CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE
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Navy nominations beginning with Capt. James E. Almond, ending Capt. John M. Stewart, Jr. (See Executive Journal proceedings of February 27, 2001, for complete list.)

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (J) Kathleen L. Martin, and ending Rear Adm. (J) James A. Johnson. (See Executive Journal proceedings of April 23, 2001, for complete list.)

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (J) Michael E. Finley.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Gordon S. Hood.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. James C. Dawson, Jr.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Walter F. Doran.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Michael G. Mullen.

(Nominations were recommended with the report that they be confirmed.)

Mr. L. Leon Arnowitz, reported favorably sundry nominations in the Army, Marine Corps and Navy which had previously appeared in the Congressional Record and which the nomination of the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators:

Army nominations beginning with HASAASSAH E AARONSON, and ending SANG W YUM. (See Executive Journal proceedings of June 21, 2001, for complete list.)

Army nominations beginning with DAVID L ABBOTT, and ending X081. (See Executive Journal proceedings of June 22, 2001, for complete list.)

Army nominations beginning with CARL R. BAGWELL, and ending ALLEN M. HARRELL. (See Executive Journal proceedings of June 29, 2001, for complete list.)

Army nominations beginning with DENIS E. PLATT, and ending LAWRENCE C. SELLEIN. (See Executive Journal proceedings of July 12, 2001, for complete list.)

Army nominations beginning with GEORGE J. CARLUCCI, and ending CHARLES P. SHEEHAN. (See Executive Journal proceedings of July 12, 2001, for complete list.)

Army nominations beginning with JOSE R. ARROYOYNEVES, and ending B ARIAN T. MYER. (See Executive Journal proceedings of July 18, 2001, for complete list.)

Army nominations beginning with MARIA L. BRITT, and ending JOHN W. WILKINS II. (See Executive Journal proceedings of July 18, 2001, for complete list.)

Marine Corps nominations beginning with DONALD D. ALBERT, and ending RICHARD D. ZIEGLER. (See Executive Journal proceedings of April 23, 2001, for complete list.)

Navy nominations beginning with MILTON D. ABNER, and ending MICHAEL A. ZIEKER. (See Executive Journal proceedings of April 23, 2001, for complete list.)

Navy nominations beginning with EDWARD D. ABNER, and ending ROBERT ZAUFER. (See Executive Journal proceedings of April 26, 2001, for complete list.)

Navy nominations beginning with SCOTT K. ABEL, and ending WILLIAM A. ZIEKOV IV. (See Executive Journal proceedings of May 21, 2001, for complete list.)

Navy nominations beginning with CHRISTOPHER E. CONKLIN, and ending PHILLIP D. ZURUM. (See Executive Journal proceedings of May 21, 2001, for complete list.)

Navy nominations beginning with MARK M. ACKERT, and ending HUMBERTO ZUNIGA, JR. (See Executive Journal proceedings of June 29, 2001, for complete list.)

Navy nominations beginning with MICHAEL J. NYLIS, and ending RYAN S. YUSKO. (See Executive Journal proceedings of June 29, 2001, for complete list.)

Navy nominations beginning with LEIGH P. ACKRIDGE, and ending KAREN F. ZIEN. (See Executive Journal proceedings of July 12, 2001, for complete list.)

Navy nominations beginning with MICHAEL W. BURLINGTON, and ending ALI ALI. (See Executive Journal proceedings of July 18, 2001, for complete list.)

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 Mrs. CARNAHAN (for herself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1250. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve transitional medical and dental care for members of the Armed Forces released from active duty to which called or ordered, or for which retained, in support of a contingency operation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1251. A bill for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 1252. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make unlawful the tampering with computers of schools and institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. REED):

S. 1253. A bill to prohibit law enforcement to effectively investigate and prosecute the illegal theft and use of computer service providers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1254. A bill to reauthorize the Multi-family Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1255. A bill to encourage the use of carbon storage sequestration practices in the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BACUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BURACK, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CARNARAN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CLERY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COFFIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. ENNIS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GASSLEBY, Mr. GRECO, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNY, Mr. LOFFLER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTTY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NEAL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. REED, Mr. SANTOREM, Mr. SARRABANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELEY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPICER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Ms. TORRICELLI, Mr. VINOGRADOV, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 1256. A bill to provide for the reauthorization of the breast cancer research special postage stamp, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 139. A resolution designating September 24, 2001, as “Family Day—A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTTY):

S. Con. Res. 61. A concurrent resolution to waive the provisions of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 which require the adjournment of the House and Senate by July 31st; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 205

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 205, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the income inclusion on a distribution from an individual retirement account to the extent that the distribution is contributed for charitable purposes.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 232, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes.

S. 270

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 270, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a transitional adjustment for certain sole community hospitals in order to limit any decline in payment under the prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. 14650
Lugar) was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

At the request of Ms. Collins, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Dodd) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 15 percent reduction in payment rates under the prospective payment system for home health services and to permanently increase payments for such services that are furnished in rural areas.

At the request of Mr. S. 392, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. Clinton) was added as a cosponsor of S. 392, a bill to grant a Federal Charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. Smith) was added as a cosponsor of S. 530, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 5-year extension of the credit for producing electricity from wind.

At the request of Mr. Bingaman, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. Snowe) was added as a cosponsor of S. 535, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify that Indian women with breast or cervical cancer who are eligible for health services provided under a medical care program of the Indian Health Service or of a tribal organization are included in the optional Medicaid eligibility category of breast or cervical cancer patients added by the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000.

At the request of Mr. Wellstone, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. Feinstein) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits.

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. Landrieu) was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs.

At the request of Mrs. Lincoln, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Smith) was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for energy efficient appliances.

At the request of Mrs. Hutchinson, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. Levin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 744, a bill to amend section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate notification and return requirements for State and local candidate committees and avoid duplicate reporting for certain State and local political committees of information required to be reported and made publicly available under State law.

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. Murray) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for electricity produced from biomass, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Bingaman, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Hutchinson) was added as a cosponsor of S. 776, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase the floor for treatment as an extremely low DSH State to 3 percent in fiscal year 2002.

At the request of Mr. Baucus, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. Nickles) was added as a cosponsor of S. 808, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the occupational taxes relating to distilled spirits, wine, and beer.

At the request of Mr. Chafee, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. Harkin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 830, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

At the request of Ms. Mikulski, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. Snowe) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase burial benefits for veterans.

At the request of Mr. Rockefeller, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Miller) was added as a cosponsor of S. 913, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

At the request of Mr. Bingaman, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Thurmond), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. Inouye), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Allen) were added as cosponsors of S. 980, a bill to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DeWine, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 986, a bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings.

At the request of Mr. Akaka, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. Durbin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 995, a bill to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Bingaman, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. Dayton) was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for a Korea Defense Service Medal to be issued to members of the Armed Forces who participated in operations in Korea after the end of the Korean War.

At the request of Mr. Byrd, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. Reid), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Lieberman), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. Nelson) were added as cosponsors of S. 1008, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to develop the United States Climate Change Response Strategy with the goal of stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system, while minimizing adverse short-term and long-term economic and social impacts, aligning the Strategy with United States energy policy, and promoting a sound national environmental policy, to establish a research and development program that focuses on bold technological breakthroughs that make significant progress toward the goal of stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations.
to establish the National Office of Climate Change Response within the Executive Office of the President, and for other purposes.

S. 1075

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1075, a bill to extend and modify the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, to authorize a National Community Antidrug Coalition Institute, and for other purposes.

S. 1119

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1119, a bill to require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a study of the extent to the coverage of members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces under health benefits plans and to submit a report on the study of Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor 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. 1144

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1144, a bill to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 et seq.) to reauthorize the Federal Emergency Management Food and Shelter Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1186

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1186, a bill to provide a budgetary mechanism to ensure that funds will be available to satisfy the Federal Government’s responsibilities with respect to negotiated settlements of disputes related to Indian water rights claims and Indian land claims.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1200, a bill to direct the Secretaries of the military departments to conduct a review of military service records to determine whether certain Jewish American war veterans, including those previously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross, should be awarded the Medal of Honor.

S. 1250. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve transitional medical and dental care for members of the Armed Forces released from active duty to which called or ordered, or for which retained, in support of a contingency operation; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mrs. CARNAHAN. Mr. President, our Nation’s Reserve components are assuming increasingly greater roles in the U.S. military. Today we have more commitments around the world but fewer Active Forces. For these reasons, we have increasingly come to depend on our Reserve components.

Since the gulf war, our Army and Marine Corps have increased their operations abroad by 300 percent. Air Force deployments have quadrupled since 1986. And our Navy now deploys 52 percent of its forces on any given day.

These deployments would be impossible without guardsmen and reservists. Last year’s Reserve components served a total of 12.3 million duty days, compared to 5.2 million duty days in 1982.

It is time to recognize the contribution of our reservists and given them the benefits they deserve. We must find a way to provide immediate short-term relief to reservists who stand in need of our support, those who have just returned or show up with post deployments abroad.

Last month, Senator LEAHY and six other colleagues set a goal to provide health care for all National Guard members and reservists. Senator LEAHY’s legislation recognizes the role that Reserve components now play in our national security. This bill authorizes a Defense Department study to develop the most feasible plan to provide health care for all Reserve components.

Providing coverage to all reservists is a monumental task. It will require increased analysis in developing a cost-effective approach. But it is a worthy goal, one that will prove important to sustaining our force strength and our military morale.

Today I am introducing legislation that will take the first step towards Senator LEAHY’s goal for covering reservists. The bill will significantly improve the quality of life for our men and women in the National Guard and Reserves. Reservists like SSG Jonathan Reagan, this young reservist just returned home from an 8-month peacekeeping mission in Kosovo. He served in the 313th hospital surgical unit providing care to military personnel and needy Kosovars. Yet when he returned home to Missouri, he found himself without health care coverage of his own.

Sergeant Reagan had just finished graduate school and was looking for a job as a physical therapist. Currently the law allows military personnel to extend their military health coverage for 30 days after they return home. Well, that was not enough for Sergeant Reagan. He was uninsured and was forced to purchase his insurance out of his own pocket.

Sergeant Reagan is not alone. Sergeant Jason Dunson served on that same deployment. He did not have health care coverage when he returned home to Springfield, MO, either. Luckily before he deployed, he transferred his 3-year-old daughter’s health care coverage to his wife’s plan. Unfortunately, his employer will not be able to cover him for a number of reasons.

But for the case of CPT Terri McGranahan is the most troubling. She volunteered to be a part of our peacekeeping mission in Kosovo. During her service, she worked at a health clinic that had been newly painted with a toxic sealant.

When she returned home, her private health insurance company refused to retain her. Working in this clinic had made her very ill. Her condition resulted in pneumonia and eventually a spot on her lung.

She did not detect the condition right away. When she finally sought medical treatment, the 30 days of TRICARE coverage had already expired.

She asked the Army for help but was turned down. Moreover, her private insurer refused to cover her for a condition acquired during military service. Accordingly, she would be unable to obtain reimbursements from the Department of Defense, once it was fully clarified that her illness was service related. But how long will she have to wait for the first step towards Senator LEAHY’s goal for covering reservists?