By Ms. MIKULSKI, from the Committee on Appropriations:

S. 1216: An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; (Rept. No. 107-43).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY for the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:

*Hector V. Barreto, Jr., of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.*

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:

*Gordon H. Mansfield, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).*

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee’s commitment to respond to requests 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. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. DASCHE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1210. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. SANTORE):

S. 1211: A bill to authorize and revise the Renewable Energy Production Incentive program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1212. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for qualified energy management devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1213. A bill to authorize a short-term program of grants to certain electric utilities to be passed through, in the form of credits toward electric bills, to consumers that reduce electric energy consumption and to establish an Electric Energy Conservation Fund to provide loans to utilities and nonprofit organizations to fund energy productivity projects; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 1214. A bill to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to establish a program to ensure greater security for United States sea ports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 1215. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. MIKULSKI:

S. 1216. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. FURSTENH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1217. A bill to provide for the acquisition, construction, and improvement of child care facilities or equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 312

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of S. 312, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for farmers and fishermen, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the standards for compensation for Persian Gulf veterans suffering from certain undiagnosed illnesses, and for other purposes.

S. 761

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 761, a bill to provide loans for the improvement of communications services on Indian reservations.

S. 775

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit expansion of medical residency training programs in geriatric medicine and to provide for reimbursement of care coordination and assessment services provided under the medicare program.

S. 839

At the request of Mr. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment for inpatient hospital services under the medicare program and to provide for reimbursement of care coordination and assessment services provided under the medicare program.

S. 1042

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1048, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide relief for payment of asbestos-related claims.

S. 1082

At the request of Mr. TORRICEIL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1082, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the expensing of environmental remediation costs.

S. 1116

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1116, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased foreign assistance for tuberculosis prevention, treatment, and control.

S. 1124

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1124, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules applicable to qualified small business stock.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S.J. RES. 18

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 18, a joint resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. DASCHE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 1210. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. President, I am pleased to be joined by Senators INOUYE, DASCHE, JOHNSON, and BURNS in introducing a bill that reauthorizes...