the Tricare Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–9228. A communication from the Principal Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Comprehensive Training Readiness Act (CTR) Multi-Year Program Plan for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC–9229. A communication from the Commissioner of Social Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–9230. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–9231. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–9232. A communication from the Federal Coordinating Council of the Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–9233. A communication from the Chair of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–9234. A communication from the Chair of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–9235. A communication from the Chair of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–9236. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC–9237. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:
S. 1: A bill for the relief of Wet Jinsheung.
S. 150: A bill to the relief of Marina Khalina and her son, Albert Milakhov.
S. 451: A bill for the relief of Saeed Reza.
By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:
S. 1078: A bill for the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Eka Bassey and her children, Emmanuel O. Paul Bassey, Jacob Paul Bassey, and Mary Ionegesit Paul Bassey.
By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:
S. 1513: A bill for the relief of Jacqueline Salinas and her children Gabriela Salinas, Alejandro Salinas, and Omar Salinas.
S. 2019: A bill for the relief of Malia Miller.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Administration Advisory Council for a term of three years.
Robert W. Baker, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of three years.
Geoffrey T. Cooper, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years.
Robert A. Davis, of Washington, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years.
Kendall W. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of one year.
Edward M. Bolen, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council for a term of two years.

(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.)

Mr. MCCAIN, President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, I report favorably nomination lists which were printed in the Reports of the Committee, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary’s desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Jeffrey D. Kotson and ending Kimberly Orr, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 25, 2000.

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.
Julio F. Mercado, of Texas, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement.
Beverly B. Martin, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.
Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.
James L. Whigham, of Illinois, to be United States Marshall for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Daniel G. Webber, Jr., of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma.
Russell John Qualliotine, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. GRAMM:
S. 732. A bill to ensure that all States participating in the National Bowels Eradication Program are treated equitably; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SARRANES):
S. 2733. A bill to provide for the preservation of assisted housing for low-income, elderly persons, disabled persons, and other families; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:
S. 2734. A bill to amend the United States Warehouse Act to authorize the issuance of electronic warehouse receipts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DACSHLE, Mr. RAUCUS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mrs. LINCOLN):
S. 2735. A bill to promote access to health care services in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):
S. 2736. A bill to provide compensation for victims of the fire initiated by the National Park Service at Bandelier National Monument, New Mexico; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):
S. 2737. A bill to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to collect fees, extend the authorization of appropriations, and improve the administration of that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. Frist, and Mr. ENZI):
S. 2738. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reduce medical mistakes and medication-related errors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. ROTH, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. WAKEMAN):
S. 2739. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of a semipostal stamp in order to afford the public a convenient way to contribute to funding for the establishment of the World War II Memorial; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LANDRIEU:
S. 2740. A bill to provide for the establishment of Individual Development Accounts
S. 2732. A bill to ensure that all States participating in the National Boll Weevil Eradication Program are treated equitably; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

THE BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION EQUITY ACT

• Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Boll Weevil Eradication Equity Act. Boll weevil infestation has caused more than $15 billion in damage to the United States cotton crop. Cotton producers lose $300 million annually. Texas is the largest cotton producing state in the nation, yet the scope of this problem extends beyond Texas. The ability of all states to eradicate this pest would stop future migration to boll weevil-free areas and prevent reintroduction of the boll weevil into those areas which have already completed a successful eradication effort.

We must continue to build upon the past success of the program that authorizes the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to join with individual states and provide technical assistance and federal cost share funds. This highly successful partnership has resulted in complete boll weevil eradication in California, Florida, Arizona, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia and North Carolina. These states received an average federal cost share of 26.9 percent, with producers and individual states paying the remaining cost.

Since 1994, however, the program has expanded into Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Oklahoma and New Mexico, but the federal appropriation has remained relatively constant. The addition of this vast acreage has resulted in dramatically reducing the federal cost share to only 4 percent, leaving producers and individual states to fund the remaining 96 percent. This is not fair to the states now participating in the program because Federal cost share funds to States in an effort to eradicate the boll weevil; and

(3) States that enrolled in the program before 1994 have since been able to complete boll weevil eradication and were provided a Federal cost share that contributed for an average of 26.9 percent of the total cost of eradication;

(4) States that enrolled in the program in or after 1994 account for 65 percent of the national cotton acreage and are now provided an average Federal cost share of only 4 percent, placing a tremendous financial burden on the individual producers;

(5) the addition of vast acreage into the program has resulted in an increased need for Federal cost share funds; and

(7) the ability of all States to eradicate the boll weevil would prevent further migration of the boll weevil to boll weevil-free areas and reintroduction of the boll weevil in those areas having completed boll weevil eradication.

SEC. 3. BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION ASSISTANCE.

SEC. 4. BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years 2001 through 2004:

(a) The total amount appropriated for the program for each fiscal year is $300,000,000.

(b) The amount appropriated for each fiscal year may be used for the purposes described in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Section 2 of this Act.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide funds to the states enrolled in the program in or after 1994 for Federal cost share funds.