

*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.

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. FRIST (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1230. A bill to provide for additional responsibilities for the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Homeland Security relating to geospatial information; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1231. A bill to eliminate the burdens and costs associated with electronic mail spam by prohibiting the transmission of all unsolicited commercial electronic mail to persons who place their electronic mail addresses on a national No-Spam Registry, and to prevent fraud and deception in commercial electronic mail by imposing requirements on the content of all commercial electronic mail messages; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1232. A bill to designate the newly-constructed annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse located at 333 Constitution Ave., N.W. in Washington D.C., as the "James L. Buckley Annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1233. A bill to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1234. A bill to reauthorize the Federal Trade Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 1235. A bill to increase the capabilities of the United States to provide reconstruction assistance to countries or regions impacted by armed conflict, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 1236. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to control or eradicate tamarisk in the western States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1237. A bill to amend the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to provide for more equitable allotment of funds to States for centers for independent living; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1238. A bill to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve women's health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 1239. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide special compensation for former prisoners of war, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1240. A bill to establish the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1241. A bill to establish the Kate Mullany National Historic Site in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 1242. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in New London, Connecticut, as the "John J. McGuirk Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1243. A bill to amend section 924, title 18, United States Code, to increase the maximum term of imprisonment for interstate firearms trafficking and to include interstate firearms trafficking in the definition of racketeering activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 1244. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CORNYN:

S. Res. 166. A resolution recognizing the United States Air Force's Air Force News Agency on the occasion of its 25th anniversary and honoring the Air Force personnel who have served the Nation while assigned to that agency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Con. Res. 53. A concurrent resolution honoring and congratulating chambers of commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Con. Res. 54. A concurrent resolution commending Medgar Wiley Evers and his widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams for their lives and accomplishments, designating a Medgar Evers National Week of Remembrance, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 56

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

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

S. 68

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 68, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) 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. 136

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 136, a bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide for an expedited antidumping investigation when imports increase materially from new suppliers after an antidumping order has been issued, and to amend the provision relating to adjustments to export price and constructed export price.

S. 340

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 340, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to nonprofit tax-exempt organizations for the purchase of ultrasound equipment to provide free examinations to pregnant women needing such services, and for other purposes.

S. 448

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 448, a bill to leave no child behind.

S. 481

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 481, a bill to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments, and for other purposes.

S. 493

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 493, 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.

S. 517

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Maryland

(Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 517, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 518, a bill to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy.

S. 620

At the request of Mr. EDWARDS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 620, a bill to amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for fire sprinkler systems, or other fire suppression or prevention technologies, in public and private college and university housing and dormitories, including fraternity and sorority housing and dormitories.

S. 640

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 640, a bill to amend subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to include Federal prosecutors within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 678, a bill to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 684

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 684, a bill to create an office within the Department of Justice to undertake certain specific steps to ensure that all American citizens harmed by terrorism overseas receive equal treatment by the United States Government regardless of the terrorists' country of origin or residence, and to ensure that all terrorists involved in such attacks are pursued, prosecuted, and punished with equal vigor, regardless of the terrorists' country of origin or residence.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic

of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 736, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 854

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 854, a bill to authorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture, and for other purposes.

S. 854

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 854, supra.

S. 884

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 884, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 902

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 902, a bill to declare, under the authority of Congress under Article I, section 8, of the Constitution to "provide and maintain a Navy", a national policy for the naval force structure required in order to "provide for the common defense" of the United States throughout the 21st century.

S. 982

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 982, a bill to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, cease its illegal importation of Iraqi oil, and hold Syria accountable for its role in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

S. 990

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 990, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Challenge Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1091

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

1091, a bill to provide funding for student loan repayment for public attorneys.

S. 1121

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1121, a bill to extend certain trade benefits to countries of the greater Middle East.

S. 1138

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1138, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide parity with respect to substance abuse treatment benefits under group health plans and health insurance coverage.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota.

S. 1155

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1155, a bill to repeal section 801 of the Revenue Act of 1916.

S. 1182

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1182, a bill to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, and for other purposes.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1215, a bill to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, and for other purposes.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. KERRY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, supra.

S. 1215

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1215, supra.

S. CON. RES. 40

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland

(Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 40, a concurrent resolution designating August 7, 2003, as "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

S. RES. 164

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 164, a resolution reaffirming support of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and anticipating the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) on November 4, 2003.

AMENDMENT NO. 876

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 876 proposed to S. 14, a bill to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare program, to provide prescription drug coverage under the medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Prescription Drug and Medicare Improvement Act of 2003".

(b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of the Congress that the Congress should enact, and the President should sign, legislation to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements in the medicare program and to provide prescription drug coverage under the medicare program.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1232. A bill to designate the newly-constructed annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse located at 333 Constitution Ave., NW., in Washington, DC., as the "James L. Buckley Annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill to designate the newly-constructed annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse as the "James L. Buckley Annex." As members of this body well know, Judge Buckley served in this Senate from 1971–77, as a trusted colleague from the State of New York. During his tenure here, Judge Buckley was greatly admired for his dedication, integrity, and professionalism.

Judge Buckley's lengthy public service career is one of great distinction. In addition to the time he spent here in the Senate, Judge Buckley served in the United States Navy during World War II, as Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, and as President of Radio Free Europe. Most recently, he served for more than a decade as a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, in the E. Barrett Prettyman courthouse.

Earlier this Congress, we honored Judge Buckley, on the celebration of his 80th birthday, by passing unanimously a resolution, S. Res. 88, acknowledging his distinguished career in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the United States.

Naming the new annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman courthouse after Judge Buckley would be a fitting tribute to our former colleague and prominent jurist. I am honored to offer this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support this well-deserved commendation.

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 1233. A bill to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act. I am proud to sponsor this legislation. Black Americans have a rich history that must be cherished and remembered. This bill will honor African American leaders from across the country—some who are well known, and others who are almost forgotten—by helping to preserve their names, faces, and stories for generations to come.

This legislation will provide Federal assistance to expand exhibits and educational programs at the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center in Baltimore, Maryland. The museum showcases the lives of great Black Americans who have proudly served the United States—from civil servants like Mary McLeod Bethune, to military heroes like Colin Powell, to Congressional leaders like Senator Edward Brooke, R-MA, and civil rights leaders like Rosa Parks. Some are household names, like Frederick Douglass and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Yet many more are unfamiliar, like the 22 African Americans who served in Congress in the 1800s. It's time we give these pioneers the recognition they deserve.

Maryland is proud to be home to so many important figures in black history. From the dark days of slavery through the civil rights movement, Marylanders have led the way. The brilliant Frederick Douglass was the voice of the voiceless in the struggle against slavery. The courageous Harriet Tubman delivered 300 slaves to

freedom on the Underground Railroad. The great Thurgood Marshall argued the Brown v. Board of Education Case before the Supreme Court, and later became a Supreme Court Justice himself.

Maryland is home to contemporary leaders, too. The dynamic Kweisi Mfume, president of the NAACP, who, like me, came out of the Baltimore City Council. The passionate ELIJAH CUMMINGS, Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. Clarence Mitchell who was called by many the 101st Senator. Parren Mitchell and AL WYNN, fighting for their constituents. And all the members of the NAACP, which calls Baltimore home.

It is fitting that the national Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center also calls Baltimore home. The museum and learning center is a popular and respected black history museum. Approximately 300,000 people a year from around the country and the world visit the museum. Many are school children, who can see historical figures come to life in the museum's exhibits. Expansion will allow the museum to teach even more visitors about the important contributions of Black Americans. It will also help revitalize a poor neighborhood in East Baltimore. There will be new jobs. There will be more tourists. There will be new small businesses. And most important, there will be new inspiration for our young people.

The State of Maryland and City of Baltimore have already contributed over \$5 million toward this expansion project. Private donors are contributing too. Now it's time for the Federal Government to do its part. Let's help make this museum a treasure for the entire Nation.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1233

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2003".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Black Americans have served honorably in Congress, in senior executive branch positions, in the law, the judiciary, and other fields, yet their record of service is not well known by the public, is not included in school history lessons, and is not adequately presented in the Nation's museums.

(2) The Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc. in Baltimore, Maryland, a nonprofit organization, is the Nation's first wax museum presenting the history of great Black Americans, including those who have served in Congress, in senior executive branch positions, in the law, the judiciary, and other fields, as well as others who have made significant contributions to benefit the Nation.

(3) The Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc. plans to expand its existing facilities to establish the National Great Blacks in Wax