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. BENNETT (for himself, and Mr. HATCH):
S. 2754. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI:
S. 2755. A bill to further continue economic viability in the communities on the southern High Plains by promoting sustainable groundwater management of the southern Ogallala Aquifer; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROBB:
S. 2756. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a National Clean Water Trust Fund and to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to use amounts in the Fund to carry out projects to promote the recovery of waters of the United States from damage resulting from violations of that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DOMENICI:
S. 2757. A bill to provide for the transfer of certain land at Melrose Air Force Range, New Mexico, and Yakima Training Center, Washington, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. RYAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. RIEPPE, and Mrs. LINCOLN):
S. 2758. A bill to implement title XVII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of outpatient prescription drugs under the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):
S. Res. 324. A resolution to commend and congratulate Los Angeles Lakers for their outstanding drive, discipline, and mastery in winning the 2000 National Basketball Association Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ABRAHAM:
S. Res. 325. A resolution welcoming King Mohammed VI of Morocco upon his first official visit to the United States, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. HATCH):
S. 2754. A bill to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNETT, Mr. President, today I rise to introduce the Utah West Desert Land Exchange Act of 2000.

The Utah Enabling Act of 1894 granted 1,240 square miles of state lands located within the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan. The first issue is regarding Utah's schools. This bill provides that trust lands in the West Desert have been held captive by neighboring federal lands, unable to produce the revenue that are legally required to for Utah's schools. This bill provides that Council with an opportunity to reduce the state of Utah's holdings in Federal wilderness study areas and other sensitive areas while increasing lands that are more suitable for long-term economic development to the state of Utah for its school children. Addition ally, the Federal Government will consolidate its ownership in the existing wilderness study area, which will allow for more consistent management. This bill is a win-win proposal, and the right thing to do. I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this legislation in the remaining months of the session.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to announce my support for the West Desert Land Exchange Act, introduced by my good friend and colleague, Senator ROBERT BENNETT. This is a proposal of importance to the citizens of my home state of Utah and to all Americans. Utah is the home to some of the most environmentally diverse lands in the nation. These lands contain environmentally significant plants, animals,