CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 801. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of educational assistance, to expand programs of transition assistance and outreach to departing servicemembers, veterans, and dependents, to increase burial benefits, to provide for family coverage under Servicemembers Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 811. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction and improvement projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers.

At 7:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:


MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 801. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of educational assistance, to expand programs of transition assistance and outreach to departing servicemembers, veterans, and dependents, to increase burial benefits, to provide for family coverage under Servicemembers Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

H.R. 811. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

H.R. 861. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction and improvement projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H.Con. Res. 83. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2011; to the Committee on the Budget.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

From the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 1: An original bill to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Rept. No. 107–7).

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. JEFFORDS:

S. 631. An original bill to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 637. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) to authorize the establishment of individual fishery quota systems; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DOMENICI for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BENNETT:

S. 638. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literary, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 639. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMPSON (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. MURKOWSKI):

S. 640. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include wireless telecommunications equipment in the definition of qualified technological equipment for purposes of determining the depreciation treatment of such equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 641. A bill to amend section 842 of title 18, United States Code, relating to explosive materials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 642. A bill to amend part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide assistance for unincorporated neighborhood watch programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDREU, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 643. A bill to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. KYL, Mr. INHOFE,
SHELBY, Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Helms, and Mr. Fitzgerald:

S.J. Res. 11. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S.J. Res. 12. A joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 38
At the request of Mr. Inouye, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. Landrieu) was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 128
At the request of Mr. Johnson, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. Hutchison) was added as a cosponsor of S. 128, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require periodic cost of living adjustments to the maximum amount of deposit insurance available under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 148
At the request of Mr. Craig, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Hutchinson) was added as a cosponsor of S. 148, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes.

S. 179
At the request of Mr. Reid, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. Burns) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. Thomas) were added as cosponsors of S. 179, 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.

S. 274
At the request of Mr. Hutchinson, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. Brownback) was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits.

S. 271
At the request of Mrs. Feinstein, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Bingaman) was added as a cosponsor of S. 271, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the mandatory separation age for Federal firefighters be made the same as the age that applies with respect to Federal law enforcement officers.

S. 312
At the request of Mr. Grassley, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. Hutchinson) was added as a cosponsor of S. 312, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for farmers and fishermen, and for other purposes.

S. 319
At the request of Mr. McCain, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Wyden) 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. 321
At the request of Mr. Grassley, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. Bond) was added as a cosponsor of S. 321, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 325
At the request of Mr. Frist, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Dorgan) was added as a cosponsor of S. 325, a bill to establish a congressional commemorative medal for organ donors and their families.

S. 327
At the request of Mr. Reid, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. Daschle) was added as a cosponsor of S. 327, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide up-to-date school library media resources and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists for elementary schools and secondary schools, and for other purposes.

S. 338
At the request of Mr. Ensign, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. Campbell) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to protect amateur athletics and combat illegal sports gambling.

S. 345
At the request of Mr. Allard, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. Wellstone) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Conrad) were added as cosponsors of S. 345, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strike the limitation that permits interstate movement of live birds, for the purpose of fighting, to States in which animal fighting is lawful.

S. 403
At the request of Mr. Cochran, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. Murray) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. Cleland) were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to improve the National Writing Project.

S. 446
At the request of Mr. Crapo, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. Enzi) was added as a cosponsor of S. 446, a bill to preserve the authority of States over water within their borders, to delegate the authority of Congress to regulate water, and for other purposes.

S. 447
At the request of Mr. Crapo, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. Enzi) was added as a cosponsor of S. 447, a bill to subject the United States to imposition of fees and costs in proceedings relating to State water rights adjudications.

S. 452
At the request of Mr. Murkowski, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. Shelby) was added as a cosponsor of 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.

S. 466
At the request of Mr. Leahy, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. Clinton) was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to reduce the risk that innocent persons may be executed, and for other purposes.

S. 500
At the request of Mr. Burns, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. Crapo) was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 so that the Federal Communications Commission to fulfill the sufficient universal service support requirements for high cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 549
At the request of Mr. Crapo, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. Craig) was added as a cosponsor of S. 549, a bill to ensure the availability of spectrum to amateur radio operators.

S. 611
At the request of Ms. Mikulski, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Breaux) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to provide that the reduction in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds $1,200, adjusted for inflation.