

Dakota, she has provided outstanding assistance, helping to make sense of what can often be a complicated federal bureaucracy. On more than one occasion, I've heard my staff raving about the amount of time, commitment, and cooperation Mary put forth to serve and represent the taxpayers of South Dakota.

Mary's accomplishments are numerous. During the last few years, Mary developed new and innovative techniques to aid in the restructuring of the Taxpayer Advocate Service, a project of the IRS' Problem Resolution Office. For all of her outstanding work, Mary has received numerous, well-deserved IRS awards and accolades. Mary also excels in her community, and is active with the United Way of Northeastern South Dakota, having served as the Board Secretary for the past four years. As Board Secretary, Mary participates in oversight of the organization and has helped to raise over \$600,000 annually to support 19 local charities.

It is an honor for me to share Mary's accomplishments with my colleagues and to publicly commend her for serving South Dakota so excellently. Alas, South Dakota's loss is Nebraska's gain and I'm sure she will provide that state with the same outstanding performance she has demonstrated here. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry withdrawals and nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations and withdrawals received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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. HATCH:

S. 560. A bill for the relief of Rita Mirembe Revell (a.k.a. Margaret Rita Mirembe); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 561. A bill to provide that the same health insurance premium conversion arrangements afforded to Federal employees be made available to Federal annuitants and members and retired members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD,

Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. REED, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 562. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the record of admission for permanent residence in the case of certain aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. GREGG):

S. 563. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to require Social Security Administration publications to highlight critical information relating to the future financing shortfalls of the social security program, to require the Commissioner of Social Security to provide Congress with an annual report on the social security program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 564. A bill to amend section 1713 of title 38, United States Code, to provide continuing eligibility for medical care under that section for individuals who become eligible for hospital insurance benefits under part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act by turning 65; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 565. A bill to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. HOLLINGS:

S. 566. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 10 percent individual income tax rate for taxable years beginning in 2001 and a payroll tax credit for those taxpayers who have no income tax liability in 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 567. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide capital gain treatment under section 631(b) of such Code for outright sales of timber by landowners; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. Con. Res. 26. A concurrent resolution authorizing the Rotunda of the Capitol to be used on July 18, 2001, for a ceremony to present Congressional Gold Medals to the original 29 Navajo Code Talkers; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) were added as co-

sponsors of S. 22, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide meaningful campaign finance reform through requiring better reporting, decreasing the role of soft money, and increasing individual contribution limits, and for other purposes.

S. 152

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 152, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the 60-month limit and increase the income limitation on the student loan interest deduction.

S. 155

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 155, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate an inequity in the applicability of early retirement eligibility requirements to military reserve technicians.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, supra.

S. 250

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 250, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 255

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 255, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 258

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 258, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of annual screening pap smear and screening pelvic exams.

S. 278

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S.

278, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 283, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

S. 284

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) 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. 289

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives for education.

S. 319

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) 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.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide eligibility for members enlisting in a regular component of the Armed Forces to enroll for advanced training in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Program; to increase the maximum age authorized for participation in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps financial assistance program; and for other purposes.

S. 366

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to increase the amount of funds available for certain agricultural trade programs.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to improve the National Writing Project.

S. 413

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) were added as cosponsors of S. 413, a bill to amend part F of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and refocus civic education, and for other purposes.

S. 433

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 433, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove the limitation that certain survivor benefits can only be excluded with respect to individuals dying after December 31, 1996.

S. 459

At the request of Mr. BREAUX, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on vaccines to 25 cents per dose.

S. 484

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 484, a bill to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to create a grant program to promote joint activities among Federal, State, and local public child welfare and alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment agencies.

S. 525

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 525, a bill to expand trade benefits to certain Andean countries, and for other purposes.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to establish a Federal interagency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) 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.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution expressing the

sense of Congress regarding subsidized Canadian lumber exports.

S. CON. RES. 14

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of it.

S. CON. RES. 17

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 17, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should continue to be parity between the adjustments in the compensation of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the compensation of civilian employees of the United States.

S. J. RES. 4

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. J. Res. 4, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections.

S. RES. 44

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX), and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 44, a resolution designating each of March 2001, and March 2002, as "Arts Education Month."

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 560. A bill for the relief of Rita Mirembe Revell (a.k.a. Margaret Rita Mirembe); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a private relief bill for Rita Mirembe Revell. Rita is a 15-year-old child from Uganda who was brought to this country in 1994. When Rita was 18 months old she was left with the Daughters of Charity Society, a Catholic organization in Kampala, Uganda. Rita was an orphan, abandoned with no known family.

Rita has resided in the United States under a student visa since 1994. As an orphan the only parents she has ever known are her American guardians, who have sponsored Rita since she was three years old. They want very much to adopt Rita, but they have been unable to get around the mess of international red tape. The Ugandan Government has very strict policies concerning adoption by foreign nationals.