

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, without amendment:

S. 2564: An original bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committee was submitted on October 6, 1998:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Eljay B. Bowron, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he 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 time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

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

S. 2563. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore military retirement benefits that were reduced by the Military Retirement Reform Act of 1986; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 2564. An original bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 2565. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the circumstances in which a substance is considered to be a pesticide chemical for purposes of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BREAU, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 2566. A bill to provide Coastal Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 2567. A bill to ensure that any entity owned, operated, or controlled by the people's Liberation Army or the People's Armed Police of the People's Republic of China does

not conduct certain business with United States persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. 2568. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the exclusion from gross income for foster care payments shall also apply to payments by qualifying placement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. KEMP-THORNE):

S. 2569. A bill to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for expanding the scope of the Independent Scientific Review Panel; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2570. A bill entitled the "Long-Term Care Patient Protection Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 2571. A bill to reduce errors and increase accuracy and efficiency in the administration of Federal benefit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SARBANES:

S. 2572. A bill to amend the International Maritime Satellite Telecommunications Act to ensure the continuing provision of certain global satellite safety services after the privatization of the business operations of the International Mobile Satellite Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 2573. A bill to make spending reductions to save taxpayers money; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 2574. A bill for the relief of Frances Schochenmaier; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN):

S. 2575. A bill to expand authority for programs to encourage Federal employees to commute by means other than single-occupancy motor vehicles to include an option to pay cash for agency-provided parking spaces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REID, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KERREY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 2576. A bill to create a National Museum of Women's History Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 289. A resolution authorizing the printing of the "Testimony from the Hearings of the Task Force on Economic Sanctions"; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 290. A resolution to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 291. A resolution to authorize representation by Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

S. 2563. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore military retirement benefits that were reduced by the Military Retirement Reform Act of 1986; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MILITARY RETIREMENT READINESS ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1998

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, a few weeks ago I called the Senate's attention to several issues in the military that are contributing to problems in recruiting and retention of key, midcareer military personnel. Briefly, those issues were as follows:

We are asking the military, significantly smaller than it was during the cold war, to operate and deploy much more frequently.

We are asking the military to deploy on missions that may not be in the vital national interest of this Nation.

We are not paying servicemen and women a salary that is comparable to the pay they could get outside the military for the same skills.

We are not providing quality health care for the families of the military, and we have not provided the promised health care for the retired members of the military.

We are not providing quality housing to all military families.

And we are not providing a retirement program that is adequate to justify a career commitment to the arduous lifestyle and the difficult family separations that are necessary in military life.

Mr. President, I rise today to offer legislation to address military retirement. The bill that I am introducing repeals the Military Reform Retirement Act of 1986, also known as REDUX. This experiment in the military retirement system was introduced in 1986 with the intended purpose—and it was a good one—of encouraging members of the military to stay longer than the popular career of 20 years.

The service chiefs now say that retirement is one of the top reasons that our men and women are leaving the service. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Shelton, listed it among the most pressing problems facing the military in retaining key people. The Secretary of Defense has voiced very similar concerns.

Pay is being addressed slowly, including a 3.6 percent pay raise in this defense appropriations bill.

The Department of Defense is working on housing issues that may solve the problems. Problems with the health care programs are very complex and multilayered and requires detailed study to solve. The issue of the high rate of deployments and the quality of