

Whereas, career military personnel earn retirement benefits based on longevity, which requires a minimum of twenty years honorable and faithful service at the time of retirement and, by contrast, veterans' disability compensation requires a minimum of ninety days active duty service and is intended to compensate for pain, suffering, disfigurement, chemical-related injuries, wounds, and loss of earnings capacity; and

Whereas, military personnel contribute toward their retirement pay with employee contributions which reduces their congress-approved base pay which some assert is lower than their civilian counterparts and which is paid based on a life and career of hardship, long hours without overtime pay and lack of freedom of expression through employee unions; and

Whereas, integral to the success of the nation's military forces are those soldiers and sailors who have made a career of defending our great country in peace and war from the revolutionary war to present day but, notwithstanding that fact, there exists a gross inequity in the federal statutes that denies disabled career military personnel equal rights to receive veterans' disability compensation concurrent with receipt of earned military retired pay; and

Whereas, veterans who are both retired and disabled are denied concurrent receipt of full retirement pay and disability pay, but instead may receive one or the other or must have deducted from their retirement pay an amount equal to the disability compensation being received by such veterans, and no such deduction applies to federal civil service so that a disabled veteran who has held a non-military federal job for the requisite duration receives full longevity pay undiminished by the subtraction of disability compensation pay; and

Whereas, this injustice and discrimination can only be corrected by legislation which, if enacted into law, will ensure that America's commitment to a strong military in pursuit of national and international goals is a reflection of the allegiance of those who sacrifice on behalf of those goals.

Therefore, be it: *Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to amend the United States Code, Chapter 71, relating to the compensation of retired military personnel, to permit full, concurrent receipt of military longevity pay and service-connected disability compensation pay.

Be it further *resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the president of the United States Senate, and to the members of the Louisiana congressional delegation that they may be apprised of the sense of the Legislature of Louisiana in this matter.

POM-308. A resolution adopted by the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials relative to a pending federal criminal investigation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 720: A bill to promote the development of a government in the Federal Republic of

Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) based on democratic principles and the rule of law, and that respects internationally recognized human rights, to assist the victims of Serbian oppression, to apply measures against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-139).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany the bill (S.1255) to protect consumers and promote electronic commerce by amending certain trademark infringement, dilution, and counterfeiting laws, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-140).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 97: A bill to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance (Rept. No. 106-141).

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

S. 798: A bill to promote electronic commerce by encouraging and facilitating the use of encryption in interstate commerce consistent with the protection of national security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-142).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 199: A bill for the relief of Alexandre Malofienko, Olga Matsko, and their son, Vladimir Malofienko.

S. 275: A bill for the relief of Suchada Kwong.

By MR. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 452: A bill for the relief of Belinda McGregor.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 486: A bill to provide for the punishment of methamphetamine laboratory operators, provide additional resource to combat methamphetamine production, trafficking, and abuse in the United States, and for other purposes.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 620: A bill to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, for the Committee on the Judiciary:

Mervyn M. Mosbacher, Jr., of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation it 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. MACK (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1499. A bill to title XVIII of the Social Security Act to promote the coverage of frail elderly medicare beneficiaries permanently residing in nursing facilities in specialized health insurance programs for the frail elderly; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KERREY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1500. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an additional payment for services provided to certain high-cost individuals under the prospective payment system for skilled nursing facility services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 1501. A bill to improve motor carrier safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 1502. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require mandatory spending limits for Senate candidates and limits on independent expenditures, to ban soft money, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

S. 1503. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1504. A bill to improve health care quality and reduce health care costs by establishing a National Fund for Health Research that would significantly expand the Nation's investment in medical research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. ABRAHAM):

S. 1505. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to extend the authorization for the drug-free workplace program; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 1506. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on cyclic olefin copolymer resin; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1507. A bill to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 1508. A bill to provide technical and legal assistance for tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

S. 1509. A bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):