

Whereas the federal public debt now stands at approximately \$8.2 trillion, which equates to \$27,600 of debt for every man, woman, and child in America; and

Whereas the annual federal budget has risen to unprecedented levels, demonstrating an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive branches of federal government to control the federal debt; and

Whereas fiscal discipline is a powerful means for strengthening our nation; with a constitutional provision requiring a federal balanced budget, less of America's financial resources would be channeled into servicing the national debt and more of our tax dollars would be available for public endeavors that reflect our national priorities, such as education, health, the security of our nation, and the creation of jobs; and

Whereas Thomas Jefferson recognized the importance of a balanced budget when he wrote: "The question whether one generation has the right to bind another by the deficit it imposes is a question of such consequence as to place it among the fundamental principles of government. We should consider ourselves unauthorized to saddle posterity with our debts, and morally bound to pay for them ourselves."; and

Whereas state legislatures overwhelmingly recognize the necessity of maintaining a balanced budget; whether through constitutional requirement or by statute, 49 states require a balanced budget; and

Whereas in promoting the broadest principles of a government of, by, and for the people, one of the core functions of the United States Constitution is to enumerate and limit federal power; and

Whereas the federal government's unlimited ability to borrow involves decisions of such magnitude, with such potentially profound consequences for the nation and its people, today and in the future, that it is an appropriate subject for limitation by the United States Constitution; and

Whereas the United States Constitution vests the ultimate responsibility to approve or disapprove amendments to the Constitution with the people of the several states, as represented by their elected legislatures: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives Concurring,* that we hereby strongly urge the United States Congress to propose, adopt, and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring a balanced federal budget on an annual basis, except in times of extreme national emergency; and be it further

*Resolved,* that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.

POM-392. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee relative to the "Constitution Restoration Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 158

*Resolved by the Senate of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee,* That through passage of this resolution, this body hereby memorializes the United States Congress to enact S. 520 and H.R. 1070 of the 109th Congress, which bears the short title "Constitution Restoration Act of 2005", and by enacting such legislation protect the ability of the people of our state and nation to:

(1) Display the Ten Commandments in public buildings and public places in this state and nation;

(2) Express their faith in public;

(3) Retain God in the Pledge of Allegiance;

(4) Retain "In God We Trust" as our national motto; and

(5) Otherwise acknowledge God as the sovereign source of law, liberty, and government in these United States; and be it further

*Resolved,* That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; the President and the Secretary of the United States House of Representatives; the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate; and to each member of Tennessee's delegation to the United States Congress.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2464. A bill to revise a provision relating to a repayment obligation of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation under the Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-284).

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 2802. A bill to improve American innovation and competitiveness in the global economy (Rept. No. 109-285).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment:

S. 2703. A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

\*James Lambright, of Mississippi, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009.

\*Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009.

\*J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009.

\*Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2013.

\*Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

\*Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

By Mr. STEVENS for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Andrew B. Steinberg, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

\*Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

\*R. Hunter Biden, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

\*Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

\*John H. Hill, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (Ih) Gary T. Blore and ending with Rear Adm. (Ih) Joel R. Whitehead, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 3, 2006.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the Record of the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

\*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination beginning with Philip A. Gruccio and ending with Jamie S. Wasser, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 24, 2006.

By Mr. ENZI for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

\*Lawrence A. Warder, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education.

\*Troy R. Justesen, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

\*Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

\*Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

\*Ronald S. Cooper, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years.

\*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. BOND:

S. 3685. A bill to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. AL-EXANDER):

S. 3686. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain AC electric motors; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3687. A bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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

S. 3688. A bill to preserve the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial in San Diego, California, by providing for the immediate acquisition of the memorial by the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 3689. A bill to establish a national historic country store preservation and revitalization program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 3690. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to pay the costs of evacuating nationals of the United States from the Middle East in response to the hostilities between Israel and its neighbors that began in July 2006, and to require, except in limited circumstances, the reimbursement of such costs; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 3691. A bill to amend the Small Business Act, to reform and reauthorize the National Veterans Business Development Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. REED, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 3692. A bill to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 3693. A bill to make technical corrections to the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005; considered and passed.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3694. A bill to increase fuel economy standards for automobiles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3695. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the marketing of authorized generic drugs; 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. DEWINE:

S. Con. Res. 110. A concurrent resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the historic 1946 season of Major League Baseball Hall of Fame member Bob Feller and his return from military service to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 138

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to make improvements to the microenterprise programs administered by the Small Business Administration.

S. 191

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 191, a bill to extend certain trade preferences to certain least-developed countries, and for other purposes.

S. 311

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 401

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 401, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for arthritis research and public health, and for other purposes.

S. 666

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 666, a bill to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

S. 2123

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to modernize the manufactured housing loan insurance program under title I of the National Housing Act.

S. 2154

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2154, a bill to provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Rosa Parks.

S. 2250

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2250, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug.

S. 2491

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2491, a bill to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator.

S. 2560

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2560, a bill to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

S. 2586

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2586, a bill to establish a

2-year pilot program to develop a curriculum at historically Black colleges and universities, Tribal Colleges, and Hispanic serving institutions to foster entrepreneurship and business development in underserved minority communities.

S. 2590

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2590, a bill to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds.

S. 2616

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2616, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and the Mineral Leasing Act to improve surface mining control and reclamation, and for other purposes.

S. 2646

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2646, a bill to create a 3-year pilot program that makes small, nonprofit child care businesses eligible for loans under title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

S. 2663

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2663, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2679

At the request of Mr. TALENT, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2679, a bill to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

S. 2703

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2703, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2703, supra.

S. 3495

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3495, a bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam.

S. 3620

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island