

Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ear, Nose, and Throat Devices; Classification of the Nasal Dilator, the Intranasal Splint, and the Bone Particle Collector" (RIN98N-0249) received on March 16, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2257. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research" received on March 16, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2258. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need" (34 CFR 648) received on March 15, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2259. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Demonstration Projects to Ensure Students With Disabilities Receive a Quality Higher Education" (CFDA No. 84.333) received on March 15, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2260. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assistance to States for Education of Children with Disabilities Program" (RIN1820-AC40) received on March 12, 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 361. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest (Rept. No. 106-29).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 426. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-30).

S. 430. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-31).

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 449. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property (Rept. No. 106-32).

S. 330. A bill to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and de-

velopment of methane hydrate resources, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-33).

#### 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. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 676. A bill to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, a citizen of the United States, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 677. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a limited waiver of a requirement for reimbursement of local educational agencies for the costs of foreign students' education in certain cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. GRAMM, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 71. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate rejecting a tax increase on investment income of certain associations; to the Committee on Finance.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 676. A bill to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, a citizen of the United States, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I continue to voice my support for the Middle East peace process and my work on behalf of soldiers Missing in Action and Prisoners of War. During the last Congress, I introduced the Missing Service Personnel Act, provisions of which were signed into law to restore critical Department of Defense procedures for identifying and recovering POW/MIAs. The Act ensures that our government is and will do everything in its power to return those lost during times of conflict. Last month, I introduced S. 484, the "Bring Them

Home Alive Act of 1999" which creates a significant incentive for foreign nationals to return any possibly surviving American POW/MIAs.

Mr. President, today I introduce legislation that continues my support for POW/MIAs and assists our Israeli allies in their efforts to learn the fate of several soldiers who were overtaken by Syrian forces in June 1982. I am pleased to be joined in this effort by Senators TORRICELLI, McCAIN, KERRY of Massachusetts, SMITH of New Hampshire, LUGAR, COVERDELL, LIEBERMAN, LAUTENBERG, ASHCROFT, KENNEDY, SCHUMER, ALLARD, and SANTORUM. This bill is a companion to legislation which Congressmen LANTOS, GILMAN, and 65 other members introduced in the House.

Reports indicate that three soldiers of an Israeli tank crew were captured by Syrian forces at the 1982 battle of Sultan Yaqub in northern Lebanon. These men were later paraded through the streets of the Syrian capital of Damascus. They were never seen nor heard from again. Zachary Baumel, an American citizen and sergeant in the Israeli Defense Forces was one of those men. For over sixteen years, the Syrian government and the leadership of the PLO have failed to cooperate in the effort to determine their fate. In 1993, Yasser Arafat produced the most tangible link to the missing men, returning half of Baumel's identification dog tag. For the last five years, however, no additional information has been forthcoming.

The bill I introduce today requires the State Department to raise this issue with the Syrian government and leaders of the Palestinian Authority and provide the Congress with a report on the information that has been uncovered. It also requires that Palestinian and Syrian cooperation in this effort be a factor in the consideration for future U.S. assistance.

This legislation is a targeted approach to address the unique and compelling merits of this case in which an American-born Israeli soldier and his comrades remain unaccounted for in a time of war. As Americans know all too well, the bitter legacy of missing soldiers and POWs can haunt a nation and interfere with efforts to build better relations between former enemies. Clearly, resolving the issue of the MIAs can only strengthen American efforts to make Middle East peace into a reality.

This is the first week of the Jewish month of Nissan—the month of the Jewish holiday of Passover—the ancient festival that celebrates freedom. I can think of no time that is more appropriate to propose this legislation, and to hopefully begin a process that will help to resolve the fate of Zachary Baumel and his comrades after so many years.

I ask unanimous consent that the bill be printed in the RECORD and I urge my