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. BREAUX):

S. 1482. A bill to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1483. A bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 with respect to export controls on high performance computers; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1484. A bill entitled "Blind Justice Act of 1999"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 1485. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer United States

citizenship automatically and retroactively on certain foreign-born children adopted by citizens of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 1486. A bill to establish a Take Pride in America Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. KERREY):

S. 1487. A bill to provide for excellence in economic education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 1488. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for recommendations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the placement of automatic external defibrillators in Federal buildings in order to improve survival rates of individuals who experience cardiac arrest in such buildings, and to establish protections from civil liability arising from the emergency use of the devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1489. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment to States of pilot allowances for certain veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery who are buried in cemeteries of such States; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. THOMPSON (for himself and Mr. FRIST):

S. 1490. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for State and local sales taxes in lieu of State and local income taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMS (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1491. A bill to authorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture abroad; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 1492. A bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to focus on price stability in establishing monetary policy to ensure the stable, long-term purchasing power of the currency, to repeal the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 1493. A bill to establish a John Heinz Senate Fellowship Program to advance the development of public policy with respect to issues affecting senior citizens; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. 1494. A bill to ensure that small businesses throughout the United States participate fully in the unfolding electronic commerce revolution through the establishment of an electronic commerce extension program at the National Institutes of Standards and Technology; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 1495. A bill to establish, wherever feasible, guidelines, recommendations, and regulations that promote the regulatory acceptance of new and revised toxicological tests