REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 6253—A bill providing appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

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. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 1779. A bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. DION, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. BUNNING):

S. 1780. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, to improve the public disclosure of activities of exempt organizations, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code to gain financial security by building assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1781. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow full expensing for the cost of qualified refinery property in the year in which the property is placed in service, and to clarify petroleum refining property as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 1782. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that qualified personal social services may continue to use the cash method of accounting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1783. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. LINDBERG (for herself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1784. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote a culture of safety within the health care system through the establishment of a National Medical Error Disclosure and Compensation Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 1785. A bill to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the distinction between a hull and a deck, to provide for the clarity and predictability of a revised design, to provide guidance for assessments of substantial similarity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDREAU, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BURNTs):

S. 1786. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make emergency airport improvement project grants-in-aid under title 49, United States Code, for repairs and costs related to damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; considered and passed.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 1787. A bill to provide bankruptcy relief for victims of natural disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1788. A bill—amendment section 52(g)(1) of title 11, United States Code, to mandate the discharge of debts in bankruptcy by any vermiculite mining company meeting certain criteria on the establishment of a health care trust fund for certain individuals suffering from an asbestos related disease; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. TAYLOR:

S. J. Res. 27. A joint resolution authorizing special awards to World War I and World War II veterans of the United States Navy Armed Guard; 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 Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL):

S. Res. 254. A resolution marking the dedication of the Gaylord Nelson Wilderness within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. Res. 255. A resolution recognizing the achievements of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Waterfowl Population Survey; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAman, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 256. A resolution honoring the life of Sandra Feldman; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURR (for himself and Mr. MURkowski):

S. Res. 257. A resolution recognizing the spirit of Jacob Mock Dobb and many young people who have contributed to encouraging youth to be physically active and fit, and expressing support for “National Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day”; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BUNDY, and Mr. BENNETT):

S. Res. 258. A resolution to commend Timothy Scott Wineman; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. Res. 259. A resolution commending the efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs in responding to Hurricane Katrina; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Con. Res. 54. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding a commemorative postage stamp honoring Jasper Francis Cropsey, the famous Staten Island-born 19th century Hudson River Painter; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 259

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 259, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to encourage reseach, training, and health information dissemination with respect to urologic diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 347

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 347, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title III of the Public Health Service Act to improve access to information about individuals’ health care operations and legal rights for care near the end of life, to promote advance care planning and decision-making so that individuals’ wishes are known should they become unable to...