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David H. Sulouff
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Jeanne Cassidy
Douglas A. Ash
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Matthew P. Bernard
Nancy A. Mazur
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Michael A. Cicalese
Robert W. Grabb
Sidney J. Duck
Wayne C. Dumas
Phillip J. Jordan
Mark A. Jones
Joseph P. Cain

The following Regular officers of the U.S. Coast Guard for promotion to the grade of commander:

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Patrick J. Cunningham, Jr.
Mitchell R. Forrester
Dane S. Egli
Patrick J. Nemeth
Jeffrey S. Gorden
Curtis A. Stock
Bret K. McGough
Christopher K. Lockwood
Jody B. Turner
Barry L. Dragon
Mark L. McEwen
Michael D. Brand
Mark A. Skordinski
Bruce E. Grinnell
Donald K. Strother
Brian K. Swanson
Francis X. Irr, Jr.
Robert J. Malkowski
Robert A. Farmer
Brian J. Goettler
Richard M. Kaser
Charles W. Ray
Kurtis J. Guth
Stephen J. Minutolo
Gary E. Felicetti
Virginia K. Holtzman-Bell
Daniel A. Laliberte
Matthew M. Blizard
Kurt W. Devoe
Richard A. Rendon
Robert J. Legier
Bryan D. Schroder
Robert E. Korroch
John W. Yager, Jr.
Thomas P. Ostebo
Marshall B. Lytle III
Mark A. Prescott
Thomas D. Criman
Kenneth H. Sherwood
Stephen J. Ohnstad
Mark S. Guillory
Carol C. Bennett
Preston D. Gibson
Thomas E. Hobaica
David L. Hill
David S. Stevenson
Michael P. Farrell
James T. Hubbard
Richard A. Stanchi
George P. Vance, Jr.
Scott S. Graham

Robert M. Atkin
Mark R. Devries
Christine D. Balboni
Kenneth R. Burgess, Jr.
Mark D. Rutherford
Warren L. Haskovec
Patrick B. Trapp
Jennifer L. Yount
Dennis D. Blackall
Barry P. Smith
Bradley R. Mozee
William D. Lee
Richard J. Ferraro
John R. Lindley, Jr.
Richard L. Matters
Robert R. O'Brien, Jr.
Ekundayo G. Faux
Scott G. Woolman
David L. Lersch
William W. Whitson, Jr.
Ricki G. Benson
Larry E. Smith
Norman L. Custard, Jr.
Gregory B. Breithaupt
Steven E. Vanderplas
Frederick J. Kenney, Jr.
Steven J. Boyle
Thomas K. Richey
Dennis A. Hoffman
David M. Gundersen
Jeffrey N. Garden
James E. Tunstall
Kevin G. Quigley
John R. Ochs
Ronald D. Hassler
Timothy J. Dellot
Kenneth D. Forslund
Tomas Zapata
Dennis M. Sens
Peter V. Neffenger
Alvin M. Coyle
Daniel R. MacCleod
Melissa A. Wall
Robert M. Wilkins
Curtis A. Springer
Timothy G. Jobe
Christian Broxterman
Rickey W. George
Elmo L. Alexander III

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. ASHCROFT):

S. 228. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for continuing appropriations in the absence of regular appropriations; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. BUMPERS (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 229. A bill to provide for a voluntary system of public financing of Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 230. A bill to amend section 1951 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the Hobbs Act), and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:

S. 231. A bill to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. INOUE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 232. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Ms. SNOWE:

S. 233. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 234. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain land to the Secretary of the Army to facilitate construction of a jetty and sand transfer system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. STEVENS:

S. Res. 33. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Appropriations; from the Committee on Appropriations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. Res. 34. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. Res. 35. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Labor and Human Resources; from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 227. A bill to establish a locally oriented commission to assist the city of Berlin, NH, in identifying and studying its region's historical and cultural assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE BERLIN, NH, COMMISSION ACT OF 1997

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Berlin, NH, and to introduce legislation that will assist Berlin in preserving this history.

While the city of Berlin is 100 years old this year, its history goes back further. The first settlers came to Berlin for no apparent reason. They were farmers and the land there did not promise to be any more fruitful than the land they left just down the Androscoggin River; but, they were restless and independent so they came across the mountains to start a new community in this isolated area.

The Plantation of Maynesborough, as Berlin was called, was named after the most illustrious of the English gentlemen to whom it was granted by the Crown in 1771. Although the land was rugged and it was a hard place to live, food was plentiful. The woods consisting of seemingly endless stands of timber were filled with deer and game; the brooks and river were loaded with trout.

Those first farmers who made the move from down the river found good farmland upstream from the falls. In 1824, William Sessions cleared 5 acres of land on the east side of the river and came back in 1825 with his nephew to plant crops and build a log house. William Sessions did not stay around long enough to see Maynesborough become officially incorporated as the city of Berlin 1897, but his nephew Cyrus Wheeler did.

Nearly half a century before, however, the character of Berlin began its change from farms to industry. In 1851, J.B. Brown and three other businessmen from Portland, ME, formed a partnership under the name of H. Winslow & Co. and purchased the land on top of the falls. They started a successful lumber business in the thick forest and used the natural water power of the river to power their mill. The J.B. Brown Co., saw the railroad coming to Berlin, thus, opening a direct line of transportation to Portland and market centers for the first time.

In the 1920's, Berlin, NH, was the capital of the papermaking world and was becoming known as the city that trees built. The Brown family's Berlin Mills Co., controlled 3 million acres in New England and Québec and was world renowned for cutting-edge forestry, research, and papermaking. The mills along the Androscoggin River made not only pulp and an array of paper products but also lumber, wood flour, conduit pipes, and furniture. Brown's staff of 4,000 to 5,000 swelled Berlin to a population of 20,000.

The growth of Berlin reflects the diversity of people who came to stay: French Canadians, Yankees from northern New England farms, Norwegians, Italians, Irish, and Russians. They sought a chance to make a better living and found it in the mills, blacksmith shops, machine shops, farms,

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: