

RESOLUTION

Whereas, As our nation prepares its response to the horrors visited on our people on September 11, 2001, we pause to lend our support and give thanks to those who will be seeking justice for our beloved dead and injured; and

Whereas, As the President of the United States, George W. Bush, said in his speech to the nation during a joint session of the Congress of the United States on September 20, 2001: "Whether we bring our enemies to justice, or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done"; and

Whereas, We wholeheartedly support the President of the United States in his pledge to use every resource at America's disposal to successfully conclude the conflict brought to our peaceful shores, whether through diplomacy, the use of intelligence capabilities, instruments of law enforcement and elimination of financial resources or every necessary weapon of war; and

Whereas, We recognize that a nation cannot maintain peace without a willingness to defend itself against terrorism or aggression; and

Whereas, The President of the United States has authorized the call-up of 50,000 reservists; and

Whereas, More than 35,000 reservists have been activated for homeland defense in order to permit troops to engage in other duties; and

Whereas, Those soldiers, sailors and Marines now being deployed have our complete support, unending thanks and countless prayers; and

Whereas, We pray that our men and women in uniform will be comforted and given strength to perform the very difficult tasks ahead of them; and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Division of the National Guard, known as the 28th Infantry Division, is the oldest division in the Army in continuous service; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania has the largest National Guard unit in the United States; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's National Guard has played a crucial role in every major conflict since the early days of our nation; and

Whereas, The valiant citizen-soldiers of Pennsylvania's National Guard, all 22,000 men and women, are properly trained and stand ready to do whatever is needed in the defense of our Commonwealth, our nation and our freedom; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania commend and support the President of the United States as the Commander-in-Chief of our armed services; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate send its support, prayers and gratitude to all our military service personnel as they undertake the difficult tasks that may lie ahead; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-211. A resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri relative to National Respect; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

POM-212. A resolution adopted by the Guam Legislature relative to September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-213. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Miami, Florida

relative to September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

POM-214. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Miami, Florida relative to monies collected and earmarked to assist the victims of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-215. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Independence, Ohio relative to immediate action to enact measures to assist in restoring LTV Steel and the domestic steel industry to a competitive position and declaring an emergency; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1202: A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006. (Rept. No. 107-88).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment:

H.R. 717: An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal, and Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophies.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2215: A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 1319: A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Navy nominations beginning Rear Adm. (lh) Jose L. Betancourt and ending Rear Adm. (lh) Thomas E. Zelibor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2001.

Air Force nomination of Gen. Hal M. Hornburg.

Army nomination of Donald W. Dawson III.

Army nomination of Daniel M. Macguire.

Army nomination of Christopher M. Murphy.

Army nomination of Daniel F. Lee.

Air Force nominations beginning Brigadier General James P. Czekanski and ending Colonel Erika C. Steuterman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on October 18, 2001.

(Nominations without an asterisk 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. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1585. A bill to establish grant and scholarship programs to enable hospitals to retain and further educate their nursing staffs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. 1586. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to authorize the carrying of firearms by employees of licensees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 1587. A bill to provide improved port and maritime security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CARPER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 1588. A bill to provide a 1-year extension of the date for compliance by certain covered entities with the administrative simplification standards for electronic transactions and code sets issued in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1589. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand medicare benefits to prevent, delay, and minimize the progression of chronic conditions, establish payment incentives for furnishing quality services to people with serious and disabling chronic conditions, and develop national policies on effective chronic condition care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1590. A bill to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to improve the environmental review process that is associated with authorizations required under Federal law for construction, operation, or maintenance of energy facilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1591. A bill to promote the safe and efficient supply of energy while maintaining strong environmental protections; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1592. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit Federal funds from being used to provide payments under a Federal health care program to any health care provider who charges a membership or any other extraneous or incidental fee to a patient as a prerequisite for the provision of an item or services to the patient; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1593. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection