

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

From the Committee on Small Business, without amendment:

S. Res. 42. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business.

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. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KYL, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. HELMS, Mr. REID, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 452. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure that the Secretary of Health and Human Services provides appropriate guidance to physicians, providers of services, and ambulance providers that are attempting to properly submit claims under the medicare program to ensure that the Secretary does not target inadvertent billing errors; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 453. A bill for the relief of Denes and Gyorgyi Fulop; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 454. A bill to provide permanent funding for the Bureau of Land Management Payment in Lieu of Taxes program and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. BREAU, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 455. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and modify the exclusion relating to qualified small business stock and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 456. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the assurance of efficiency, quality, and patient satisfaction in the furnishing of health care to veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 457. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with Hepatitis C, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' 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. BOND:

S. Res. 42. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business; from the Committee on Small Business; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. Res. 43. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President

should designate the week of March 18 through March 24, 2001, as "National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. Con. Res. 20. A concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002; to the Committee on the Budget.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 60

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of S. 60, a bill to authorize the Department of Energy programs to develop and implement an accelerated research and development program for advanced clean coal technologies for use in coal-based electricity generating facilities and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide financial incentives to encourage the retrofitting, repowering, or replacement of coal-based electricity generating facilities to protect the environment and improve efficiency and encourage the early commercial application of advanced clean coal technologies, so as to allow coal to help meet the growing need of the United States for the generation of reliable and affordable electricity.

S. 115

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 115, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the percentage depletion allowance for certain hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

S. 123

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

S. 126

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 126, a bill to authorize the President to present a gold medal on behalf of Congress to former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn Carter in recognition of their service to the Nation.

S. 148

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 148, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes.

S. 167

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Kentucky

(Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 167, a bill to allow a State to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of all its students.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 177, a bill to amend the provisions of title 19, United States Code, relating to the manner in which pay policies and schedules and fringe benefit programs for postmasters are established.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 281, a bill to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 284

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 284, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives to expand health care coverage for individuals.

S. 296

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to authorize the conveyance of a segment of the Loring Petroleum Pipeline, Maine, and related easements.

S. 301

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 301, a bill to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to require that Federal agencies consult with state agencies and county and local governments on environmental impact statements.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 311, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide for partnerships in character education.

S. 319

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 319, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure that air carriers meet their obligations under the Airline Customer Service Agreement, and provide improved passenger service in order to meet public convenience and necessity.