

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1482: A bill to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-353).

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

H.R. 4690: A bill making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Francis J. Duggan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2003. (Reappointment)

Nina V. Fedoroff, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Diana S. Natalicio, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006. (Reappointment)

John A. White, Jr., of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006. (Reappointment)

Barbara W. Snelling, of Vermont, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2001.

Robert B. Rogers, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2001.

Jane Lubchenko, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006. (Reappointment)

Warren M. Washington, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006. (Reappointment)

Marc E. Leland, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2003.

Harriet M. Zimmerman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2003. (Reappointment)

Donald J. Sutherland, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2002. (Reappointment)

Holly J. Burkhalter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2001.

Gordon S. Heddell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor.

Carol W. Kinsley, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term of one year. (New Position)

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' 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 times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

S. 2903. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2904. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives to encourage the production and use of efficient energy sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 2905. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the Medicare+Choice program under part C of the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 2906. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the city of Loveland, Colorado, to use Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of non-project water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 2907. A bill to amend the provisions of titles 5 and 28, United States Code, relating to equal access to justice, award of reasonable costs and fees, taxpayers recovery of costs, fees, and expenses, administrative settlement offers, and for other purposes; 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. REID:

S. Res. 339. A resolution designating November 18, 2000, as "National Survivors of Suicide Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 340. A resolution designating December 10, 2000, as "National Children's Memorial Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ABRAHAM:

S. 2903. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the child tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

##### EXPANSION OF THE CHILD TAX CREDIT

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation to provide a \$1,000 per child tax credit for America's working families.

Mr. President, this legislation builds on the \$500 per child tax credit passed in 1997. The passage of the \$500 per child tax credit was the culmination of an effort that began in 1994 with a proposal contained in the "Contract with America." A child tax credit provision also was part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1995 which 104th Congress passed, but President Clinton vetoed.

Even with the \$500 per child tax credit in place, today's total tax burden on families is still far too high. During this era of budget surpluses, we must remember that these surplus funds are tax overpayments that should be returned to the people who overpaid them, and not spent on wasteful government programs. American families will spend the money better.

The child tax credit will help hard working families who pay federal income tax and have children to support. Under this proposal, a working family with two children will receive \$2,000 in the form of a tax credit to help pay their children's health, education and food expenses. Being a parent is not always easy. It becomes even more difficult if a family has trouble paying for necessities such as food, clothes, education, and health care for their children. This tax credit will help those families.

Mr. President, increasing the child tax credit to \$1,000 is a statement by our government and our society that all our families and all of our children will not be left behind. Increasing the \$500 per child tax credit to \$1,000 would provide parents more than 38 million children, including roughly 1.5 million of my constituents in Michigan.

With that in mind, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting American families by supporting this legislation.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full text be printed in the RECORD and yield the floor.

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

S. 2903

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF CHILD TAX CREDIT.

(a) INCREASE IN AMOUNT ALLOWED.—Subsection (a) of section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to allowance of credit) is amended by striking "\$500 (\$400 in the case of taxable years beginning in 1998)" and inserting "\$1,000".

(b) REPEAL OF PHASEOUT OF CREDIT.—Section 24 of such Code is amended by striking subsection (b) and redesignating subsections