

Navy nomination of Matthew S. Gilchrist to be Lieutenant.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Paul A. Crotty, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

J. Michael Seabright, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(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. BUNNING (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BOND, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 646. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow distilled spirits wholesalers a credit against income tax for their cost of carrying Federal excise taxes prior to the sale of the product bearing the tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 647. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH:

S. 648. A bill to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 649. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to make volunteer members of the Civil Air Patrol eligible for Public Safety Officer death benefits; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TALENT, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. BOND):

S. 650. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to increase production and use of renewable fuel and to increase the energy independence of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID:

S. 651. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make creditable for civil service retirement purposes certain periods of service performed with Air America, Incorporated, Air Asia Company Limited, or the Pacific Division of Southern Air Transport, Incorporated, while those entities were owned or controlled by the Government of the United States and operated or managed by the Central Intelligence Agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 652. A bill to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 653. A bill for the relief of the family of Theresa Marie Schiavo; considered and passed.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DODD):

S. 654. A bill to prohibit the expulsion, return, or extradition of persons by the United States to countries engaging in torture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 655. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REED:

S. 656. A bill to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residence; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 657. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make a technical correction in the definition of outpatient speech-language pathology services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 658. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit human cloning; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 659. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human chimeras; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 660. A bill to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North

Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 661. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the modernization of the United States Tax Court, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 662. A bill to reform the postal laws of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 663. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow self-employed individuals to deduct health insurance costs in computing self-employment taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 664. A bill to adjust the boundaries of Green Mountain National Forest; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 665. A bill to reauthorize and improve the Spark M. Matsunaga Hydrogen Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1990 to establish a program to commercialize hydrogen and fuel cell technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DODD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. REED, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 666. A bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 667. An original bill to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 668. A bill to provide enhanced criminal penalties for willful violations of occupational standards for asbestos; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 669. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat natural gas distribution lines as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 670. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 671. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for certain fuel cell property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 672. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide equitable access for foster care and adoption services for Indian children in tribal areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 673. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify that federally recognized Indian tribal governments are to be regulated under the same government employer rules and procedures that apply to Federal, State, and other local government employers with regard to the establishment and maintenance of employee benefit plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 674. A bill to provide assistance to combat HIV/AIDS in India, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 675. A bill to reward the hard work and risk of individuals who choose to live in and help preserve America's small, rural towns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 676. A bill to provide for Project GRAD programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TALENT, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. HATCH):

S. 677. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID:

S. 678. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to exclude communications over the Internet from the definition of public communication; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 679. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the registration of contractors' taxpayer identification numbers in the Central Contractor Registry database of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 680. A bill to provide for various energy efficiency programs and tax incentives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 681. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a National Cord Blood Stem Cell Bank Network to prepare, store, and distribute human umbilical cord blood stem cells for the treatment of pa-

tients and to support peer-reviewed research using such cells; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 682. A bill to authorize the establishment of a Social Investment and Economic Development Fund for the Americas to provide assistance to reduce poverty and foster increased economic opportunity in the countries of the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 683. A bill to ban the manufacture, sale, delivery, and transfer of handguns that cannot be personalized, and to provide for a report to Congress on the commercial feasibility of personalizing firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED:

S. 684. A bill to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide additional requirements for the siting, construction, or operation of liquefied natural gas import facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 685. A bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. GREGG):

S. Res. 84. A resolution condemning violence and criminality by the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. ENZI):

S. Res. 85. A resolution designating July 23, 2005, and July 22, 2006, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. REID, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. REED):

S. Res. 86. A resolution designating August 16, 2005, as "National Airborne Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOND, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. TALENT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. Res. 87. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the resumption of beef exports to Japan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN,

Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. Res. 88. A resolution designating April 2005 as "Financial Literacy Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. Res. 89. A resolution congratulating the Montana FFA on its 75th Anniversary and celebrating the achievements of Montana FFA members; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CORZINE, and Mrs. DOLE):

S. Res. 90. A resolution designating the week of May 1, 2005, as "Holocaust Commemoration Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KYL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. ALLEN):

S. Res. 91. A resolution urging the European Union to maintain its arms export embargo on the People's Republic of China; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Con. Res. 20. A concurrent resolution expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and support for the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. Con. Res. 21. A concurrent resolution expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the recent passage of the anti-secession law by the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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

S. Con. Res. 22. A concurrent resolution congratulating Bode Miller for winning the 2004-2005 World Cup overall title in Alpine skiing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 98

At the request of Mr. TALENT, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 151

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 151, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 268

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 268, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers