EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Joseph M. Clapp, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

*Marion Blayke, of Mississippi, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

*Marion Blayke, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2005.

*Read Van de Water, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Nomination was repeated with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee’s 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. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 1441. A bill to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MILLER:

S. 1442. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose a limitation on the wage that the Secretary of Labor may require an employer to pay an alien who is an H-2A nonimmigrant agricultural worker; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 1443. A bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to modify a provision relating to easement prohibitions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MUKILSEKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. Roberts, Mr. SABANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WELSTON, Mr. TORRECELLO, and Mr. THURMOND):

S. Res. 161. A resolution designating October 17, 2001, as a “Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers for marked graves of, or to other wise commemo rate, certain individuals.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a co sponsor of S. 990, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts received on account of claims based on certain unlawful discrimination and to allow income averaging for backpay and frontpay awards received on account of such claims, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1054, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to prevent abuse of recipients of long-term care services under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) 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.

At the request of Mrs. CARNAHAN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of 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.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1256, a bill to provide for the authorization of the breast cancer research special postage stamp, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1371, a bill to combat money laundering and protect the United States financial system by strengthening safeguards in private banking and correspondent banking, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an Office of Rare Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, a bill to direct the Federal Aviation Administration to re implement the sky marshal program within 30 days.

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1430, a bill to authorize the issuance of Unity Bonds in response to the acts of terrorism perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. SPEETER, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1434, a bill to authorize the President to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001.

At the request of Mr. SABANES, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODGERS) were added as cosponsors 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.

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator
The creation of a national Oil Heritage Region will support the preservation of many natural, cultural and historical resources associated with the site of the first successfully drilled oil well.

The notion of drilling for oil was first considered by the Pennsylvania Rock Oil Company who believed that "digging" for oil was too time consuming. Acting on the prospect of greater efficiency, the company sent Edwin "Colonel" Drake to Titusville, Pennsylvania in 1859 to undertake a drilling endeavor. Throughout the next year, Drake spent his time convincing investors; securing financing; and laying the groundwork to begin actual drilling. A year later, the derrick was built and drilling began. Results did not come immediately, but eventually. And so began the modern commercial petroleum industry.

Without a doubt, petroleum has played a major part in the history and ultimate development and industrialization of our country. Currently, more than 300,000 workers are employed in the oil industry nationwide with more than 8,000 companies producing oil in the United States. The importance of a national heritage region designation will ensure that the vision of a Pennsylvania company and Edwin Drake's persistence and ultimate success in oil drilling is not only preserved but shared. Establishing a national heritage region will coordinate preservation activities and promote the region's cultural richness through exhibits, displays, and the development of educational and recreational opportunities.

I would be remiss not to mention the significant grassroots support associated with this effort. Introduction of this legislation is the product of much collaboration from individuals, businesses, and local government. A key element to securing designations of this kind is assurances of the community's collective and widespread support. I am confident that such support has been capably demonstrated and proven.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has also recognized these local efforts, as well the region's historical significance, by granting a state heritage park designation. Today, visitors are able to enjoy cultural and recreational opportunities in the scenic valleys and restored rivers like the Allegheny River and Oil Creek.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is rich with historical firsts, and the fruitful efforts of Edwin Drake and the Pennsylvania Rock Oil Company are not lost to the Commonwealth. We are proud to introduce this legislation today, and to have the shared support of my fellow Pennsylvania Senator, ARLEN SPECTER.