

EC-4829. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the authority of the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to promulgate regulations relating to staff adjustments of employees appointed under chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4830. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compensation and Pension Provisions of the Veterans Benefits Act of 2002" (RIN2900-AL62) received on October 8, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 300. A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1691. A bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HATCH for the Committee on the Judiciary.

George W. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for the term of fifteen years.

Deborah Ann Spagnoli, of California, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission for a term of six years.

(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. KERRY (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1739. A bill to provide duty-free treatment for certain tuna; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1740. A bill to amend the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (Public Law 107-42; 49 U.S.C. 40101 note) to provide compensation for the United States Citizens who were victims of a terrorist-related laboratory-confirmed anthrax infection in the United States during the period beginning on September 13, 2001, through November 30, 2001, on the same basis as compensation is provided to victims of the terrorist-related

aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1741. A bill to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1742. A bill to amend title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for variable interest rates on student loans; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1743. A bill to permit reviews of criminal records of applicants for private security officer employment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 1744. A bill to prevent abuse of Government credit cards; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1745. A bill to designate a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1746. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 339 Hicksville Road in Bethpage, New York, as the "Brian C. Hickey Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 1747. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 1748. A bill to establish a program to award grants to improve and maintain sites honoring Presidents of the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1749. A bill to amend various provisions of the Consumer Credit Protection Act to relief for victims of identity theft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 1750. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the nutrition and health of children in the United States; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 1751. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S.J. Res. 19. A joint resolution recognizing Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. Res. 244. A resolution congratulating Shirin Ebadi for winning the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize and commending her for her lifetime of work to promote democracy and human rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. Res. 245. A resolution designating the week beginning October 19, 2003, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 767

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 767, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the tax on social security benefits.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. HOLLINGS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve jobs and production activities in the United States.

S. 1033

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the medicaid and State children's health insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 1037

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1037, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of all oral anticancer drugs.

S. 1095

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1095, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve outpatient vision services under part B of the medicare program.

S. 1144

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1144, a bill to name the health care facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs located at 820 South Damen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Jesse Brown Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center".

S. 1180

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1180, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the