

the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, jointly, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, that if one Committee report, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. KOHL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. FORD, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 2358. A bill to provide for the establishment of a service-connection for illnesses associated with service in the Persian Gulf War, to extend and enhance certain health care authorities relating to such service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2359. A bill to amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. FRIST):

S. 2360. A bill to authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Fiscal Years 1999, 2000, and 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2361. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize programs for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FORD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GLENN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROB-

ERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Con. Res. 110. A concurrent resolution honoring the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police for their selfless acts of heroism at the United States Capitol on July 24, 1998; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FORD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GLENN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Con. Res. 111. A concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a memorial service for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, and Mr. FORD):

S. Con. Res. 112. A concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of the eulogies of the Senate and the House of Representatives for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KERREY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2356. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

NATIONAL UNIFORMITY FOR FOOD ACT OF 1998

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to join Senator ROBERTS and several other Members in introducing this legislation designed to establish national rules regarding standards, labeling and notification requirements for foods.

The legislation recognizes the reality that we have a truly national system of food production, processing and distribution. Perhaps the most apparent reason for a national system of rules relating to regulation of foods involves the economic costs associated with complying with varying state requirements. The burden of satisfying a number of different, and perhaps conflicting, requirements throughout the country can be significant.

Another aspect of the matter, though, involves the benefits to consumers. Certainly, when it comes to labeling and notification, I believe that consumers are entitled to have plenty of information that will help them make sound purchasing decisions for their families. I believe there can come a point, however, when a multitude of varying labeling and notification requirements can confuse consumers and be counterproductive with respect to helping them make sound choices.

Accordingly, this bill would establish a framework for uniform national rules relating to food labeling, standards and notification requirements while recognizing the interest of the states in regulatory activities involving food. Under the bill, states would continue to have full authority in the area of food sanitation requirements. States could also petition for new national standards or exemption from established national standards and could take emergency action inconsistent with the national standards in the case of imminent hazards. States would continue to have full authority to establish and enforce standards relating to matters on which a national standard had not been set. In addition, the bill specifically identifies a number of types of labeling requirements as to which the states would continue to have full authority.

The bill being introduced today is a sound starting point for further discussion and study, and for hearings that I hope can be scheduled soon. I am sure that during this process issues and considerations will arise that will need to be addressed in the legislation. I look forward to working with the Senator from Kansas and other colleagues toward producing a final bill that will achieve broad support and be enacted.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. KOHL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. FORD, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 2358. A bill to provide for the establishment of a service-connection for