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. BAUCUS:

S. 701. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the charitable deduction for conservation contributions of land by eligible farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HELMS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 702. A bill for the relief of Gao Zhan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 702a. A bill to extend the effective period of the consent of Congress to the interstate compact relating to the restoration of Atlantic salmon to the Connecticut River Basin and creating the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 704. A bill to establish a prohibition of the cloning of humans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 705. A bill to establish a health information technology grant program for hospitals and for skilled nursing facilities and home health agencies, and to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish and implement a methodology under the medicare program for providing hospitals with reimbursement for costs incurred by such hospitals with respect to information technology systems; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. HUTCHINSON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REID, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. TORICELLI, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. RINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BARRANER, Mr. LIBERMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 706. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish programs to alleviate the nursing profession shortage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 707. A bill to provide grants for special environmental assistance to public entities, and for the restoration of communities and habitat ("SEARCH grantees") to small communities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. FRINGE, Mr. KOHL, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. AKSA, Mr. BLACK, Mr. S. BAUCUS, Mr. BUREN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ALLARD, and Ms. STARKESOW):

S. 708. A bill to provide the citizens of the United States and Congress with a report on coordinated actions by Federal agencies to prevent the introduction of foot and mouth disease and bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States and other information to assess the economic and public health impacts associated with the potential threats presented by those diseases; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 709. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the tax treatment of Alaska Native Settlement Trusts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. HELMS):

S. 710. A bill to require coverage for colorectal cancer screenings; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 711. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to maintain exemption of Alaska Native Shared Risk Pool and to prohibit the use of diesel fuel and kerosene; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 712. A bill to prohibit commercial air tour operations over Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park; to the Committee on Finance.