

In the Army nomination of Wendell C. King, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning George A. Amonette, and ending Kenneth R. Stolworthy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning *Craig J. Bishop, and ending David W. Niebuhr, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning Dale G. Nelson, and ending Frank M. Swett, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nomination of Dennis K. Lockard, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning Stuart C. Pike, and ending Delance E. Wiegele, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

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In the Army nominations beginning Thomas J. Semarge, and ending *Jeffrey J. Fisher, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nomination of *William J. Miluszusky, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nomination of *Daniel S. Sullivan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning Christopher A. Acker, and ending X1910, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning George L. Adams, III, and ending Juanita H. Winfree, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning Lisa Andersonlloyd, and ending Peter C. Zolper, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning Mark O. Ainscough, and ending Arthur C. Zuleger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning Gregg T. Anders, and ending Carl C. Yoder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning Robert V. Adamson, and ending Jack W. Zimmerly, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Marine Corps nomination of Terry G. Robling, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Marine Corps nomination of Milton J. Staton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Marine Corps nomination of Stephen W. Austin, which was received by the Senate

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In the Marine Corps nomination of William S. Tate, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Marine Corps nomination of Robert S. Barr, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Marine Corps nomination of John C. Lex, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Marine Corps nomination of Lance A. McDaniel, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Marine Corps nomination of Joseph M. Perry, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Marine Corps nomination of Myron P. Edwards, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Marine Corps nominations beginning David J. Abbott, and ending Kevin H. Winters, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Navy nomination of Jose M. Gonzalez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Navy nomination of Douglas L. Mayers, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Navy nominations beginning Errol F. Becker, and ending Eduardo R. Morales, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

In the Army nominations beginning Tim O. Reutter, and ending *John M. Griffin, which nominations were received by the Senate on February 3, 1999, and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 4, 1999.

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. LAUTENBERG:

S. 491. A bill to enable America's schools to use their computer hardware to increase student achievement and prepare students for the 21st century workplace; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 492. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Act to assist in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 493. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to evaluate, develop, and implement pilot projects in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina to address problems associated with toxic microorganisms in tidal and non-tidal wetlands and waters; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROTH, Mr. MOYNIHAN,

Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MACK, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KERREY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 494. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. ASHCROFT, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 495. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to repeal the highway sanctions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 496. A bill to provide for the establishment of an assistance program for health insurance consumers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN:

S. 497. A bill to designate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 498. A bill to require vessels entering the United States waters to provide earlier notice of the entry, to clarify the requirements for those vessels and the authority of the Coast Guard over those vessels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 499. A bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. HELMS):

S. 500. A bill to amend section 991(a) of title 28, United States Code, to require certain members of the United States Sentencing Commission to be selected from among individuals who are victims of a crime of violence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 501. A bill to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 502. A bill to protect social security; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 503. A bill designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CLELAND:

S. 504. A bill to reform Federal election campaigns; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 505. A bill to give gifted and talented students the opportunity to develop their capabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KERREY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 506. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the provisions which allow nonrefundable personal credits to be fully allowed against regular tax liability; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BENNETT, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 507. A bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

S. 508. A bill to prohibit implementation of "Know Your Customer" regulations by the Federal banking agencies; read the first time.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 509. A bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KYL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. GORTON, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. 510. A bill to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 511. A bill to amend the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act to ensure the equal right of individuals with disabilities to vote, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. EDWARDS):

S. 512. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the activities of the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to research on autism; 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. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 55. A resolution making appointments to certain Senate committees for the 106th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. ROBB):

S. Res. 56. A resolution recognizing March 2, 1999 as the "National Read Across America Day", and encouraging every child, parent and teacher to read throughout the year; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 491. A bill to enable America's schools to use their computer hardware to increase student achievement and prepare students for the 21st century workplace; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

THE "EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT"

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to introduce "E-21"—the Education for the 21st Century Act.

The E-21 Act will help ensure that all middle school graduates attain basic computer literacy skills that will prepare them for high school and beyond, and ultimately, for the 21st Century workplace. The E-21 Act will also allow all school districts to obtain and utilize the latest high-quality educational software, free of charge.

Mr. President, the first piece of legislation I introduced in the Senate was to provide financial assistance to introduce computers into schools, to help students learn and expand their horizons. That was in 1983. Back then, it was the exceptional school that even had a computer. It was an unusual teacher or student who knew how to use one.

That legislation was enacted into law. Along with other resources, it helped bring computers into our schools as part of everyday learning.

Mr. President, as many of my colleagues know, I got my start in the computing business. Back then, computers filled large rooms and were so expensive that only the largest corporations could afford their own computing centers. Today, even more powerful computers sit on a desktop in millions of homes, schools and businesses across the nation.

Mr. President, we've made great strides toward introducing computers into schools, but too many of these computers are not being utilized to their potential due to lack of updated computer training for teachers.

Mr. President, a recent study by the Educational Testing Service confirmed that computers do increase student achievement and improve a school's learning climate. However—and this is critical—the study specified that to achieve those results, teachers must be appropriately trained and use effective educational software programs. Otherwise, these computers become mere furniture in a classroom.

To boost student achievement through computers and technology, my "Education for the 21st Century Act" will provide up to \$30 million per year to train a team of teachers from every middle school in the nation in the most up-to-date computing technology. These Teacher Technology leaders could then share their training with the rest of the faculty in their schools, so all teachers are ready to pass these skills on to their students.

Mr. President, the E-21 Act will also create national educational software competitions, open to high school and college students, to work in partnership with university faculty and professional software developers. The best of these software packages would be available free-of-charge over the Internet through the Department of Education's web page.

Mr. President, I want to make clear to my colleagues that this emphasis on computer training is not at the expense of the fundamental, basic skills that underlie education: reading, writing and arithmetic. It's still important to master these traditional basics. But we should also add a "new basic" to the list—computer literacy. Americans will need those skills to compete in the 21st Century.

Mr. President, this proposal is part of President Clinton's FY 2000 Budget, and as Ranking Member of the Budget Committee and a member of the Appropriations Committee, I will work to see that it is funded for years to come.

Mr. President, as a businessman who got his start at the beginning of the computing age, I am proud to see the way our nation has led the world in computer technology. I want to make sure that we continue to lead—through the second computer century—the 21st Century.

I therefore ask my colleagues to support "E-21"—the Education for the 21st Century Act.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 491

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 "Education for the 21st Century (e-21) Act".

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

It is the purpose of this Act to enable America's schools to use their computer hardware to increase student achievement and prepare students for the 21st century workplace.

SEC. 3. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Establishing computer literacy for middle school graduates will help ensure that students are receiving the skills needed for advanced education and for securing employment in the 21st century.

(2) Computer literacy skills, such as information gathering, critical analysis and communication with the latest technology, build upon the necessary basics of reading, writing, mathematics, and other core subject areas.

(3) According to a study conducted by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), eighth grade mathematics students whose teachers used computers for simulations and applications outperformed students whose teachers did not use such educational technology.

(4) Although an ever increasing amount of schools are obtaining the latest computer