and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1104. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide simplified and accurate information on the social security trust funds, and personal earnings and benefit estimates to eligible individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. DASCHLE): S. 1105. A bill to assist local governments and States in assessing and remediating brownfield sites, increase fairness and reduce litigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Ms. SNOWE): S. 1106. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for qualified individuals for bone mass measurements (bone density testing) to prevent fractures associated with osteoporosis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER: S. 1107. A bill to reform the conduct of Federal elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. COVERDERLL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. RUTKENS): S. 1108. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage and administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MCconnELL (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. KOHL, Mr. FEIST, Mr. GHIONI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JEFFFORDS, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. PHELPS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MACK, Mr. TORRICEtelli, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. THOMSON, Mr. GRAHAME, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. DURbin, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. Bunning, Mr. MOTYNIAK, Mr. KERRY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. REID, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN): S. 1109. A bill to conserve global bear populations by prohibiting the importation, exportation, and interstate trade of bear viscera and items, products, or substances containing, or labeled as containing, bear viscera, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LOTT: S. 1110. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Engineering; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOND: S. 1111. A bill to provide continuing authorization for a National Conference on Small Business, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. TORRICEtelli): S. 1112. A bill to protect children and other vulnerable subpopulations from exposure to environmental pollutants, to protect children from exposure to pesticides in schools, and to provide parents with information concerning toxic chemicals that pose risks to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. WARNER): S. Res. 105. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate relating to consideration of Slobodan Milosevic as a war criminal; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WARNER: S. Res. 106. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate relating to consideration of Slobodan Milosevic as a war criminal; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire: S. Res. 107. A resolution to establish a Select Committee on Chinese Espionage; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. SPECTER): S. Con. Res. 33. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need for vigorous prosecution of war crimes, genocide, and crimes against humanity in the former Republic of Yugoslavia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GRAMS: S. 1102. A bill to guarantee the right of individuals to receive full social security benefits under title II of the Social Security Act in full with an accurate annual cost-of-living adjustment; to the Committee on Finance.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS GUARANTEE ACT OF 1999

S. 1103. A bill to reform Social Security by creating personalized retirement accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

PERSONAL SECURITY AND WEALTH IN RETIREMENT ACT OF 1999

S. 1104. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide simplified and accurate information on the Social Security trust funds, and personal earnings and benefit estimates to eligible individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION ACT OF 1999

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I want to take a little time this morning to talk about Social Security. I know our Nation has been engaged in Social Security reform discussions for about 2 years now kind of formally. But, informally, many have been talking about what we are going to do to ensure a safe, sound, secure Social Security system in the future.

We all expected that we could work in a bipartisan manner during this Congress to be able to complete the immense task of saving and strengthening Social Security for the American people.

Unfortunately, President Clinton has failed to take leadership on this issue and has failed to present an honest plan to this Congress to address Social Security’s rapid approaching crisis. There is widespread and reluctance to move forward on reform due to political considerations. Yet, if we keep delaying essential reform until after the “next election”—it is always after the next election—we will never be able to complete our goal of ensuring retirement security for future generations of Americans.

Now, on the positive side, the debate has surely raised the public’s awareness of their own retirement security shortcomings. It has brought attention to the Social Security crisis and has led to a variety of solutions to fix the system.

I believe this is a healthy debate, one that we must continue to encourage. I am sure that when our elected officials muster the political will to make some of those hard choices we face, the Nation will be ready to support those choices.

Regardless of when we actually consider Social Security reform, we must continue the job of educating Americans about the importance of savings and retirement planning. We must continue to debate the role of future Social Security benefits in our retirement security decisions.

That is why I am here. I rise today to introduce three pieces of legislation as first steps to save Social Security. To outline the bills, my first bill, very simply, would grant every current and future Social Security beneficiary a legal right to those Social Security benefits.

The second is a comprehensive plan to move Social Security from the current pay-as-you-go system to one that is fully funded, personalized retirement system, to ensure a safe, sound, secure retirement program that maximizes benefits for the retiree.

The third bill would provide real information about the costs and the benefits under the current Social Security system.

Mr. President, each working American devotes his or her entire life to a job, or series of jobs, and pays hundreds of thousands of dollars in Social Security taxes into the retirement system. In fact, Social Security taxes are the largest tax that many families will ever pay. Under current law, accounting for one-eighth of the total lifetime income that will go into Social Security.

Many people, including myself, believe that Social Security benefits are our “earned right.” We think that because we have paid Social Security taxes, we are legally entitled to receive Social Security benefits. But this “earned right” is nothing but an illusion—an illusion created by politicians