

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF A
COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a committee was submitted:

By Mr. LUGAR, for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2003.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

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. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 1124. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 2-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions for qualified professional development expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. MACK):

S. 1125. A bill to restrict the authority of the Federal Communications Commission to review mergers and to impose conditions on licenses and other authorizations assigned or transferred in the course of mergers or other transactions subject to review by the Department of Justice or the Federal Trade Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1126. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety of imported food, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1127. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 2-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions for reasonable and incidental expenses related to instruction, teaching, or other educational job-related activities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. KERREY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. MACK, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. GRAMM):

S. 1128. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers, to provide for a carryover basis at death, and to establish a partial capital gains exclusion for inherited assets; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1129. A bill to facilitate the acquisition of inholdings in Federal land management units and the disposal of surplus public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GORTON, and Mr. INHOPE):

S. 1130. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to liability of

motor vehicle rental or leasing companies for the negligent operation of rented or leased motor vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1131. A bill to promote research into, and the development of an ultimate cure for, the disease known as Fragile X; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1132. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the reinvestment of employee stock ownership plan dividends without the loss of any dividend reduction; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRAMS:

S. 1133. A bill to amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act to cover birds of the order Ratitae that are raised for use as human food; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROTH:

S. 1134. An original bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1135. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that the lowest unit rate for campaign advertising shall not be available for communication in which a candidate attacks an opponent of the candidate unless the candidate does so in person; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1136. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that an organization shall be exempt from income tax if it is created by a State to provide property and casualty insurance coverage for property for which such coverage is otherwise unavailable; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1137. A bill to amend the Clayton Act to enhance the authority of the Attorney General of the United States to prevent certain mergers and acquisitions that would unreasonably limit competition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1138. A bill to regulate interstate commerce by making provision for dealing with losses arising from Year 2000 Problem-related failures that may disrupt communications, intermodal transportation, and other matters affecting interstate commerce; read the first time.

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

S. 1139. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to civil penalties for unruly passengers of air carriers and to provide for the protection of employees providing air safety information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. REID):

S. 1140. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to issue regulations to eliminate or

minimize the significant risk of needlestick injury to health care workers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOND:

S. 1141. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on triethyleneglycol bis(2-ethyl hexanoate); to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND
SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MACK, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 108. A resolution designating the month of March each year as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Con. Res. 35. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. COVERDELL):

S. 1124. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 2-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions for qualified professional development expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers; to the Committee on Finance.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1127. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 2-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions for reasonable and incidental expenses related to instruction, teaching, or other educational job-related activities; to the Committee on Finance.

TEACHER DEDUCTION FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENSES
ACT

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today, Senator COVERDELL and I are introducing two bills that will help teachers who spend their personal funds in order to improve their teaching skills and to provide quality learning materials for their students. I am going to discuss the first of those bills, the Teachers' Professional Development Act.

I am very pleased to be joined by my colleague from Georgia, Senator COVERDELL, in presenting this response to the critical need of our elementary and secondary schoolteachers for more professional development.

Other than involved parents, a well-qualified teacher is the most important element of student success. Educational researchers have repeatedly demonstrated the close relationship between well-qualified teachers and successful students. Moreover, teachers