

Army nominations beginning with Robin M. Adams and ending with Edward E. Yackel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 12, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Richard E. Baxter and ending with Barry D. Whiteside, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 12, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Christopher G. Archer and ending with Paul H. Yoon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 12, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Wade K. Aldous and ending with Esmeraldo Zarzabal, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 12, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with John C. Beach and ending with Lloyd T. Phinney, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 12, 2006.

Navy nominations beginning with Cal Abel and ending with Thomas J. Zerr, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2006.

Navy nomination of David E. Bauer to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Cathy L. Trudeau to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with Walter J. Lawrence and ending with Ronald L. Ruggiero, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 12, 2006.

(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. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 3696. A bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to prevent the use of the legal system in a manner that extorts money from State and local governments, and the Federal Government, and inhibits such governments' constitutional actions under the first, tenth, and fourteenth amendments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 3697. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish Medicare Health Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REED, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DODD, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3698. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 3699. A bill to provide private relief; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 3700. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to add National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. 3701. A bill to determine successful methods to provide protection from cata-

strophic health expenses for individuals who have exceeded health insurance coverage for uninsured individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 3702. A bill to provide for the safety of migrant seasonal agricultural workers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3703. A bill to provide for a temporary process for individuals entering the Medicare coverage gap to switch to a plan that provides coverage in the gap; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 3704. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require staff working with developmentally disabled individuals to call emergency services in the event of a life-threatening situation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 3705. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical, or mental health needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 3706. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat spaceports like airports under the exempt facility bond rules; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 3707. A bill to improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 3708. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 3709. An original bill to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 United States exports of nuclear materials, equipment, and technology to India, and to implement the United States Additional Protocol; from the Committee on Foreign Relations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 3710. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve retention of public elementary and secondary school teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, Mr. FRIST, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CORNYN, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 3711. A bill to enhance the energy independence and security of the United States by providing for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources in the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes; read the first time.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

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

S. Res. 536. A resolution commending the 25th year of service in the Federal judiciary by William W. Wilkins, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

S. Res. 537. A resolution supporting the National Sexual Assault Hotline and commending the Hotline for counseling and supporting more than 1,000,000 callers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. OBAMA, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. GREGG):

S. Con. Res. 111. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should expand trade opportunities with Mongolia and initiate negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement with Mongolia; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID:

S. Con. Res. 112. A concurrent resolution relating to correcting a clerical error in the enrollment of S. 3693; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 403

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of S. 403, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking minors across State lines in circumvention of laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions.

S. 781

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 781, a bill to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on land administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service on which there is a historical tradition of the use of pack and saddle stock animals, and for other purposes.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1800

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1800, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the new markets tax credit.

S. 1840

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1840, a bill to amend section 340B of the Public Health Service Act to increase the affordability of inpatient drugs for Medicaid and safety net hospitals.

S. 1923

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1923, a bill to address small business investment companies licensed to issue participating debentures, and for other purposes.

S. 2250

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

S. 2278

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2278, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 2284

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2284, a bill to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

S. 2419

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2419, a bill to ensure the proper remembrance of Vietnam veterans and the Vietnam War by providing a deadline for the designation of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 2762

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2762, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure appropriate payment for the cost of long-term care provided to veterans in State homes, and for other purposes.

S. 2884

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2884, a bill to facilitate and expedite direct refunds to coal producers and exporters of the excise tax unconstitutionally imposed on coal exported from the United States.

S. 3449

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3449, a bill to amend the Public Health Serv-

ice Act to improve the quality and availability of mental health services for children and adolescents.

S. 3556

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3556, a bill to clarify the rules of origin for certain textile and apparel products.

S. 3650

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3650, a bill to include costs incurred by the Indian Health Service, a Federally qualified health center, an AIDS drug assistance program, certain hospitals, or a pharmaceutical manufacturer patient assistance program in providing prescription drugs toward the annual out of pocket threshold under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act and to provide a safe harbor for assistance provided under a pharmaceutical manufacturer patient assistance program.

S. 3659

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3659, a bill to reauthorize and improve the women's small business ownership programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 3677

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3677, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the in the home restriction for Medicare coverage of mobility devices for individuals with expected long-term needs.

S. CON. RES. 94

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 94, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the needs of children and youth affected or displaced by disasters are unique and should be given special consideration in planning, responding, and recovering from such disasters in the United States.

S. CON. RES. 110

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of 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.

S. RES. 405

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 405, a resolution designating August 16, 2006, as "National Airborne Day".

S. RES. 508

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 508, a resolution designating October 20, 2006 as "National Mammography Day".

S. RES. 535

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 535, a resolution commending the Patriot Guard Riders for shielding mourning military families from protesters and preserving the memory of fallen service members at funerals.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 3697. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish Medicare Health Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill to establish medicare health savings accounts, HSAs. This bill will make HSAs available under Medicare in lieu of Medicare medical savings accounts, MSAs. I have long been dedicated to quality health care and believe that seniors should have the ability to make their own decisions regarding their health care, so they can receive the health care they need and deserve. As a senior myself, I appreciate how imperative it is that we seniors be provided with a wide array of choices.

My desire to see my fellow Oklahomans and all Americans receive the best possible health care is evidenced by my involvement in various health-related issues. I have always been a champion of rural health care providers. In 1997, I was one of the few Republicans to vote against the Balanced Budget Act because of its lack of support for rural hospitals. At that time, I made a commitment to not allow our rural hospitals to be closed and am pleased we finally addressed that important issue in the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 by providing great benefits for rural health care providers as well as a voluntary prescription drug benefit to seniors. In 2003, I also co-sponsored the Health Care Access and Rural Equity Act, to protect and preserve access of Medicare beneficiaries to health care in rural regions.

In order to assist my State and other States suffering from large reduction in their Federal medical assistance percentage, FMAP, for Medicaid, I introduced S.1754, a bill to apply a State's FMAP from fiscal year 2005 to fiscal years 2006 through 2014 on September 22, 2005. The purpose of this legislation is to prevent drastic reductions in FMAP while revision of the formula itself is considered.